

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, our children in year 6 took part in IMPs (Injury minimization programme for schools) sessions. The sessions were held in school and led by trained members of the I.M.P.s team. The children worked through a range of scenarios which encouraged them to think about how they could keep themselves safe whilst helping people who may have been injured. They learnt how to place someone in the recovery position, practised CPR on CPR mannequins and learnt some useful first aid skills.



A group of children took part in the annual Maths challenge held at St Edwards School in Oxford. The children spent the afternoon on various maths questions along with other children from Oxfordshire. Many thanks to Mrs Moore for taking the children and volunteering to be one of the markers for the afternoon!



Yesterday, we took a group of 30 children to The Marlborough School to take part in a Cross-Country event. Fortunately, the sun shone, and the children enjoyed the whole experience. Many thanks to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Moran and all of the parents who accompanied the children. Many congratulations to the Year 3 /4 girls team who are through to the next round of the competition.



As part of our computing curriculum and our PSHE curriculum at school, we teach children how to keep themselves safe online. We know that many parents and carers are very concerned about online safety and often ask how they can ensure their children are safe online at home. Mrs White, our Computing co-ordinator, has organised for you to attend an online safety workshop. This is completely free of charge and is through a webinar so you will be able to access it at home. Details of the workshop are below:

**You are invited to attend a FREE Online Safety Webinar**

Over the Christmas break children generally spend more time online and we'd like to help you keep them safe digitally by inviting you to an **Online Safety Webinar**.

Hosted by the online safety experts at Natterhub, this webinar is a great opportunity to pick up tips that you can easily apply at home.

Attendance is completely free, simply watch LIVE on YouTube using this link (no login required).

Tune in on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm** using the link <https://youtu.be/jyUj6zW55T8>

Tomorrow (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November) school will be closed for a staff training day, I hope everyone has a lovely extended weekend.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect**



Writer of the week – Emelia in Year 5

Mathematician of the week – Betsy, Jovan, Claudia & Sebastian in Year 6

Reader of the week – Nicole in Year 1

School Value – Finn in Year 1

BLP of the Week – Priyah in Year 5

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Felicity & Eva in Kestrels. Alex in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Tymek in Kestrels. Alex P & Evie in Red Kites. Lenny & Teddy in Kingfishers. Jude, Simon, Oscar, Osian & Tandis in Nightingales. Keziah in Swallows. Nate & Joshua C in Eagles. Cerys in Peregrine Falcons. Joan, Olivia & Eva in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: David & Ariana in Kingfishers. Ianis in Nightingales. Nathaniel in Red Kites. Kyron in Sky Larks.

### Attendance

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

#### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

Class	Attendance for 07.11.22 – 11.11.22
Eagles	97.73%
Kestrel	94.81%
Kingfishers	99.29%
Nightingales	96.07%
Owls	98.58%
Peregrine Falcons	95.00%
Red Kites	99.26%
Sky Larks	95.00%
Swallows	96.95%
Wrens	99.31%
Total	97.28%

### Christmas Play Dates

14.12.2022	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
14.12.2022	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.2022	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
15.12.2022	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.2022	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm

### Christmas Play Tickets

Christmas play tickets will be available to purchase at the office from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Tickets are £2.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

**Every child has an allocation of 2 tickets each in Year 1 to year 4 and 4 tickets in Foundation Stage, this is due to Health & Safety guidelines and entrance is strictly ticket only. If you do not collect your allocation by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, they will go on resale on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Children's Christmas Shopping Day**

Each year we hold two non-uniform days on the Fridays leading up to Christmas to support this event.

**1st Non-uniform Day: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (in exchange for a male gift)**

**2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (in exchange for a female gift)**

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We have asked for it to be male and female gifts however chocolates, biscuits and sweets are ideal! Other ideas include items such as toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!) These are to be brought into the classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event. Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

### **Shopping Day: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On the actual shopping day, we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher, please put it in an envelope with their name on if possible, to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose. They will choose their gifts from a class selection and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them. We hope this answers some questions but if not please email [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com) The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

### **Key dates:**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - non-uniform day in exchange for male gift

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - non-uniform day in exchange for a female gift

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas School Lunch

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Shopping Day

### **PTA Update - Dates for your diary**

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is due to take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm on the bottom playground, weather permitting.

The two non uniform days for the Christmas Shopping event are booked in for -

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - This is in exchange for a male gift.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - This is in exchange for a female gift.

