

NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 5 TRIP TO INGLEBOROUGH HALL

Last week, Year 5 went on their residential to Ingleborough Hall. They had a brilliant time doing lots of fun activities including caving and orienteering. This week, the children reflected on their residential and thought about their favourite memory from the trip. Here are some that we would like to share with you.

'My favourite memory from Ingleborough Hall is caving with my best friends, Millie and Kaitlyn'. - Hareem

'I really enjoyed caving because I was scared at first but I did very well and even sat on the Queen's chair. - Myrn

'My favourite memory from Ingleborough is when we went on the long walk to Robin Proctor's Scar and played hide and seek at the top and when we walked through all of the sheep! - Evie

'My favourite memory was caving because everybody was complaining because of how cold the water was!' - Amber - Rose

'My favourite memory was orienteering because we all got to use a map to help us find the clues and we had to race our friends!'. - Eesa

We are so proud of how the children represented our school and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff who accompanied Year 5 on their residential!



YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the Bradford Industrial Museum. As part of their theme, 'Bradford Remembers' they have been looking at how homes were different in the past. They visited some terraced houses and imagined what life was like for people who lived in the past.



READING PLANET REVIEWS!

Following the successful introduction of our new Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing two book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire your children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

Welcome to China (Supernova)

'Welcome to China is a really interesting non-fiction book. I found out all about life in China including the food they eat, the language, the art and lots about their culture. The food is fascinating compared to ours because they eat foods such as duck, bamboo and sushi - they also tend to eat in small, bite-size portions. Did you know? The average person in China knows about 5000-6000 different characters for writing but scholars and poets might know up to 20,000! I would highly recommend this book to other children!'

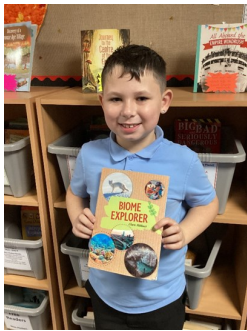
Jessica, Year 6



Biome Explorer (Venus)

I have really enjoyed reading 'Biome Explorer'. It's a non-fiction book which tells you about different biomes and the animals that live there, you learn about how the animals have adapted to the different environments. I found out that brown bears hibernate through winter to stop them getting cold and some animals have even changed the colour of their fur to stop them being eaten by predators! I found it really interesting learning about the different animals and different places in the world. This is a really interesting book you will enjoy reading it!

Harry, Year 3



SHARING YOUR NEWS!

This week we would like to say a huge well done to Cooper in Lowry Class. Cooper was presented with trophies at his rugby presentation at the weekend. He plays for Dudley Hill and received two trophies. The larger trophy is for being the most improved player.



We would also like to say a huge well done to Abby and Libby from Elgar Class. Abby competed her second ever dance show and got one trophy for coming third in her fast dance and the second trophy for coming second in her slow dance. Libby came first in her dance competition this weekend.

If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

WORLD CUP DAY!

To help support England Football Club and celebrate the start of the World Cup, we will be having a World Cup Day on Monday 21st November. Pupils can come wearing football kits, sports wear or colours of a country's flag and will complete 'World Cup' related activities all day. Pupils will have the opportunity to watch England v Iran at 1pm to show our support!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

This week are Times Tables Rock Stars, Class Stars of the Week are:

CLASS	TT Rock Stars Class of the Week:
Anne Fine	AJ Blackwell
Roald Dahl	Eesa Zulquarnain
Jacqueline Wilson	Stanley Hacking
JK Rowling	Ismail Aslam
Elgar	Amelia-Jo Jackson
Mozart	Ishar Jagdev
Vivaldi	Andrew Murgatroyd



WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **20/10/22**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	82.8%	1
Willow	79%	2
Kandinsky	95.2%	1
Matisse	89.3%	2
Lowry	92.9%	0
Van Gogh	94.3%	3

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	89.7%	0
Roald Dahl	87.7%	1
JK Rowling	91.7%	2
J Wilson	96.7%	0
Elgar	97.8%	0
Mozart	90.3%	1
Beethoven	98.7%	2
Vivaldi	91.3%	2

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class** and **Beethoven Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well Done to **Lowry Class**, **Anne Fine Class**, **Jacqueline Wilson Class**, and **Elgar Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

91.1%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - 'Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II'
LETTERS:	14/11/22 - FIFA World Cup Day 14/11/22 - Christmas Fair 18/11/22 - Christmas Dinner
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	14/11/22 - Parental Involvement Survey 15/11/22 - Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check 18/11/22 - Y6 Gurdwara Trip 18/11/22 - Y5 Mosque Trip

MENU W/C 21/11/22

Swain House Primary School

Week
Commencing

31st Oct, 21st Nov, 12th Dec,
2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 6th Mar
27th Mar

MENU Week 1

MON

Choose from...

