



Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 25 – 22 March '19



P.T.A. Mother's Day Stall

Please send in your lovely donations [candles, flowers, toiletries, chocolate etc.] for the Mother's Day stall by Thursday, 28 March.

On Friday, 29th March please send your child with **£1 in their school bag** if you would like them to visit the stall 😊 The children really do enjoy selecting their gifts



After School

March 2019

Monday	Karate Ensemble	R – Y6 Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Coding	R – Y5 R – Y6
Wednesday	Lego	R – Y5
Thursday	Football	Y4 – Y6
Friday	Netball [lunch] Quicksticks	Y5 – Y6 Y3 – Y6

These clubs finish at 4:15. For sporty clubs please bring in clothes from home 😊

STAR OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Thomas P

YEAR 1: Archie B

YEAR 2: James P

YEAR 3: Sophie T

YEAR 4: Lucy-Jo H

YEAR 5: Stefania S

YEAR 6: **All** of Year 6



We wore odd, colourful and crazy socks to school on Thursday to celebrate World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We watched the carpool karaoke and joined in with the sign language. Everyone enjoyed celebrating differences and showing that Shilbottle Primary really is a place of "Fun, Respect and Friendship".

21.03.2019
World Down Syndrome Day
#Lotsofsocks



PRESENTATION AWARD

RECEPTION: Anna J

YEAR 1: Hamish M

YEAR 2: Ethan G

YEAR 3: Cameron H

YEAR 4: Violet G

YEAR 5: Evan J & Jamie C

YEAR 6: Lewis S



HEAD TEACHER AWARD

KS1 – Hamish M



KS2 – Mollie B & Sian Mc



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Y4 Pupils



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Reception Class and Friendly Frogs were back at the beach with Mudlarks on Wednesday. This time they ventured south to Hauxley beach and Nature Reserve.

In the morning they were learning about high and low tides and how the moon causes the oceans to move and make the tides change. They also listened to 'The Snail and the Whale' before creating their own beach art whales.

In the afternoon they became ornithologists [bird watchers] as they walked around the nature reserve with their journey sticks and visited different bird hides.



Match Report Football v Ellingham Primary

Thursday 21 March 2019

This week saw our U11 football team compete away at Ellingham Primary in the Alnwick School League.

The game saw great communication between our players and also extremely good listening! We had a switch of goalkeeper from Ben to Libby at half time and finished the match with an 11 – 1 win 😊

Next week they are at home to St Michael's Primary.

Man of the Match: Callum L 😊

Friendly Frogs Pre School Nursery

Do you have a child or know someone who does [aged 2 – 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 2?

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

Friendly Frogs Holiday Club

Please email us at info@friendlyfrogs.co.uk to book your spaces 😊 there is limited availability.

Monday:	Sporty
Tuesday:	Messy (slime & gloop)
Wednesday:	Cookery
Thursday:	Movies & popcorn
Friday:	Own choice

Hours/Prices

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **£18.00**

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **£10.00**

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **£10.00**

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Apex Legends is a multiplayer battle royale video game which is free to play. In this game, twenty squads consisting of three players each are dropped onto an island from a dropship, where they compete against each other to be the last team standing. Each player on the squad gets to choose a 'Legend' to play with; one of eight unique characters with a specialised skillset in either 'Offense', 'Defense', 'Support' or 'Recon'. The players begin with no weapons or equipment and have to comb through an ever-shrinking play area for these, all the while killing enemies to emerge as the victorious trio. The game is currently available on PC, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One.

AGE RATING: 16+

What parents need to know about **APEX LEGENDS**

Realistic versions of modern day firearms and gunfire, coupled with intense firefights, blood spatter effects on green and bare explosions make this game appear more violent than most others on the market.

Apex Legends. Players use a variety of modern military weapons such as sniper rifles, machine guns, pistols, knives and frag grenades. The realistic gun sounds, graphics, players also get to finish off their enemies with various weapons like axes. These include electrocution, stabbing them with knives, beating them with fists, and using chemical gas attacks on multiple enemies at once. The game has been criticized for its attacks are often shown up close and from the victims' perspective also. In light of this, PEGI has rated this game suitable for children 16 and older in the UK and Europe, while the US ESRB has given it a rating of "Mature," which means violence can cause distress to younger children.

