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## NEWSLETTER Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents,

We've had a busy return to school and the rest of the term is shaping up to be the same. Read on for all the latest news.

### BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS BIRCH CLASS

Our EYFS adventurers were out last week at Stover Park. Our ranger took us pond dipping and minibeast hunting and we learnt lots about animals and insects that live in the woodland. After a much needed picnic lunch, we set off for some more exploring, duck feeding, tree climbing and flower headband making. The children behaved impeccably, as always, and were a real credit to our school.



**Years 1 and 2** have been marvellous at maths! Year 1 made gorgeous posters to help them in counting in 5's. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been looking at block diagrams. They collected their own data and created these great posters to represent their data.

### SYCAMORE CLASS

We are learning how to code in Year 3 and 4 in our programming computer unit. This sounds like fun and games and it is! Next week, we will be learning how to code our "sprite" (animated character) to navigate a maze. Take a look at our bats and magical eagles, they can move to our command. Super job Sycamore class!





# SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	<b>We are migrating to an alternative school data system and as such are unable to record attendance this week.</b>
Birch Class	
Sycamore Class	
Oak Class	

This free guide explores the immensely successful game, Palworld, detailing the risks it may pose to younger players and offering advice on how to let them enjoy this title safely. Please use the link below to read this guide in full.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/palworld>

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD**

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
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**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft's fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

**MATURE CONTENT**  
While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild curse word. There are also 'minor' references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be a bit disturbing to younger players.

**ONLINE PLAY**  
Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a single server world, and these players may have necessary to be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers, however, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (and it costs money to keep active).

**DIFFICULTY**  
Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game to play, selecting bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill - or working together with a friend - to be successful, which could be off-putting or even overwhelming to those who aren't used to something more like Minecraft or Roblox.

**ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS**

**WATCH GAMEPLAY**  
Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of getting information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing the game off for the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

**LEND A HAND**  
By learning the basics of the game - Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base - you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

**SET CONTENT LIMITS**  
As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person just followed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow them to install Palworld.

**PLAY TOGETHER**  
By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature - until players find and unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

**PLACE BOUNDARIES**  
Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's in-game options, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to look in the risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site G0tmi1k, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tolkien title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17.6.24	Y2, Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Speak out and Stay safe workshops.
18.6.24	Sports day with Mr Tanner at Headlands – 1:15 start
22.6.24	Village Summer Fete
25.6.24	Sycamore Class Decoy adventure day
27.6.24	Oak class adventure day – slide, ride and drop!
1-2.7.24	Y3/4 Forest & Beach camping trip
8.7.24	Birch class Wembury beach trip
17.7.24	KS2 End of term production 2pm, Village Hall
23.7.24	Leavers service @ St. Peter And St. Paul's 2.30pm

That's all the news for now. Have a great weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*