



Newlyn News

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Spring 2019

I want to thank everyone involved in our Pyjama Party last term. It was wonderful to see so many children and parents in the school and to share with you all our absolute passion for reading. A huge thank you to all the staff who came back to school that evening, many of whom were in their pyjamas too!



Encouraging a love of reading by reading to your child and listening to them read has been shown to have a huge impact on their future success.

This term's virtue

This term we are focussing on kindness. The children will be thinking about what it means to be kind and how to show kindness to others.

If you see your child showing kindness at home then please email the school and we can celebrate this on our tree of virtues.



Class 4 have been making rockets from old plastic bottles in connection with their project work. They were extremely excited when it came to launching them on the playing field. We are hoping this work will lead onto some science work next week and writing a play script.



Playground equipment

We had a very exciting first week back when the junior children were able to use our brand new climbing ship.



A huge thank you to TPAT for helping us with the funding.

Newlyn School Website:

<http://www.newlynschool.co.uk>

Check out the new improved website with links to TMSchoolMoney and the latest information.



Comic Relief

Newlyn School Council has decided to support Comic Relief on Red Nose Day which is just around the corner on **Friday 15th March**.



St Piran's Day Parade Tuesday 5th March 2019



Come and support the school dancers and band next Tuesday 5th March when they will be parading through town from 10am. Letters for dancers and band have gone home to outline uniform requirements. If anyone has spare white shirts that they can lend, please see Miss Fitzgerald.

Year 4 and 5 will taking part. The children will need to wear black trousers or skirts and white shirts/blouses. Please see the letter sent home for further information.

St Piran is the patron saint of Cornwall. He is also the patron saint of tin miners and his feast is widely observed throughout the county. Legend says that he came from Ireland in the 5th century, tied to a mill-stone and rolled over the edge of a cliff into a stormy sea, which immediately became calm. He then floated over the water and landed on the Cornish shore of Perranzabuloe where he became an hermit and where he was buried after having converted many to Christianity.

For Cornish folks all over the world, St Piran's day is the best opportunity to celebrate their roots. In Cornwall, on the 5th of March, all sorts of festivities will be held, more often than not involving a wide range of Cornish ales. During the day in Penzance a parade will start at the top of Causewayhead. The procession, including hundreds of children from local schools, will make its way through of Market Jew Street before heading down Chapel Street and to Morrab Gardens where the life of St Piran will be performed.

On-line Safety update.

For parents and carers who were unable to attend the e-safety parents' workshop recently, you can find information, advice and lots of fun activities to undertake with the family which cover many aspects of keeping children safe available at:

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

Please see the attached advice regarding MOMO. If you wish to have more control over their child's mobile devices, there is a product called Circle Go. Circle Go offers many tools, including the ability to block access to social media sites and also monitor what their child is doing online. Please be aware this is a subscription service and parents can purchase it via the following website:- <https://meetcircle.com/circle-go>.

Easter Fayre 2-4pm

On **25th March** FONS will be hosting a Easter fayre in the school hall. Please see the poster attached for further information.

Non-uniform Day

On **22nd March** the children do not have to wear school uniform. We ask that instead of a monetary donation, they bring in a chocolate egg for the tombola at the Easter Fayre. Thank you very much.

INSET Days

School will be closed on Monday 3rd June and Tuesday 4th June.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on 3rd April and 4th April.

FONS

Earlier this week, The Fishermans Arms was completely gutted by fire. Jude (yr2) and his family lived there, and have lost everything.

FONS would like to hold a Bake Sale Tuesday 5th Mar after school to help raise some funds to help them back on their feet. Any money raised will be donated through the Just Giving page a local person has set up for them. (please see link below).

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trevelyan-worth?utm_id=107&utm_term=3jZjNA93z&fbclid=IwAR0WMJSv3ZYHWS-1ljjWLnwYfA6sD0MPul7yxSvAHsj1t8c9BEoFd_476J8

Attendance Matters!

Half term last week so no attendance results.



We would like to warmly welcome Bruce to Year 2. We are so glad you have joined us!