Since Apex Legends is an online game with a squad of three players, your child will need two other friends to play with. If the friends are not on the same gaming platform, then your child will have to play with strangers. Players usually communicate with each other through headphones and microphones and this always carries the risk that they might be exposed to unpleasant graphic language or harassment (via the voice or on-screen text chat settings of the game), from people they don't know.

Although anyone with an EA account can download and play this game for free, it does allow players to make a variety of in-game purchases with real money. Ranging anywhere between \$7.99 and \$79.99, players can purchase cosmetic upgrades for their characters. These in-game purchases allow the players to unlock cosmetic upgrades for characters as well as new 'Legends' more quickly than regular gameplay. Apex coins can be used to purchase 'Pass' items that allow players to unlock new players to collect rare items. Unlike many other battle royale style games, there are no duplicate items in 'loot boxes' that can incentivise children to purchase them more frequently. Other free-in-game currencies such as 'Crystals' and 'Talent' can be used to unlock these upgrades through regular gaming.

Children love to play battle royale games, due to their competitive nature. However, the chance to play with friends against 57 other players might put undue pressure on your child to play at a certain time when their friends are online. This might also mean that quitting half-way through the game could prove detrimental to your child's team mates. Children might therefore feel compelled to play the game until they achieve their desired results. Even though a typical game might last around 25 minutes, children may feel angry if they lose and decide to play another round.

As with any online game, there is a risk of players using intimidation and abusive language. This risk is increased when children play games with strangers. Another potential threat are the hackers who might encourage children to cheat in the game and make money off them.

In order to better understand and improve their game, children might be tempted to use sites such as YouTube and search for Apex Legends gameplay videos. This might introduce them to obscene language used by gamers in these videos. Many videos on YouTube do not have age ratings and the ones that do display warnings for age restricted content are easy to bypass by signing in. In addition, children may be further exposed to inappropriate content if they just search for "viral Apex Legends" videos that pop up on YouTube. Watching videos online of players opening their loot boxes on Apex Legends is one of the latest crazes. Although there is little risk attached to this, it may encourage your child to purchase loot boxes.

Top Tips for Parents

Before exposing your child to any game involving violence, it may be a good idea to judge the appropriateness and impact of that game by previewing online clips of it first, or even by playing the game yourself. If you decide it's safe, only then allow your child to play. Moreover, you can take steps to ensure that the age restriction set by the particular game is being met and that no underage children are playing the game. You can also carry out research on the effects of violence on children on the negative effects of violence, so that children have a clear idea of what it entails in real life.

In order to prevent your children from falling prey to obscene language online, it is important to monitor social media and search engine usage. Parents can restrict access to inappropriate content by blocking certain websites. With the help of activity log, parents can monitor their children's online activity using any app or browsing any website unsuitable for their age. Parents can also look up safe search engines and browsers for children that have age appropriate filters and pre-screened child friendly content. When your child plays games online, it's important to have open communication with your child about their online activities and encourage positive behavior towards others, as you would in 'real life'.

Communicating with teammates is an essential and enjoyable part of the game. Parents should encourage children to play the game with friends they know and trust. However, if that is not possible and your child is playing with strangers in their team, you can always mute them on the inventory screen during the game. In addition, the 'ping' feature can be used to allow players to communicate non-verbally i.e. by 'pinging' locations (within the game), objects, and enemies.

If you do not want your children to make any in-game purchases or microtransactions, you must ensure that none of your debit/credit cards are linked to their player account or consoles. If your child plays the game on PlayStation 4 or Xbox One, you have the option of creating a child account which will prevent them from making any purchases. If you subscribe to this service, you share your console with your child, you can password protect your account to prevent them from making any undesired purchases. You have to keep in mind that if you don't password protect your account and your child makes any purchases, you can't get them from your account; it's unlikely that you'll be able to claim refunds.

