



Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 5 – 11 October 2019

Harvest Festival – St. James' Church – Shilbottle



Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Festival this afternoon.

We are proud of how well all of the children represented school and hope you enjoyed the Festival.

The Church are donating the tins and dried goods to the food bank 😊

After School



from 9 Sept

Monday	Ceilidh Band	Y2 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Newcastle Football Foundation	Y4 – Y6
Wednesday		
Thursday	Tennis/Badminton – Grant	R – Y6
Friday	Basketball	Y2 – Y6

CAREERS ... would you be interested in chatting to our pupils about your job? We would like parents and friends of Shilbottle Primary 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 😊

STAR OF THE WEEK



RECEPTION: Amelie M

YEAR 1: Mollie S

YEAR 2: Corey Mc

YEAR 3: Ethan G

YEAR 4: Alfie B

YEAR 5: Joseph L

YEAR 6: Evan J

It is **important** to remember that even after school you often can be identified as belonging to Shilbottle Primary. **We have heard REALLY positive reports about the behaviour of our pupils[while with parents] this week from members of the public** 😊 sadly though we have also heard about some younger pupils swearing at the park which is disappointing. School have reminded each child about our expectations and ask that you chat to them too about behaviour outside of school. Many thanks.

BEST PRESENTATION & HANDWRITING

RECEPTION: Osian D

YEAR 1: Crystal E

YEAR 2: Lucas A

YEAR 3: Ethan C

YEAR 4: Erin A

YEAR 5: Max Vs

YEAR 6: Millie P



HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Daniel K, Ellie D, Harriet G,
Gina S, SianG, Maddson B, Emilia W



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Y1 & Y6

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Year 3 & Year 4 Tri Golf – School Games Qualifier

Our Year 6 pupils spent Thursday being the sport leaders for the Year 3 and Year 4 North Northumberland School Games qualifier at Foxton. They were extremely good at supporting the younger pupils and showing them how to play Golf. Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils enjoyed the mini golf games and the experience of playing on a proper golf course!



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?



Friendly Frogs Holiday Club

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM

28 October – 1 November 2019

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**



Match Report U11 Football v St Michael's

Friday, 4 October 2019



This week saw our U11 girls football team compete at home against St Michael's Primary in the Friendly School League. It was the first school game for many players and everyone enjoyed the match. All of our girls stepped up, enjoyed their first experience of school team football with excellent teamwork, support and play from all with several saves by Lucy. Although they lost 2 - 0 they remained competitive to the end and were unlucky to not score a goal.

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Since the dawn of video games there have been questions asked about their potential link to violent or disruptive behaviour in people, and in particular, young people. These questions certainly haven't been without merit; violent content and graphics seemingly get more and more common as technology progresses. But what's the truth when it comes to the science? Thankfully, in today's age we actually have a much more solid idea of what the link between the two looks like, and whether or not we should be concerned. In this guide, we'll look at the arguments both for and against the idea that video games cause violent behaviour.

Do Video Games Actually Cause **VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR?**

FOR

AGAINST

VIOLENT AND MATURE THEMES

There's no getting around the fact that yes, some video games do carry violent or more mature themes and to the casual observer, they can be quite startling. Use of weapons, bad language, mature content or scary images are worrying things to introduce to a young mind at the best of times, and even more so when they can be interacted with.

Realistically this comes down to the judgement of carers as to whether they think it's appropriate for their young ones, but a great place to start is the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board) rating of a game. Not only do these ratings carry a recommended age, but also give an idea of what kinds of things will be in the game.

ANGER EXHIBITED DURING OR AFTER PLAYING GAMES

Many parents notice an increase in their young one's anger or agitation after playing a video game. This is very common. However, it shouldn't be forgotten that video games are an interactive medium and, unlike a film or TV show, you have direct control over what is happening on the screen, making it much more personal.

In 2011, a study into The General Aggression Model (GAM) suggested that video games can stimulate and encourage feelings of violence and aggression in players, and gives players an opportunity to learn and practice aggressive tendencies, which translate over into the real world. While this study was debunked due to its flawed process, parents should still be vigilant if they see a child exhibiting signs of aggression while playing, and encourage frequent breaks from screen time.

RELATIVELY UNKNOWN LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Because gaming is such a new form of media, not many studies can confidently predict what the long-term effects of gaming on young minds will be. While it's widely assumed by scientists and researchers that there will be very few negative side-effects, it's still one of the great unknowns. Despite this, gaming should be treated the same as any other new media, and enjoyed in regulated amounts.

