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Welcome to our November newsletter: November is gearing up to be a busy month with lots of safety campaigns and awareness events which are all aimed towards specific topics. We have highlighted some of these events along with useful links which we hope will offer support and advice. Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your judgement to share what you feel is relevant information for your family.

Anti-Bullying Week: Reach out to life

Anti-Bullying week returns on **Monday 14th to Friday 18th November 2022,** with the theme reach out to life. Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.

The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day (Monday 14th November)** supported by CBBC and Cbeebies star Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're **ALL** unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. Wear odd socks to school or work, or even just at home to highlight that it is **OK** to be different**. Please remember to check with your school and/or employer that this is acceptable.**

The Anti-Bullying Alliance work with children, families and schools to help keep children safe. For more information on other activities for Anti-Bullying week or if you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support, follow this link: anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week

For Parents and Carers
The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with **Kidscape** to develop a digital tool kit specifically for parents and carers. It is full of useful advice, support and guidance to help adults support children and young people who are being bullied. Please follow this link to download the toolkit: anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

Road Safety Week: Safe roads for all

Road safety week is brake.org.uk biggest annual road safety campaign and this year it will take place from **Monday 14th to Sunday 20th November 2022**. The theme of Road Safety Week **is Safe Roads For All.**

Road Safety Week gives us all the opportunity to remember people killed or injured on UK roads, and there will be lots of opportunities to help raise funds to help Brake's vital work.

Please follow this link for information on how you can take part in Road Safety Week Quick-guide-to-taking-part or to receive an activity pack action-pack

Every death and serious injury on the road is a preventable tragedy.

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Knife Crime Awareness Week: Joint Enterprise

OPERATION SCEPTRE

Operation Sceptre (#operationsceptre) is a National Campaign to target knife related crime by raising awareness amongst communities and to encourage *everyone* to understand the risks and how you can help to reduce these offences and keep people safe. During the Week of Action, which starts **w/c Monday 14th to Sunday 20th November 2022**, or over the coming weeks, your child may receive a presentation in school which highlights the risks and consequences and how they can keep themselves and others safe by reporting any concerns.
There will also be advice, updates and key messages posted via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. This year, Cambridgeshire Police will be aiming our focus to raise awareness on **Joint Enterprise.**

Joint Enterprise is a UK LAW that allows more than one person to be charged and convicted of a crime, irrespective of who committed it. What this means is that an individual will be considered as a guilty party of a crime that another person committed where there is sufficient evidence to prove that they were working together or that they had awareness that a crime was intended to occur.

An example of how Joint Enterprise Law works in relation to Knife Crime offences is as follows: if you had knowledge that someone was carrying a knife/ and or other weapon with the intention of committing a crime, but you did nothing to prevent it (such as inform the police/school staff/other authorities), then the court may find you just as guilty as the person committing the crime because of your association with it.
For more information on Joint Enterprise please follow this link from West Midlands Police: young-people/what-is-joint-enterprise/
More information on knife crime awareness can be found by following this link fearless.org/
If you know someone is carrying a knife you can report this anonymously by following this link: how-to-report-a-crime/

Nitrous Oxide Canisters: Parent and Carers awareness

The use of Nitrous Oxide (NOS) within children and young people is sadly on the increase and therefore we feel it important to share some facts relating to this substance to educate you and your family on the risks and consequences of inhaling it.



Nitrous Oxide is a colourless gas that is commonly found in pressurised metal cannisters and is usually inhaled using a balloon. It is often referred to as laughing gas, balloons, smart whips or NOS.



The risks include: Slowing of body and brain response, headaches and dizziness.

It is more dangerous inhaling directly from the canister as too much NOS can make you feel faint, lose consciousness or suffocate. It can cause spasm of the throat muscle and stop a person from breathing.

If you are concerned that someone may have inhaled these, please contact **111 for medical advice.**

If you are worried about your child's drugs use and need someone to talk to, please contact www.changegrowlive.org for free confidential advice.

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Remain safe this Bonfire night!



Bonfire night can be plenty of fun for all the family to enjoy, but unfortunately it does come with lots of potential hazards, so it is important that you do your best to keep your family safe during this time. The safest way to enjoy the fireworks is to attend an organised firework display instead of holding one at home, this will also help to support your local community.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are very busy this time of year and as such are encouraging everyone to enjoy fireworks responsibly. They are reminding people that fireworks are explosives and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework code. If fireworks are mishandled, they can cause injury to people and damage to property.

For further safety tips and guidance please follow bfa-firework-code-pdf-white/ where you can download a PDF version of the British Firework Association Code.

Whilst fireworks are a tradition for this time of year, please consider the impact the loud noises/flashes can have on animals. Please be courteous and advise any neighbours of your plans (note through the door) so they have time to get their pets inside and try and keep them safe and reassured. Please also remember that lighting bonfires in back gardens present significant risks to residents if they get out of hand.

Did you know?

- It is an offence for anyone under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in public places, and an offence for anyone, other than a firework professional, to possess professional display fireworks
- Police have the power to issue fixed penalty notices to those under the age of 18 caught with fireworks in a public place
- It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am. On November 5th displays can continue until midnight, and on certain occasions, such as New Year's Eve, Diwali, and Chinese New Year, fireworks can be set off until 1am

For the younger members of your family, please play the following animated video featuring two fire breathing dragons with useful advice and guidance to help educate children about firework safety. https://youtu.be/Dp2pKXF4yEw

We want you all to have lots of fun during Bonfire night, but please stay safe

We would love to hear your feedback & comments. You can contact the team via our email

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