



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week of this half term has whizzed by with lots more enthusiastic learning and other inspiring opportunities for our children once again. As part of their science topic this term, Year 1 had a very exciting trip to Marwell Zoo. While they were there, they looked at similarities and differences between the different animal groups. The children were amazing, coping very well with the rain and lots of walking! Well done Year 1! Our Year 6 girls have absolutely done us proud this week and have been crowned Portsmouth Schools Champions – what an amazing achievement! Finally, a big thank you to those parents that were able to come in and enjoy the children's fantastic artwork on Thursday afternoon for our Black History Month Art Event.

## Next Week

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Rickman</b> Geography Trip to Southsea (am)
	New Entrants Open Afternoon - 1.30pm – 3.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Thompson</b> Geography Trip to Southsea (am)
	Parents Evening - 3.30pm – 7pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Elba</b> Geography Trip to Southsea (am)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening - 3.30pm – 7pm
28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half term holiday

## Flu Immunisations

The Solent School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024** to deliver the National Flu Immunisation Programme to children from Reception to Year 6. An email was sent to your registered email today with details on how to provide your e-consent online, so please look out for this information. If you have not received this email please contact the school office. If you have any problems completing the consent form online, please contact the Portsmouth Immunisation Team on tel: 0300 123 5074.

## Arrangements for Parents Evening

Please enter the school site via the main pedestrian entrance gates on Copnor Road and proceed to:

Year Group	Entrance & Exit Door
EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2	Key Stage 1 Hall door
Year 3	Year 3 Stairwell door (normal Y3 Entrance)
Year 4, 5 & 6	Key Stage 2 Hall door

You are very welcome and encouraged to bring your child with you to your appointment.

## Head and Deputies of Houses

I am delighted to announce the names of the children who are this year's Heads and Deputies of our four houses. Huge congratulations to them and I know that they will be amazing in their new roles.

	Alliance	Warrior	Victory	Mary-Rose
<b>Head</b>	Amelia	Maddison	Scarlett	Miles
<b>Deputy</b>	Willow	Iris & Phoebe	Zahra	Beth & Alfie

This week's winning house is:

Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
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Congratulations to Mary Rose who are currently in the lead.

Congratulations also to our new TTRS champions

<b>TTRS Champions</b>	Theo	Jacob
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## Reading Ambassadors



Introducing, Copnor Primary's newly appointed Reading Ambassadors:

Amber, Erin, Darcy, Taliah-Mai, Florrie and Theresa

We will be learning more about their new roles in school over the upcoming weeks as they introduce themselves personally in our newsletter and help to promote a love of reading.

## School Council



The freshly elected school council have recently held their first meeting of the year. They arrived full of fantastic suggestions of ways to support their peers and to help improve our school further.

Congratulations to all those children below, who were voted into their positions by their peers. We look forward to seeing your new initiatives in school as the year progresses.

Year Group	Class	School Councillor	Vice-councillor
1	Adeola	Kayla	Elliott
	Field	Nico	Fintan
	Gravett	Winnie	Daisy
2	Steadman	Zara	Sam
	Simmonds	Eathlyn	Lola
	Jenkins	Grace	Riley
3	Adele	Harvey	Samuel
	Sheeran	Penelope	Tyler
	Murs	Darla	Woody

4	Thompson	Aylo	Jude
	Rickman	Logan	Skye
	Elba	Jude	Ivy M
5	Peake	Florrie	Vlad
	Hawking	Amber	Max
	Franklin	George	Erin
6	Hussain	Leo	Fletcher
	Roots		Max
	Berry	Phoebe	Jack

## Congratulations to....

### Albie Lee

Albie achieved gold and bronze medal positions in his gymnastics competition he attended with his men's gymnastics squad on Sunday 13th October. This was a massive achievement for Albie as he broke his wrist just 10 weeks ago! He is, quite rightly, very proud of himself as are we! Thank you for sharing such an amazing achievement with us all. A HUGE well-done Albie!



### The U11 Girls' Football Team



**Portsmouth Schools U11 Girls' Cup Winners** – a huge congratulations to the incredible girls from Copnor who have been crowned Portsmouth Schools Champions! After a full afternoon of fierce competition against 15 other schools, our girls showed heart, skill and determination to come out on top. Storming through the group stage, winning 6 out of 7 matches, dominating the quarter and semi-finals, facing a nail-biting final against a strong Court Lane Junior's side they then secured the coveted title with a 3-1 victory. What a performance! Well-done girls and big thank you to Mr Ball and Mr Richardson for your training and support of the team.

## Black History Month Art Event

As part of Black History Month, every child at Copnor has been learning about an inspiring black artist. They have then been using their chosen artist's style of art to inspire their own amazing piece of artwork. Thank you to all those parents and carers that were able to come and share in the children's successes. I think that you will agree that the children have admirably risen to the challenge of replicating their chosen artist's work.



## Golden Child



I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Arthur
	Hart	Mollie-Ann
	Donaldson	Blossom
1	Adeola	
	Field	Nico
	Gravett	Daisy
2	Steadman	Lillie
	Simmonds	Ella
	Jenkins	Oscar
3	Adele	Tate
	Sheeran	Meer
	Murs	Alexa
4	Thompson	Annabelle
	Rickman	Cooper
	Elba	Beulah
5	Peake	Harrison
	Hawking	Annabelle
	Franklin	Sophia
6	Hussain	Jayden
	Roots	Dolly
	Berry	Zoey

EYFS/KS1/KS2 have all been recognised as someone who understands the importance of including others

## The Pompey Pirates



A small group of Year 5 children have been attending Pompey Pirates every week so far this year, which is a programme designed to develop writers and readers. This term, their first project is around becoming a published author. The young pirates get to let their imaginations run wild as they work on crafting and polishing their own short story. Their finished tales of treasure, trials and adventure on the high seas are collated and published into a collection of short stories. Watch this space to read their stories!



## Reading in class will continue...

Don't forget that 'Reading in class' will continue every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am**. It is lovely to see so many parents and children reading together. We look forward to welcoming you back in again after half term.



## Basketball Opportunities



If you are looking for a little Saturday night outing, then how about a trip to watch and support the Portsmouth Force basketball team play at Ravelin Sports Centre?

In exciting news for the school, Portsmouth Force Basketball Club are hoping to start a basketball club for years 5 & 6 after half term. More details to follow.

## Keeping our children safe online

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WakeUpWednesday, National Online Safety. Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.

It is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe troubled 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 CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube Kids), scaring many young viewers.

#### INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child-friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

#### COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

#### ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child-friendly, either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.

### LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

### KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they are seeing and hearing while they're online.

### AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content; you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.

### REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you didn't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.

### SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that anyone can post anything online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnerving them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at iCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and texting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Wishing any parents or carers that may be running in this Sunday's Great South Run all the best. Hopefully, the predicted weather forecast won't making the running too treacherous! I look forward to seeing the children all back in school for our final week before the half term break.

Matt Johnson  
Headteacher