

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

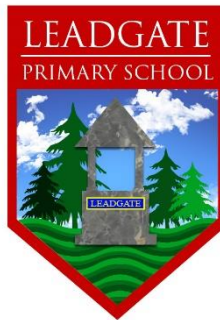
## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

On this day in history:

**1307** William Tell reputedly shoots apple off his son's head

**1477** First English dated printed book "Dictees & Sayengis of the Phylosophers" by William Caxton at his press in London

**1928** Walt Disney released Steamboat Willie, the first animated film with sound to feature Mickey Mouse; the huge success of the cartoon helped make Mickey an iconic character



## Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 96 %  
Year 1 = 91.5 %  
★ Year 2 = 97.4 % ★  
Year 3 = 87.5 %  
Year 4 = 91.7 %  
★ Year 5 = 96.4 % ★  
Year 6 = 93.7 %



### Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.

## Family and Nursery Photographs

Children with younger siblings are welcome to get Family Photographs taken at Lower School on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 8.30am – 9.00am. As the photographer will be in on a day Nursery children are usually off, we have allocated a time slot for all Nursery to drop in for their photographs between 9.00am - 9.30am. Sibling photographs for children at Lower and Upper will be arranged on the day by staff.

## Odd Socks and Antibullying Week

Thank you to everyone for taking part in this year's Anti Bullying week and starting off by participating in wearing Odd Socks to celebrate it's the differences between us that make us all unique!

Across the week we have also held assemblies and class activities And I very proud of everyone's participation and understanding.



## Home Walk Project

A huge Congratulations to Jake Y4 and Olly Y5 who received medals from Kieron Young this week for their participation in the home walk project. To achieve this they completed a series of walks around our local area and we are extremely proud of their efforts and ongoing determination.



## Forest School Sessions Year 1 & Year 2

**Monday Morning 31<sup>st</sup> October until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December (weekly sessions)**

Forest School

Children will need to wear warm clothing and bring wellies.

We are delighted to collaborate with 'Forest Adventures' to resume our forest school sessions after half term starting with KS1 followed by KS2 in the Spring Term 2023.



**Date for the Diary**

**Photographs this year will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

# School Dates

**School Holiday Dates**

The next school Holiday is Christmas and the School closes for Christmas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**School dates confirmed so far :**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Believe and Be Visit by Nursery a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Photographs
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Magic Man Show – Early Years
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – New Reception Children Stay and Play
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Donkey Visit early Years and KS1
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Keystage 1 – Pet talk Visit from Dogs Trust
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime on site for Upper School
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Class visit to Seven Stories
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - Kylie Dixon Author and illustrator Visit KS2
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto at Empire Theatre for Year 1 and 2
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance Years 1 to 6 to be held at Our Lady and St Josephs Church next to Brooms School
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner day on both sites
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 2.15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Christmas Party a.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Keystage 1 Christmas Party
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Keystage 2 Christmas Party
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

**Additional Dates will be added once bookings**

**SEND COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to those who were able to attend and share experiences with each other. We will be looking to arrange another meeting date shortly and hope even more parents and carers can attend.

**Sporthall Athletics**

A huge congratulations to all the children from Year 5 & 6 who attended the Sporthall athletics level 2 competition today – they represented the school with great sporting ability and results will be sent out next week.

## PARENT DROP IN SESSION WITH CHARTWELLS

### FOOD TASTING SESSION WITH OUR CHEF TONY

Join our executive chef Tony from Chartwells to sample 3 dishes exclusively from our school menu.

BEING HELD AT UPPER SCHOOL



### ENGAGEMENT WITH CHARTWELLS NUTRITIONIST

We have fun food activities planned with our Nutritionist Meghan and Anna!



**JOIN US AT YOUR SCHOOL AT 3:15-4:15 ON 1ST DECEMBER**

**Spotacular Children in Need**



Every one had a great day today and thank you to everyone for such amazing generosity during these difficult times!

Across the school we raised a wonderful

**£241.27**

A very special mention to Greger, Eboni and Olly who have been raising funds by selling their amazing artwork to the rest of the children – the children were so impressed they have a waiting list going into next week! We will update you next week with their grand total!!



# E-Safety Update / Information

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](http://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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