- ☒ Mascarpone Pasta
- ☐ Pork Meatballs & Spaghetti
- ☐ Halal Pasta Bolognese

Desserts...

- ☒ Decorated Vanilla Sponge Cake
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

Choose from...

- ☐ Mild Chicken Curry
- ☐ Halal Keema & Peas
- ☐ Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos

Desserts...

- ☒ Volcano Buns
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

Choose from...

- ☐ Roast Chicken
- ☐ Halal Chicken Tikka Roast
- ☐ Vegan Cottage Pie

Desserts...

- ☒ Syrup Sponge
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

Choose from...

- ☒ Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Desserts...

- ☐ Flapjack
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

Choose from...

- ☐ Battered Fillet of Fish
- ☐ Savoury Roll

Desserts...

- ☒ Chocolate Sponge
- ☐ Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options e.g. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day



For full allergen & nutritional information
go to the FM School Meals App:
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend. If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day. If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	21/11/22	All Day	World Cup Day
Thursday	24/11/22	2:30pm	Beethoven Class Assembly
Friday	25/11/22	All Day	Non Uniform Day - Donation of Chocolate/ Bottle for Our Christmas
Thursday	01/12/22	10:30 - 11:15 2:00 - 2:45	Great Oak Nursery Christmas Crafts Session
Monday	05/12/22	9.00 - 10.00 1:45 - 2:45	Reception Christmas Crafts Session
Tuesday	06/12/22	10:30 - 11:15 2:00 - 2:45	Little Acorns Nursery Christmas Crafts Session
Thursday	08/12/22	2:30pm	JK Rowling Hanukkah

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM



KS2 CAROL CONCERT

On Wednesday 7th December, children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be performing their Carol Concert for parents at 2pm. On Thursday 8th December, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be performing their Carol Concert for parents at 10am. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents and carers there as possible.

CHRISTMAS DATES!

As we know this time of year can be busy, we want to give parents and carers plenty of notice for our upcoming Christmas events!

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	02/12/22	4pm-6pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday	07/12/22	2pm	Y3/Y4 Carol Concert
Thursday	08/12/22	10am	Y5/Y6 Carol Concert
Friday	09/12/22	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	09/12/22	Lunch Time	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday	12/12/22	Afternoon	Y1—Y6 Christmas Parties
Tuesday	13/12/22	10am and 2pm	Early Years Nativity
Wednesday	14/12/22	Afternoon	Early Years Christmas Parties
Thursday	15/12/22	10am and 2pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday	15/12/22	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Glitz and Glam Disco

COMMUNITY NEWS

SONIC BOOM

New term starts
31.10.22/4.11.22

1 class	2 classes
Mini/Junior £35	Mini/Junior £59.50
Inter/Senior £42	Inter/Senior £66.50
Siblings £24.50	Siblings £49

7 week block!
Pay Monthly Option Now Available

LITTLETOPS TODDLER CLASSES

Circus sensory classes aimed at toddlers and preschoolers. Siblings older and younger are welcome with plenty for them to do too!

A great balance of instructor-led activities including dance, acrobatics, props, sensory, throwing and catching and free exploration time on our circus equipment.

Aerial hammock and trapeze, climbing frames, bouncy castle, slides, balance equipment, sensory area and a large matted area.

Fridays
9.30-10.30
Footsteps Theatre School
Westfield Lane, Idle

First child £6 class. Additional children £3 a class or £25 for 5 classes (£12.50 siblings)

SAVE THE DATE 12.11.2022

FESTIVE LAUNCH

12PM-7PM WITH LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 6:30PM
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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is all about 'Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II'.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

AGE RATING
PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter – according to PEGI's wording – depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against – or cooperating with – strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee – usually around £10 – each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multiplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war. Limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending – and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance – and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them – formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

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