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## Newsletter 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### Article of the Month 2 No Discrimination

All children have all these rights no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they look like, rich or poor, who their parents are, boy or girl, if they have a disability. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

### Class News

- Nursery - have been looking at the changes to the leaves for Autumn and making leaf pictures
- YR - have been learning about our school value 'teamwork' and playing lots of games as a team
- Y1 - have enjoyed reading the story Only One You by Linda Kranz and reflecting on all the things that make us unique and special
- Y2 - have been superstar mathematicians using column addition
- Y3 - have been mastering column addition with regrouping during their maths lessons
- Y4 - have been finding out how electricity travels
- Y5 - have had a great week mastering dividing by multiples of 10, 100 and 1000
- Y6 - had a fantastic day at Paultons Park learning all about forces

Dear Parents/Carers

### Mathematics World Cup 2021

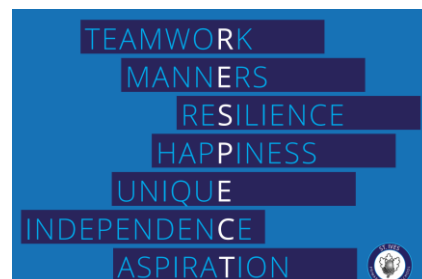
Our KS1 and KS2 children will be taking part in the Mathematics World Cup 2021. This is a global competition running from now until 8<sup>th</sup> October and a great opportunity for St Ives to represent our country. There are over 30,000 students from across the world taking part, all trying to win the trophy! It is designed to improve children's mental and physical health as well as their education. If you wish to find out more have a look at the trailer and the website. I am sure your children will keep you updated on their progress!

[www.mathematicsworldcup.com](http://www.mathematicsworldcup.com).

### Value of the week: Respect

This week in our assemblies we have been exploring the Rule of Law as part of our British Values. We have also been discussing the London Marathon that will take place on Sunday and learning about the history of the marathon and what started it. Talk to your children to find out what they have learned.

October is Black History month and we will be discussing this during our assemblies over the next few weeks.



### Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

As the government has designated an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been asked to designate a day in lieu for this extra bank holiday, which falls in the May half term. Therefore, in order to make holiday planning easier for parents, our school has designated Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as our Jubilee Bank Holiday. Therefore you will return to school after the May half term on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Reminders

Individual Photo Deadline: Don't forget to place your photo orders ONLINE.

Parent Consultations: Parent Consultations this term have been planned for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and will follow the same format as last year, video consultation. Further information on how to book online will follow.

### Harvest Festival

This year the school council have decided to support the church for Harvest Festival. We will be collecting donations which will get passed on to Ringwood food bank. Donations may include food tins, packets and even toiletries which sometimes get over looked. Please bring in all donations between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October when we will be welcoming Sandra from All Saints Church in to deliver a harvest festival assembly and collect our donations. Thank you for your support.

### Internet Safety

Pokeman GO was released in July 2016, and had more than 100 million downloads by the end of that month. The following year, an academic study by an American university reported that people playing Pokemon GO in areas near traffic had been a named factor in 32 injuries and 2 fatalities in the US alone. The attached guide suggests safety tips for the game along with highlighting the possibility of contact from strangers.

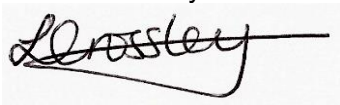
### Science

#### Science opportunities – Year 6 at Paultons Park

As the children progress through our school, not only does their scientific knowledge increase but they have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of practical science based activities to embed this learning. This week, Year 6 really enjoyed their day at Paultons Park with a hands-on 'forces' workshop where they learnt some fascinating facts. Did you know that the park staff check the weather every day before the park opens and depending on the weather change the tyres on lots of the rides to help with friction? The children then experienced forces in action when they went around the park. A fantastic and memorable day was had by all!

Mrs Beers, Science Leader

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Crossley  
Headteacher

### Dates for the Diary:

#### October

7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Open Evening at Ringwood Secondary School 4-7pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 trip to Tutankhamun museum  
18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations (3.30pm -7pm/6pm)  
21<sup>st</sup> **Y2 Class assembly @ 9.15am. A maximum of 2 parents/carers per child from Y2 are invited to attend.** Pedestrian Gate will open @ 9am.  
25<sup>th</sup> Half term Week

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Back to school  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 & 5 – Leeson House Residential





## What Parents Need to Know about

# POKÉMON GO

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Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures; physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult, near a construction site or a main road, for example.

### STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a boss battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

### DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

### VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

### ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

### DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

### USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

### AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans – parents or carers – to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

### Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two the biggest gaming news sites in the world: IGN UK Gaming and IGN Mobile. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games are both work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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