

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 24th September 2021



From the Headteacher

Years 1 to 6 have started to use the new Marvellous Me app. If you still need to sign up and have lost your letter with the code, please ask the school office for help. Year 6 have spent the week at Skern Lodge. Photos have been shared on google for parents. More will be uploaded soon.

Stuart Vaughan

From the PTFA

The 2021 Summer Fete raised a whopping £900! THANK YOU to everyone who organised, volunteered, baked, brought in tombola items, and spent their money! We will ditch the mini version for 2022 and bring back the bar and bbq. Watch this space!

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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

School Office Reminders

- Table Tennis, Sports, Mindful Colouring and Art Clubs are starting next week. A letter went out earlier in the week about this. There are still a few spaces in most clubs. Booking is available through the Schoolcomms system.
- Vanessa Tyrrell from the West Country School of Music, who gives lessons here on a Tuesday, has asked if we can let parents know that there are now spaces available for any KS2 children wishing to learn to play music in school. They can find more info on the website under School Life and book directly with WCSM.
- If your child walks home without an adult, please could you send a letter or email into the School Office giving your consent. This will help us in releasing children at the end of the school day.
- Could you make sure that your child has a pair of **wellington boots** in school so that they are able to make use of the school field during playtimes.
- <https://www.parentalminds.org.uk/> Cara Shepherd the parent support worker has shared this locally based website. It lists some local support services which offer support to parents and care givers.
- A reminder that Pokemon, football and any other collectible cards are still not allowed in school

PTFA AGM

Wednesday 13th October, 7:30pm at the school. Please join us for committee elections, reporting on last year, and planning for the year ahead. Everyone welcome! Nominations for committee roles are accepted in advance, please email terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com for more information.

The **new reading shed** has arrived and is ready for use outside the Year Two classroom. If your child/ren are reading books on the coloured book band scheme, then you can change their book with them before or after school.



Our new Reading Shed

Can you help us make playtimes even better?

Our aim is to make playtime the best fun a child can have and we want our Key Stage 2 children to have the opportunity to play and explore with a variety of things. We have put together a wish list for the top playground and field and we would be so grateful for any donations.

Our children would love:

- 2 wheeled scooters (for ages 7-11)
- Bike helmets (for ages 7-11)
- Dressing up stuff such as hats, bags, scarfs
- Plastic guttering
- Decking planks
- Pallets (in good condition please)
- Toy cars
- Metal pots, pans and cooking utensils such as ladles and whisks for our mud kitchens
- Flat bed sheets - perfect for den building!
- Clothes pegs
- Chalk



Please leave any large items by the bike shed and anything smaller at the school office.
Thank you for your continued support!

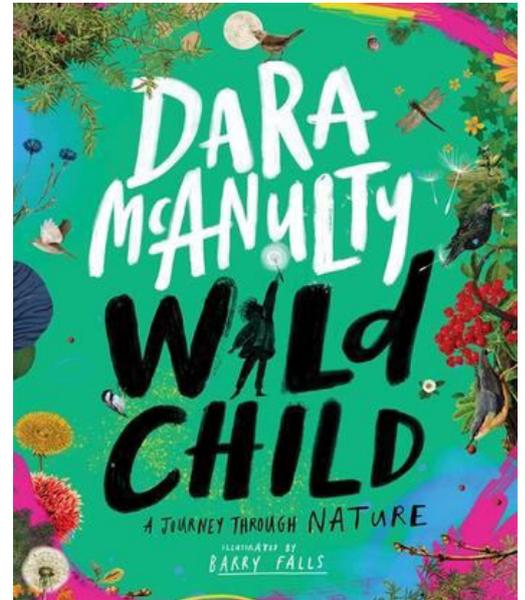
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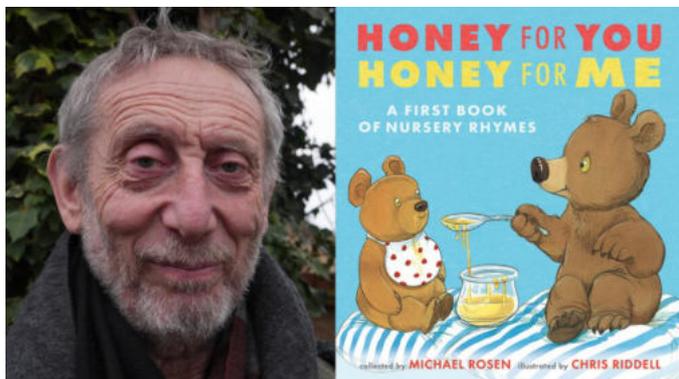
Next week, we have two very exciting live author events to enjoy.

On Thursday, for Y2-6, Dara McNulty will be introducing 'Wild Child', his beautiful family guide to nature and talk about how we can all make a difference to the world around us.

Dara McNulty is a naturalist, conservationist and activist from Northern Ireland. He's a truly inspirational seventeen year old who has received awards for his conservation work, and has appeared on CountryFile and BBC Springwatch. Dara is the youngest ever recipient of the RSPB medal for conservation. He won the Wainwright Prize for his first book Diary of a Young Naturalist.



Wild Child is divided into five sections: looking out of the window, venturing out into the garden, walking in the woods, investigating heathland and wandering on the river bank. Dara tells the reader about each habitat and provides fantastic facts about the native birds, animals and plants you can find there. Each section contains a discovery section covering natural phenomenon such as metamorphoses and migration, or categorization in the animal kingdom. The sections finish with activities to do at school or at home.



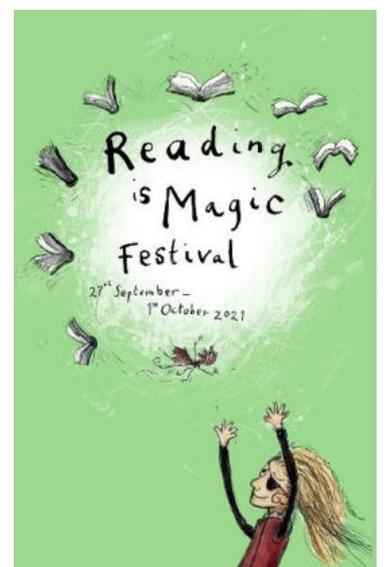
On Friday, Reception and Y1 will be watching 'Poetry That Brings Us Joy' with the wonderful Michael Rosen, as part of the Reading is Magic Festival.

Flying pigs, wobbling plates of jelly and a giant with a terrible fear of mice: welcome to the topsy turvy world of nursery

rhymes! Legendary children's author and poet Michael Rosen has a lifelong fascination with the riddling rhymes passed down through playground songs and bedtime stories. He'll share some of his favourites with us, some familiar and some mischievous surprises.

The Reading is Magic Festival has a number of fantastic events on that can be watched on demand until the end of the year.

<https://www.readingismagicfestival.com/>



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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment; the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you are redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

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Stars of the Week



Year R	Samuel	Eris
Year 1	Rafi	Jessica
Year 2	Isla	Jayden
Year 3	Noah	Edie
Year 4	Evie	Tilly
Year 5	Baiden	Oscar



Year 6 children are away at Skern
Lodge this week

