

AVJS Bulletin: 18th November 2022

It was great to see some of you at the maths curriculum evening last night, thank you for the positive feedback. Over the next week or so we will be publishing the information from the evening for those of you who were not able to attend. Our next curriculum evening will be in the spring term with a focus on phonics and reading; we will be publishing the date soon.

As you may know, England start their World Cup challenge on Monday afternoon against Iran. After considering what other schools are doing, we have decided to allow the children who would like to watch the match to do so. This is the only England match of this campaign that falls in school time. We will minimise the disruption to learning as the match starts towards the end of the lunch period and should be finished in time for the last lesson of the day. All the children will have work to do during the match. We have also decided that the match will be broadcast in one classroom per year group allowing children who choose not to watch it to complete their work in the adjacent classroom.

If you have some time to spare during the middle of the day and you enjoy working with children, we have a couple of vacancies that may be of interest to you. We are looking for another member of staff to join our midday supervisor team. The task involves supervising children as they eat and then outside as they play. This is a permanent position with the hours of work being 11.50am until 1.25pm. We are also looking for someone to be a catering assistant on a supply basis. This would be to assist in the kitchen with the service of the midday meal and then clearing up afterwards. Full training will be given for both positions. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details.

I would like to remind you that in the mornings, we ring the bell at 8.50 with the school day starting at 8.55 (which is when we close the doors). For safeguarding reasons, if

the doors are closed then the children need to be brought to the main entrance to ensure that they have not missed the register. There are a number of children who are arriving after the doors have closed. We do urge you to try to ensure that the children are in school on time so they are ready to start the day, thank you.

If you cast your minds back to September, you will remember that Mrs Pennant organised a coffee morning at school to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Research. I am really pleased to let you know that in total, you raised a massive £930.65! That is an incredible amount, so a huge thank you to everyone who supported us.

You will know that our Christmas Concert is coming up soon and so we will be writing to you early next week with the full details and to see if you are able to assist us in walking the children to and from the church for the concert and the rehearsal on the day before.

A massive thank you to the parents who came into school today to help our Eco rangers plant our trees and bulbs. Their hard work will really enhance our environment.

Online Safety News

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 – is proving to be hugely popular. 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 potential political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of. In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, in-game purchases and addiction.



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

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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".

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

Multplayer 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.

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.

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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Community news



FREE* DECEMBER MULTI SPORTS CAMP

HAF: HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME PROMOTING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Redhill Leisure Centre

Dates: 22nd - 23rd December

Times: 10:00 - 14:00

Address: Redhill Rd, Arnold,
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Thursday, 1 st December 22	Whole school to the Panto
Friday, 2 nd December 22 TBC	FOAV Christmas fayre 3.35pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 6 th December 22	Christmas Concert at St Marks Church, 2pm
Thursday, 8 th December 22	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
W/C 12 th December 22	Christmas Dinner Day/week
Wednesday, 21 st December 22	Last day of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 4 th January 23	First day of the Spring Term
Friday, 20 th January 23	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
Monday, 23 rd January 23	Dukes Barn week for Year 4 – 4 Orange M-W & 4 Yellow W-F
Thursday, 7 th February 23	Safer Internet Day
15 th February 2021	Half Term Week
Tuesday, 7 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 8 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 9 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
13 th to 17 th February 23	Half Term
Monday, 20 th February 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 2 nd March 23	World Book Day
Friday, 31 st March 23	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 17 th April 23	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday, 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May 23	Year 6 SATs week
29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 29 th June 23	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
Thursday, 29 th June 23	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Friday, 30 th June 23	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

