



G.A.T.E.WAYS

invites gifted Year 3 and 4 children with a

love of detective work and science to

'THE WIMPY KID

DETECTIVE AGENCY'

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent organisation offering challenging and enriching activities and experiences to develop and extend highly able children.

This *JOURNEY* for both girls and boys will run over four sessions. Greg Heffley looks like he is going to be in trouble again. It's not enough that he lives with the ever-present threat of the cheese touch, but now he is confronted by four mysteries that he'll have to solve... or else he'll be the one who is blamed. Whether it is a suspicious white powder found in Mr Litch's coffee cup, a filched prize-winning cupcake from Patty Farrel's lunch, an enigmatic lyric from Rodrick's band or Manny's stolen Snurple – Greg looks like he'll get the blame for it all. He has to do more than write this up in his diary... I mean, his journal. He has to create the Wimpy Kid Detective Agency.

Armed with a list of suspects, you will perform forensic investigations in chemical analysis, dental impressions, chromatography graphology AND MORE to try and help Greg discover whodunit and how... But can you help him solve the crimes before school vacation starts?

Requirements: Please bring your pencil case, an A4 exercise book; a snack (no nuts please); a small labelled Photograph of yourself to the first session as well as a stamped, self-addressed DL envelope for your report.

Session 1 – The Mystery Of Mr Litch's Coffee Cup

Mr Litch isn't Greg favourite teacher and when a mysterious white powder ends up in his coffee cup, all of the clues point to Greg. You'll have to find out what the white powder is through forensic analysis, decipher the clues that incriminate Greg, and find a way of revealing who really is behind it all. It's time for the Wimpy Kid Detective Agency to do some heavy-duty crime scene investigation.

Session 2 – The Mystery Of Patty's Stolen Lunch

To say that Patty Farrel is Greg's school nemesis is an understatement. Ever since the apple incident in 'The Wizard Of Oz', she's had it in for him... and he can't think of someone who deserves the cheese touch more. But when her prize winning cupcake disappears from her locker, Greg knows the only way to save himself is to help his enemy. So it's time for the Wimpy Kid Detective Agency to dust for prints.

Session 3 – The Mystery Of Rodrick's Hidden Message

'Loded Diaper' isn't the kind of music that anyone likes... most times it isn't even a kind of music. But Rodrick's band does have one advantage; since no one listens to their music, no one hears their lyrics. So when Greg discovers that his brother hides messages in his songs so that he doesn't forget where he's put things, he has a rare chance to make Rodrick squirm. This time the Wimpy Kid Detective Agency goes cryptographic.

Session 4 – The Mystery Of Manny's Stolen Snurple

Manny can get anything he wants – Net Kritterz, Cookie Monsters, Snurples – and his parents spoil him rotten, much to his big brothers' chagrin. When his favourite Snurple is stolen and one of Manny's imaginary friends accuses Greg

of the crime, Greg has to think fast in figuring out who the snurplistical thief may be. 'C is for conspiracy' as The Wimpy Kid Detective Agency follows the clues.

Homework, Assessment and reporting

Some homework may be set during the program. Students will be assessed partly on their involvement in and contribution to the discussions as well as their written work. A short written report will be compiled on each student and forwarded to parents or guardians.

About the presenter

Pete Wolstenholme has a passion for finding new and exciting ways of engaging students in the study of science and maths. Having benefitted from a gifted program when he was at school, Peter is keen to 'pay it forward' and provide a new generation with enriching and challenging learning experiences. His enthusiasm and drive is infectious and has led him to his current role with RethinkPD and with G.A.T.E.WAYS as a presenter.