Reminder:

Red nose pens are still available from the office for £1

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our amazing High 5 team who won the league and have made it through to the knockout finals.

We wish them the best of luck!



SURFING! The next surfing day is booked for Friday 7th June 2019 (approx £22.50 per child) and the surfing club is booked for the following six Fridays after school (14th, 21st, 28th June, 5th, 12th, 19th July - £15 per week, per child).

From FONS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our uniform and book sale. You've raised a fantastic £40!! Not bad for a few 15 minute sales!

The next time the table will be out will be 25th March. 🙌😊 (If you have any uniform to donate, please hand to a member of FONS)

Parent Questionnaire

Many of you filled this in at our Pyjama Party but if you were unable to attend or missed the opportunity, please find attached the parent questionnaire. Please complete and return to the office.

Academic Year 2018/2019 - Reminder

25.02.19	Start of Term 4
04.03.19	Penwith Primary Cross Country
07.03.19	World Book Day Dress Up
22.03.19	Non-uniform day– please bring in a chocolate Easter egg
25.03.19	Easter Fayre
03.04.19	Parents' Evening
04.04.19	Parents' Evening
05.04.19	End of Term 4 1pm finish
23.04.19	Start of Term 5
24.05.19	End of Term 5
05.06.19	Start of Term 6
03.06.19	INSET day—school will be closed
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World Book Day

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Cheap and cheerful ideas on Google and visit the World Book Day website too:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery/>

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Change of contact details form

Name of child/children:

Parent name:

Email address:

Contact phone number:

Second contact details including name and phone number:

Thank you



Easter Fayre

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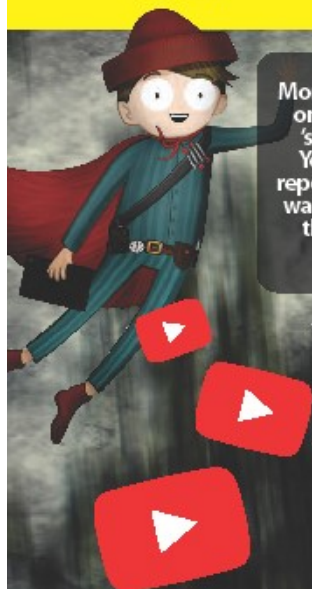
Monday 25th March 2-4pm

Easter Cake Stall,
Refreshments,
Tombola, Kids Craft Area,
Biscuit Decorating,
Mother's Day Shop,
Easter Games
and much more...

Judging of the Easter Bonnet
Competition at 3:30pm,
more details to follow.



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 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.



SOURCES:
<https://www.ninsoc.co.uk/news/world-news/sick-videos-youtube-youtube-kids-14052106>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

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Parents Survey Spring Term 2019

I have a child/children in Year/Years: EYFS Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 (please circle as appropriate)

<i>Please put a tick in the box that indicates your opinion</i>		Strongly agree	Agree to some extent	Disagree	Unable to comment
1.	My child enjoys school				
2.	Everyone is made to feel welcome				
3.	My child is well looked after at this school				
4.	Parents/Carers feel involved in the school				
5.	This school is well led and managed (Head and Governors)				
6.	The local community is involved with the school				
7.	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved				
8.	This school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour				
9.	Incidents of bullying and racism are dealt with well				
10.	Children are taught to respect people who have different backgrounds from their own				
11.	If I have a concern, I know someone appropriate will listen to me				
12.	The school teaches reading well				
13.	The school teaches writing well				
14.	The school teaches maths well				
15.	The teaching is good at this school				
16.	My child/ren makes good progress at this school				
17.	The school informs me about my child/ren progress				
18.	The school meets my child/ren particular needs				
19.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age				
20.	The school offers a wide range of clubs				
21.	The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future (changing year groups or school)				
22.	The school is well resourced (equipment for outdoors and in classroom)				
23.	I feel my child is in a safe and secure environment				
24.	I think this is a good or better school because				
What do you consider to be our strengths:		What do you think could be improved:			