



Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 11 – 22 November 2019

Alnwick Lions Donation

A huge thanks to the very kind donation of £2268 we received today from the Alnwick Lions. Following a meeting with Mark Baker the Alnwick Lions agreed to support our plans to develop the outdoor areas. We aim to use the money to install an outdoor table tennis area and interactive activities for the children to enjoy!

After School



from 5 Nov

Monday	Ceilidh Band	Y2 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Newcastle Football Foundation	R – Y4
Wednesday		
Thursday	Football – Mr Phillips	Y4 – Y6
Friday	Gymnastics	R – Y4

Why reading at home essential?
It helps with language and vocabulary...

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range

STAR OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Francesca

YEAR 1: Anna S

YEAR 2: Charlotte M

YEAR 3: Jacob O

YEAR 4: Finn B

YEAR 5: Lucy-Jo H

YEAR 6: Millie P



Thank you to AJ from K-Chem who has kindly bought playtime equipment for the children to use. He will continue to sponsor our school throughout the year and help build links with us and the local community.



BEST PRESENTATION & HANDWRITING

RECEPTION: Arianna Mc

YEAR 1: Archie S

YEAR 2: Kayla M

YEAR 3: James G & Ciara H

YEAR 4: Amelia S

YEAR 5: Indie D

YEAR 6: Ellie D



HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Reception & KS1: Scarlett M



KS2: Ebony B



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Y5



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On Wednesday morning pupils from Reception to Year 5 were shown a variety of JUDO stances and moves by John. Everyone listened very carefully while on the red mats and had a lot of fun on the green mats! They promised not to pin anyone down for 20 seconds using their newly discovered moves ...



Friendly Frogs Pre School Nursery

Do you have a child or know someone who does [aged 1 – 4 years] who is ready for Pre-School Nursery? A small number of spaces are available so ... call in and have a look!

Children younger than 1?

Have you put their name on the Friendly Frogs waiting list to secure their place?



CAREERS ... would you be interested in chatting to our pupils about your job? We would like you to think about this – could you inspire a child to want to do your job? Could you tell them what you had to do to get your job? Please let Mr Parnaby know ☺

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Call of Duty is undeniably one of the most recognisable video games on the planet. The first game was released for the PC way back in 2003, and the franchise has spawned a whopping 16 titles to date, and featured on almost 20 gaming consoles and devices. Despite being one of the most popular games on the market, CoD has never been a stranger to controversy; themes of war, terrorism and other adult subjects parents and guardians might feel uncomfortable exposing their children to, have always been a part of the series. The latest iteration, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare, is no different, even doubling down on some of these mature themes. So with that in mind, here's a helpful guide to aid you in navigating the world of Call of Duty.



What parents need to know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE



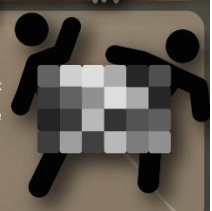
VIOLENCE AND GRAPHIC CONTENT

Call of Duty has been given an 18+ rating due to "violence against vulnerable and defenceless characters, motiveless killing of innocent characters, graphic violence and use of strong language." Despite the rating, the game is still extremely popular amongst under 18's who could be exposed to violent themes or foul language that parents and carers may not deem suitable or age appropriate for their children.



INCREDIBLY RAW CAMPAIGN

The single player campaign in Call of Duty: Modern Warfare focuses around a war in the fictitious Middle Eastern country of Urzikstan. It features special forces operations, large open battles, chemical weapons and torture. Infinity Ward (who developed the game) have gone on record saying this is the most realistic and grounded game they've ever made, so it stands to reason that the campaign has generated a huge amount of controversy, especially in today's heated political climate. While younger players might not fully grasp what's going on on screen, it's bound to raise some uncomfortable questions if they're left to play it unsupervised.



CHATTING TO STRANGERS

By far the biggest pull for players to Call of Duty is the expansive multiplayer. As well as offering up a wide variety of competitive game modes, Modern Warfare also includes some co-op gameplay modes. Ideally, this means players and children can join a group with their friends and play together online. However, players can play against or with anyone in the world and, with no filter, the language used may often be inappropriate for young children. Due to the competitive nature of gaming and the fact conversations are not moderated, your child could also be at risk of cyberbullying.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare has promised to be the best yet. The game features a number of new game modes and now includes crossplay for the first time, whereby players can now play each other across any device (i.e. Xbox, Playstation or PC). As always tends to be the case when a new game is released, players spend large amounts of time getting to grips with the new features and the repetitive nature of COD means children can find it difficult to stop playing and realise their limits.



LOOT BOXES SWAPPED FOR BATTLE PASSES

Previous versions of Call of Duty have included 'loot boxes', which have been widely discussed in the news and are considered by critics to essentially promote a form gambling. Players could unlock items as they progress but wouldn't know what they were purchasing beforehand. Modern Warfare however has swapped loot boxes for 'battle passes'. This means a greater level of transparency as players know exactly what they are buying, how they will be unlocked and when they will receive them in the game.



Safety Tips For Parents

STICK TO THE PEGI RATING

It really can't be stressed enough how much this game is not for younger children. While you could argue that most of the horrific scenes are in the single player campaign, and you can just play multiplayer and co-op to avoid them, those modes are not without their shortcomings. For example, one of the killstreaks you can attain in multiplayer is white phosphorus - a chemical weapon that can do indescribable things to the human body. This really comes down to the personal judgement of the adult, and the emotional maturity of the child, but if there's still any doubt, stick to the PEGI rating - it's there for a reason.



BE WARY OF GORE AND VIOLENCE

There's no getting around the fact that this is an incredibly realistic game, from the themes down to the gameplay, and that includes the amount of gore in the game. While there is an option to disable dismemberment of bodies in the game (options > general > dismemberment off) it still includes a rather visceral amount of violence that is prevalent throughout.