HISTORICAL HYSTERIA

Modern video games are a cultural phenomena, and we're still getting to grips with gaming as an entertainment medium. If we look back through history however, there's an emergent pattern of media blaming new technologies for a whole host of things.

For instance, when radio first became popular, people would blame it for earthquakes and droughts. It's good to keep an open mind when something new and popular appears on the scene like gaming. Just because it isn't understood, it doesn't necessarily mean it's dangerous.

ALMOST EVERY MODERN SCIENTIFIC STUDY

As studies into whether video games make people violent become more common, we've come to understand a great many things about how the processes and measuring the outcomes should be carried out. As such, almost every modern study on the subject has turned up an inconclusive outcome finding a link.

In a thorough joint 2019 study between the Universities of Oxford and Cardiff in Royal Society Open Science, scientists concluded that "there was no evidence for a critical tipping point relating violent game engagement to aggressive behaviour." The study asked both teenagers and their parents to monitor and feed back on their aggressive thoughts after playing video games in an attempt to give a well-rounded result.

MISUNDERSTOOD OUTSIDE FACTORS

It's easy to see why people link violent video games with real world aggressive behaviour, and there is certainly some truth in the fact they can make young people upset in the short-term. After all, nobody likes the feeling of losing whether it's in the real world or a virtual one. But we shouldn't mistake causation for correlation when assessing what this means.

Sometimes outside factors can contribute to shifts in behaviour that could be exacerbated by gaming, but not caused by it. If you're concerned over recent mood swings or aggressive tendencies in loved ones, there's no substitute for talking it out and trying to get to the route of the problem. A lot of people use video games as an escape from everyday life, and taking this away without proper thought could make things worse.

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SHOULD WE STOP BLAMING VIDEO GAMES FOR VIOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR?

Weighing up the pros and cons before letting our young ones play a video game should always be at the forefront of our minds, but the evidence of the negative impressions they leave has been debunked time and again in recent years.

It's likely that the argument around violence and video games will continue for some years, and there's certainly work to be done on both sides when it comes to researching the actual repercussions. While modern scientific studies have started to lean heavily towards there being zero or minimal connections, it's still vitally important to listen and do your own research with an open mind. If there's concern about growing behavioural issues in your kids, talk to them and encourage breaks, or play with them and try to experience the games yourself. You might just find something you like in the process!

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 GAMINGBible. 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...]

Fri 4 Oct	Girls' Football v St Michael's [home]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Tues 8 Oct	Girls' Football v Whittingham [away]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Thurs 10 Oct	School Games Tri Golf @ Foxton	Y6 leaders & Y3/Y4	9:15 – 11:45
Fri 11 Oct	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Whole School	1:30 – 2:30
Tues 15 Oct	Nasal Flu vaccinations [TBC]	Rec – Year 6	PM
Tues 15 Oct	Girls' Football v Swarland [home]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Tues 15 Oct	Boys Football v Swarland [home]	KS2	3:30 – 4:30
Wed 16 Oct	Mixed Football v Warkworth [home]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Thurs 17 Oct	School Games Girls' Football @ DCHS	Year 6 team	12:30 – 2:45
Thurs 17 Oct	Class Assembly	Year 5	2:30 – 3:00
Fri 18 Oct	Library Van	Rec – Y3	PM
Mon 21 Oct	Parent Appointments	Whole School	3:00 – 5:30
Tues 22 Oct	Parent Appointments	Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6	3:00 – 5:30
Thurs 24 Oct	School Games Rugby @ Alnwick RFC	U11 team	12:30 – 3:00
Thurs 24 Oct	Basketball Festival @ DCHS	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
Fri 25 Oct	End of ½ term	Whole School	3:15
26 Oct – 3 Nov	OCTOBER ½ TERM		
Mon 4 Nov	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Tues 5 Nov	School STARTS	WHOLE SCHOOL	8:40
Thurs 7 Nov	KS2 SATS Presentation – Parents	Year 6	5:00 – 5:30
Fri 8 Nov	INTO FILM – Horrible Histories @ Vue	Year 4 – Year 6	morning
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday		
11 – 15 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole School	All week
Wed 13 Nov	INTO FILM – Lego Movie 2 @ Vue	Reception – Year 3	morning
25 – 28 Nov	Book Fair	Whole School	3:00 – 3:30
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
Fri 13 Mar	Sports Relief	Whole School	All day
	EASTER 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.