Parents should make their children aware of how to report abusive players and block them while playing Apex Legends. The game's publisher, Electronic Arts, has implemented a new system to help players report harassment, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One have their own reporting mechanisms and it is essential that your child knows these to report any untoward behavior. EA's new system is designed to help players not only to report but also to block players they do not want to share any personal details with any players and report cheaters at once. The developers have also implemented a new system to help players ban around 16,000 players for cheating in the first two weeks of the game's release. Game developer Respawn announced that over 350,000 players have been banned from the game since its launch through its Easy Anti-Cheat software.

With any new game that becomes an overnight success, it is important for parents to keep an eye on their children and see how it affects them. If you think your child is becoming addicted to playing the game, you can use parental controls on PC or on Xbox to limit the time they play the game for. For this particular game, since it would be difficult to leave partway through the game, you can find it more worthwhile to impose a time limit on the matches that are played, rather than the time the game is played for. As always, open and honest conversations with your children are critical; talk to them about the negative consequences of too much 'screen time'.

SOURCES: <https://www.es.com/games/apex-legends/about-frequently-asked-questions/> | <https://www.digitalmomblog.com/apex-legends/> | <https://www.commonmensensea.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-apex-legends> | <https://www.commonmensensea.org/violence-in-the-media/my-kid-likes-violent-video-games-what-should-i-be-concerned/> | <https://www.commonmensensea.org/parents-reviews/apex-legends/> | <https://www.miror.co.uk/apex-legends-parents-guide-battle-1404313> | <https://www.fox.com/games/apex-legends/parents-guide/> | <https://www.fox.com/games/apex-legends/parents-guide/> | <https://www.fox.com/games/apex-legends/parents-guide/> | <https://parenttools.org/safety/tips/parents-everything-you-need-to-know-about-battle-royale-games/> | <https://protectyourkids.com/parents-guide-apex-legends/> | <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/apex-legends-ban-hwid-check-password-respond-a8877414-1403131>

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Dates at a glance [so far...]

25 – 27 March	Robin Wood Residential	Y3 / Y4	All day
Thurs 28 March	U11 Football v St Michael's [H]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Fri 29 March	PTA Mother's Day Stall	Whole School	9:00 – 2:00
Fri 29 March	Multiskills @ St Paul's	Year 5	1:00 – 3:00
Tues 2 April	U11 Football v Whittingham [A]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Wed 3 April	Beach School @ Boulmer	Reception	All day
Thurs 4 April	Quicksticks Competition @ DCHS	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
6 Apr – 22 April	EASTER HOLIDAY ☺		
8 Apr – 12 April	Friendly Frogs Holiday Club	All welcome [2 – 11 yrs]	8:30 – 5:30
TBC	PTA Easter BINGO	All welcome	TBC
Sat 20 April	Friendly Frogs Easter Fair @ school	All welcome	11:00 – 2:30
Wed 24 April	School Games Qualifier – netball	U11 team	3:30 – 5:00
Fri 26 April	Marine Plastic Beach School	Year 5	9:00 – 3:00
Mon 29 April	School Games Qualifier – Quadkids	U11 team	1:00 – 3:00
Tues 30 April	District Nurse PSHE talk	Year 5	1:00 – 2:00
6 May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY ☺		
Wed 8 May	Beach School @ Low Newton	Reception	All day
Thurs 9 May	PARA SCHOOL GAMES DAY	KS2	All day
Fri 10 May	School Games Qualifier – tennis	Year 4 team	12:00 – 2:00
13 May – 16 May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Year 6	Mornings
Wed 15 May	Beach School @ Boulmer	Reception	All day
Mon 20 May	School Games – Personal Best	Year 3	10:00 – 12:00
Tues 21 May	Rounders Competition @ Hipsburn	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
25 May – 2 June	½ TERM HOLIDAY ☺		
5 – 7 June	London Residential	Year 6	All day
Fri 14 June	PTA Father's Day Stall	Whole School	9:00 – 2:00
Mon 17 June	School Games – Personal Best	Year 4	10:00 – 12:00
Fri 28 June	Sports Day	Whole School	1:00 start
Fri 28 June	PTA School Fayre [after Sports Day]	Whole School	1:45 – 3:30
Wed 3 July	Coquet Shorebase Watersports	Year 5	All day
Wed 3 July	Druridge Bay – Beach / Country Park	Reception	All day
July [TBC]	Transition Beach School	Year 6	All day

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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
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
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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