



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 319: W/E 1st March 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Carpark gates are closed between 8.35am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

Monday 25th Feb 2019

- Children return to school
- Y4 trip - £2.70

Tuesday 26th Feb 2019

- Y6 trip - £17.00

W/B 4th March 2019

- Parental appointments

Wednesday 6th Mar 2019

- Y3 class assembly

Thursday 7th Mar 2019

- World Book Day
- Special lunch - 2.00

Friday 8th Mar 2019

- Y1 trip - £5.20

Tuesday 12th Mar 2019

- Y6 trip - £5.60

Monday 25th Mar 2019

- Y3 trip - £27.00

W/B 13th May 2019

- SATs

Home Work Projects

Here are the wonderful homework projects we received at the end of last half term. I am sure you'll agree that they are fantastic and show just how hard our children are working. We also appreciate the support the children are receiving from home in completing these projects. Also, a huge thank you to the parents and carers who came in for the showcase after school to view all of the projects. As usual, it makes it even more special for the children when their family and friends get involved. We showcase the projects in the last week of the half term, usually on the Thursday from 3:10-3:30pm. Projects are then returned on the Friday. We wish we could keep them on display in school but unfortunately we do not have a suitable space for this. We would love to see you all at our next showcase in April.



Year 1: Fairy Tales



Year 2: Fairy Tales



Year 3: Volcanoes



Year 4: Vikings



Year 5: Anglo-Saxons



Year 6: World War Two

SAFC vs Coventry

Tickets are available for parent/child at £20.00 a pair for the **SAFC vs. Coventry** at the Stadium of Light on Saturday 13th April 2019, kick off 3.00pm. If you would like to purchase some tickets, please call at the school office by Wednesday 13th March to reserve.

It is imperative that the pupils' ticket request forms are completed in full. Without this information ticket requests cannot be processed.

We have been offered a matchday experience upgrade package for the day for just an additional £15 per child. The matchday experience includes a coaching session with UEFA and FA qualified coaches at the state-of-the-art Beacon of Light as well as a packed lunch before taking seats at the Stadium of Light for the game. Please note, parents will be required to accompany their child for the duration of the coaching session.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the attendance awards for week ending 15th Feb

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| KS1:Rec | 97.93% |
| KS2:Y4 | 98.67% |

Happy Birthday for the coming weeks to:



Amelia Herron
Alexander McSween

Spring Term Breakdown for Attendance

- 0 days missed = 100%
- 1 day missed = 98.31%
- 2 days missed = 96.61%
- **3 days missed = 94.91%**

WILL NOT RECEIVE THE TREAT

Please note that a penalty notice may be issued if a leave of absence is taken without permission.

World Book Day Special Lunch 7th March

If your child brings a packed lunch & would like a meal please pay £2.00. The offer will consist of a choice of :

- Hogwarts Jumbo Fish Finger served with Magic Wand Chips and Dumbledore's Baked Beans
- Big Friendly Steak Pie served with Mathilda's Mashed Potato and Mr Fox's Garden Peas
- The Twits' Wormy Spaghetti served with Mugglewumps Garlic Bread
- Peter Pan's Fruit Melody
- Willy Wonka's Chocolate Cupcake



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FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about **MOMO**



CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in, no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.

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