STAY SAFE DURING IN-GAME CHAT

By default, Modern Warfare allows multiplayer in-game lobbies to have an open chat feature. This basically means that anybody in the lobby with a mic can hop in and say whatever they like. Naturally, this could lead to some profane language or undesirable viewpoints being expressed. Turning this off is as simple as going to the game options, clicking the audio tab, then setting voice chat to off. Be aware that this also disables the mic on your end too, so the safest and best option is always to make sure children are in a party with their friends before they start the game, then they can still chat to each other without outside interruption.



TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE THEMES

Modern Warfare at its heart, is a game about good vs bad and the grey areas in between. Morally complex characters and situations are more prevalent in today's modern age than they've ever been before, and it does carry some important political and social commentary. If you're okay letting children play the game, it's definitely worth sitting down with them to discuss the themes and why it's important to approach them critically. For example, Captain Price is clearly a good character, but he does questionable things in order to achieve his goals. Does this make him a bad character? If kids are old enough to see these situations, they're old enough to question why.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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Dates at a glance [so far...]

25 – 28 Nov	Book Fair	Whole School	3:00 – 3:30
Thurs 28 Nov	School Games Qualifier – Hockey	Y5 / Y6 teams	11:30 – 3:30
Thurs 28 Nov	School Games Qualifier – Rugby	U11 team	11:30 – 3:30
Thurs 5 Dec	Class Assembly	Year 2	2:30
Tues 10 Dec	LAST SWIMMING of the term	Year 2 – Year 4	
Thurs 12 Dec	Pantomime - Cinderella	Year 4 – Year 6	8:40 – 12:30
Thurs 12 Dec	KS1 Multi Skills @ DCHS	Year 1 / Year 2	3:30 – 5:00
Tues 17 Dec	Nativity [for pre-school children]	Reception & KS1	10:00
Tues 17 Dec	Nativity	Reception & KS1	1:30
Tues 17 Dec	Carol Service (for pre-school children)	KS2	1:30
Tue 17 Dec	Carol Service	KS2	5:45
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Whole School	11:45 – 1:00
Thurs 19 Dec	Christmas Party	Rec – Y3	1:00 – 3:00
Fri 20 Dec	Toy Day	Whole School	8:40 – 2:00
21 Dec – 5 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ☺		
Fri 14 Feb	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
15 Feb – 23 Feb	FEBRUARY ½ TERM		
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day	Whole School	All day
Thurs 12 Mar	Life Centre	Year 2	8:45 – 3:30
Thurs 12 Mar	Life Centre	Year 5	8:45 – 3:30
Fri 13 Mar	Sports Relief	Whole School	All day
Wed 25 Mar	League Football v St Paul's [away]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Wed 1 Apr	League Football v Longhoughton [away]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
1 Apr – 3 Apr	Residential	Year 3 / Year 4	All day
Wed 1 Apr	DCHS treasure hunt		4:00 – 5:30
Thurs 2 Apr	Quicksticks Festival @ DCHS	Year 3 – Year 6	3:30 – 5:00
4 Apr – 19 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY ☺		
Fri 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY for VE day	Whole School	All day
11 – 14 May	KS2 SATS	Year 6	9:00 – 12:00
23 - 31 May	MAY ½ TERM		
Mon 1 June	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
3 – 5 June	London residential	Year 6	All day
Thurs 18 June	Kirkley Hall Zoo	Year 1	All day
Fri 19 June	Maths Challenge @ DCHS	Year 6	All day
Thurs 25 June	Musical Roots @ Alnwick Garden	Year 3 / Year 4 / Ceilidh	All day
Thurs 25 June	Northumberland School Games Day		All day
Fri 26 June	Sports Day & School Fair	Whole School	1:00 – 3:00
Wed 1 July	Northumberland County Zoo	Reception	All day
18 July	SUMMER HOLIDAY ☺		

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What's on in the wider community...

Alnmouth Golf Club	Alnmouth Golf Club - juniors
Alnmouth Juniors FC	Thursday night training
Alnwick Academy of Dance	Alnwick Academy of Dance
Alnwick Bears RLFC	www.alnwickbears.co.uk
Alnwick Highland Dancers	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00, Lindisfarne Middle School Hall Reception upwards
Alnwick Junior Harriers	Tuesday & Thursday 6 – 7 pm @ Lindisfarne Sports Centre contact Alison Hutchings on: ah.juniorharriers@gmail.com
Alnwick Town Juniors FC	http://www.alnwicktownjuniors.co.uk/
Amble Junior Netball	Thursday evenings [6:30 – 7:30pm] for Y3 upwards at James Calvert Spence College [JCSC] Amble. Y2 are welcome but parents need to stay. £1.50 per week.
Alnwick Mini & Juniors Rugby [Year 1 upwards]	Every Sunday 10:30 – 12 noon ☺ Year 1 – Year 3 = tag rugby; Year 4 upwards = contact rugby.
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesday evenings, Felton or Alnwick info@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Coquet Shorebase	https://www.coquetshorebase.org.uk/ windsurfing, kayaking, sailing and more
Cricket	Juniors [Y3 – Y8] Alnmouth, Alnwick, Warkworth Cricket Clubs
FC Amble Juniors	FC Amble Juniors
Felton Juniors FC	Felton juniors
Judo Alnwick	Alnwick Judo https://www.getintomartialarts.com Monday, 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Karate	Monday and Friday evenings @ Willowburn
Longhoughton Rangers FC	Longhoughton Rangers Football Club
Morpeth Junior Hockey	Morpeth Juniors Hockey Club Sunday 9:30 – 11:00
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Register your interest at https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/ Monday evenings during term time at Warkworth Primary School.

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