



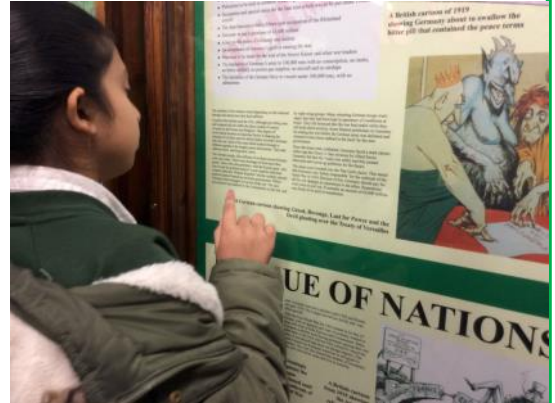
BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 6th October

Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

On Monday, year 6 went on a school trip to Eden Camp Modern History Museum to enhance their learning about World War II. The children were able to immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of what life would have been like in 1940s wartime Britain. We had a great time learning about life on the home front, human torpedoes and the former life of Eden Camp as a prisoner of war facility, as well as experiencing a simulation of an air raid during the London Blitz. We were also able to see vehicles of war such as tanks and the famous Spitfire and Hurricane planes, play games of the time such as tin can bowling and enjoyed watching a Vera Lynn puppet show. The children showed much enthusiasm and were a credit to the school.



Harvest Festival Food Collection

Once again, we will be collecting food, and non-food, items to support those who may not have enough to eat within our local community. We will be donating our collection to the Community Fridge at the Madni Mosque so that they can provide food parcels to families in need in our local area. The final date you can bring a donation is **Wednesday 25th October**.

Please see below a list of suggested food and non-food items that can be donated. If you are sending in food, please ensure that it is in date and no fresh foods.

- Tinned: fruits, potatoes, meat, beans, vegetables, soups, spaghetti
- Packet soups, pot noodles, dry noodles, sauces, rices
- Rice, pasta, lentils
- Pasta sauces
- Biscuits and crackers
- Cereals, porridge oats
- Salt
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate
- Crisps
- Jam, jellies, honey, preserves
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Toilet rolls and tissues
- Soap, hand gel, hand wash



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Attendance Update

It is fantastic to see our school attendance is above the national average. In order to maintain this, children must attend school regularly.

To support your child with their learning I have listed some attendance and punctuality tips below:

- Get book bags and clothes ready the night before to speed up the morning routine.
- Make sure your child is in bed at a reasonable time.
- Speak to us about breakfast club if you are struggling to get your children here on time.
- Let your child's teacher know if you or they are having problems getting up for school.
- Make routine appointments e.g. dentist, during the holidays or after school.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please call Mrs Hussain our Attendance Officer on 01422 345004.

Thank you.

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

Group	% Attend
USA3	96.5
USA4	86.5
USA5	97.9
Wales	98.6
Northern Ireland	94.5
Switzerland	95.4
Nigeria	99.6
Canada	95.8
Jordan	89.6
Mexico	95.7
Morocco	95.7
South Africa	99.2
Australia	98.4
Denmark	93.2
Singapore	93.6
France	98.3
Tanzania	92.2
Egypt	96.3
Totals	95.5



TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Zayan Ahmed

Year 3 - Samanyu Nagumalla

Year 4 - Aahil Nasir

Year 5 - Dominik Kalas

Year 6 - Sohan Kodidasu

Class with the most active players

Canada

Open Evening Invitation

HALIFAX YOUNG SINGERS

Halifax Young Singers is an inclusive, open access Youth Choir, aimed at creating high quality music making experiences for young people across Calderdale.

FREE Open Evening Thursday 19th Oct Come along and see if HYS is for you
times as below

There will be a showcase performance toward the end of each rehearsal - everyone welcome to stay.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Ages 7-11
every Thursday 6pm-7pm
(during term-time)

YOUTH CHOIR - Ages 12-21
every Thursday 7.15pm-9pm
(during term-time)

VENUE: CALDERDALE MUSIC, THE OLD COURTHOUSE, BLACKWALL, HALIFAX HX1 2DL

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National Online Safety - Weekly 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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

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