The Christmas shopping Day will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

A letter explaining the Christmas Shopping event and what is involved is attached with this weeks newsletter.. Hopefully this will answer all your questions but if not please email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Hockey Club**

Williams Hockey Coaching are running a Christmas hockey camp from December 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> at Oxford Hawks Hockey Club, for children aged 5 - 16 years. Please see attached for full details and below for registration form:

[www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShUOTVEVEoxNkZJWUo4WFE2VFZMVTZUMkhOUi4u](http://www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShUOTVEVEoxNkZJWUo4WFE2VFZMVTZUMkhOUi4u)

### **Christmas Tennis Club**

There is an exciting opportunity for pupils at William Fletcher Primary School to take part in a 2 day Christmas Tennis Camp at Woodstock Tennis Club on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

Please find attached letter for full details and how to apply.

## **Ignite After School Club Term 2**

Ignite are running an after school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 1, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£31.50 for term 2).

## **Lego Club**

Lego Club is now full, if you would like to go on the waiting list, please email the school office at [office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk)

## **Friday cafe**

*Starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 8.45am- 10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon Room.*

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone welcome. Information available at each session, including:

\*Helping your child with maths \*Healthy lunchbox ideas \*Money matters \*Reading with your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and younger siblings always welcome. For more information, please contact: Clare Pink, Family Support Worker [clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk](mailto:clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk) or, Karen Ariss: [karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 – 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playgroup). The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £5.00 per child. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, **please see the staff in the office to book prior to attendance.**

## **Knitting For All**

We have a knitting club at school run by Steph Radda on Tuesday's from 3pm - 4.15pm (term time only). If you would like your child to attend or for more information, please contact Steph on 07940564486 for further details.

## **Yarnton Brownies**

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

## **Forthcoming Dates**

### **November 2022**

21.11.22 –

25.11.22 Year 6 Glasbury week

22.11.22 Clip & climb for year 5

### **December 2022**

02.12.22 Non-uniform day in exchange for male gift

09.12.22 Non-uniform day in exchange for female gift

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14.12.22 Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 2pm

15.12.22 Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am

15.12.22 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm

15.12.22 Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm

16.12.22	School Christmas Lunch
19.12.22	Christmas shopping day
20.12.22	School Carol Service
20.12.22	End of term 2

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st October

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

#### **Term 5**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

#### **Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET

## 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

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.

## 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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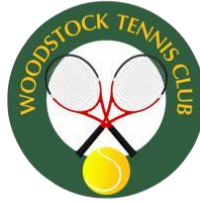
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Dear William Fletcher Primary School Parents,

There is an exciting opportunity for pupils at William Fletcher Primary School to take part in a 2 day Christmas Tennis Camp at Woodstock Tennis Club on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

The coaching team at Woodstock Tennis Club have set up a 2 day tennis course for pupils at William Fletcher Primary School. ***We are offering a discount to the value of £26.00 across the two days. Players will pay £10.00 for 4 hours of coaching / £2.50 per hour of professional tuition.*** The sessions will be for specific age groups and will act as a fantastic introduction to tennis.

### **Discount Code**

To take advantage of this great offer please use the following code: WFXMAS

The course is designed to be affordable and accessible to all and will allow pupils to try tennis in a safe and fun environment. The sessions will be delivered by fully qualified and accredited LTA coaches who are first aid trained and DBS checked. The sessions will be fun and dynamic.

Further information about the course and how to register are listed below:

### **Venue:**

Woodstock Tennis Club, Cadogan Park, Woodstock, OX20 1UW

### **Dates:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

### **Cost**

A discount code to the value of £26.00 is on offer here so the total cost for two days will be

**£10.00** **Spaces:**

Courses are limited to 12 spaces in each group to ensure a productive learning environment for the students.

### **How to Register?**

1. Please click on the link below which will take you to the online booking portal.
2. Select your relevant age group



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3. Complete sign up details (please note, the parent must sign up with an email address and their contact details as the system does not allow anyone under 16 to book). You will then have to enter your child's details as the player

### **Book Your Place**

09:00 – 11:00 (ages 5-9) - [Woodstock Tennis Club - Xmas Camp 2022 \(Ages 5-9\) - Book Here](#)

11:15 – 1:15pm (ages 10-15) [Woodstock Tennis Club - Xmas Camp 2022 \(Ages 10-15\) - Book Here](#)

Once you have made your booking, you will receive a confirmation email. Prior to the course starting, you will receive a further communication which will include additional information. We look forward to seeing you at the course and we really hope your child(ren) enjoy the sessions and the physical and mental health benefits that sport can provide.

If you have any questions or queries about the course, please do get in touch with us.

We look forward to seeing you on court at the sessions.

Kind Regards,

Tom Francis

***Head Coach Woodstock Tennis Club***