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Internet Safety

The National Online Safety (NOS) group has issued advice on recent disturbing content on children's YouTube videos. It appears that hackers have broken into the content streamed on children's YouTube videos such as 'Fortnite' and 'Peppa Pig' with a shadowy figure that sends out violent messages and images over WhatsApp or online games. The content known as the 'Momo Challenge' threatens the viewer if they refuse to follow 'orders'. Obviously this is very worrying. NOS has published seven useful tips to help anyone who is afraid of what their child may come across:

1. Tell them it's not real; it is important for you to reiterate that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them
2. Be present. It is important for you as a parent/carer, to be present while your children are online
3. Talk regularly; as well as monitoring your child's activity, it is important for you to discuss it with them too.
4. Device settings and parental controls. Ensure you set up parental controls for your devices at home.
5. Peer Pressure. Talk to your child about not succumbing to peer pressure and not do anything they feel uncomfortable with.
6. Real or hoax. Remember not everything you see online is true. Check its validity, eg. <https://www.thatsnonsense.com/is-the-momo-challenge-real-or-an-online-hoax-fact-check/>
7. Report and block unsuitable material. Block the account or content.

Kingswood

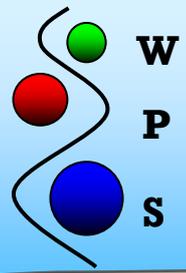
Just before the half-term break, 40 of our Year 5 pupils attended our annual residential at Kingswood. The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including zip-wire, archery, fencing, abseiling, laser quest and negotiating an obstacle course! The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their stay!



Mrs Jane Annett

It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that our Deputy Cook, Mrs Jane Annett, sadly passed away last week following a short illness. Mrs Annett worked in the Westminster School kitchens for over 20 years. All those who knew her found her to be a kind, funny, sympathetic, caring and dedicated individual who always put the children first. The school staff have indicated that they would like to donate funds towards a charity in Mrs Annett's memory. Mrs Annett's family have requested any funds raised be donated to the 'John Taylor Hospice' in Birmingham. If any families would like to contribute, please see a member of the school office team. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time.





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Merit Awards and Good Work

Theme: Great Start to the Half-term

1A	Abdullah Waqar Selena Ismael	4A	Hafsah Anwar Ahmad Kadir
1K	Precious Ugiagbe Hamza Ali	4C	Kevin Murwira Aishah Mahmood
2A	Abdul Wahid Bareen Mohammad	5F	Ameera Abbas Rehaan Mahmood
2PF	Ubaidullah Mahmood Ayaan Hussain	5Y	Maram Abdulbari Mohammed Mijan
3R	Tayyiba Begum Obada Mohammed	6H	Sufyan Mohammed Gabriel Ionita
3S	Haseebah Fariah Lisa & Alisha Ringanayi	6D	Ismail Abideen Al Lee Akbar Shakeel

Liaising with school

As always we welcome any suggestions or observations from parents. For matters concerning provision for your child, please approach the class teacher in the first instance. For any school wide matters please speak to a member of the leadership team including the Headteacher if you wish to do so. We will always strive to address any concerns. If ever you contact the school or Trust Board in writing, please do include your name and child's class so we can respond to you directly.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be participating in 'World Book Day' activities. Children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters; prizes will be awarded to the best dressed child in each class. We are asking for a contribution of £1 towards school fund for children who dress up.

Comic Relief's **RED NOSE DAY**

The school are helping Comic Relief to raise funds via the sale of Red Noses. The school office will be selling these from Monday 4th March. Each nose costs £1.25. We will also have a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March to help raise funds for those less fortunate in the UK and abroad.

Parent Information

If you are interested in a new course, Functional Skills in English (Entry Level 1-3), please come and see Mrs Khan. This is a fast-track eight week course run by Eagles Consultancy.

Also if you are interested in yoga classes for ladies or in the midweek walking group, please come to the office and let Mrs Khan know.

Parent Computer classes are taking place in the ICT suite every Thursday from 9.00—9.30am.

The next **Coffee morning** will take place on Friday 5th April at 9.00am

Dates for your diary

Fri 12th April: Training day—school closed to pupils

Mon 15th April—Fri 26th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 29th April: School re-opens to pupils

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday— May Day

Friday 24th May—Break up for Summer Half-term

Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May: Half term hols

Monday 3rd June: School re-opens to pupils

Friday 19th July: Last day of summer term for pupils

Mon 22nd July: Staff Training day