



# LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL -

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A message from Mr D Brown.

Social media can be a great thing, but we all know it has its dark sides.

There is something making its way around social media and the internet more widely called the "Momo Challenge." (For more information please see [https://www.bbc.com/news/amp/uk-northern-ireland-47359623?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.bbc.com/news/amp/uk-northern-ireland-47359623?_twitter_impression=true)) We are aware that inside and outside of school, already some children have been talking about this and we have had cause to support some upset children who have been worried by coming across this game or hearing about it.

When I was growing up we had chain letters that made untrue threats stating what would happen if you didn't pass them on and the Momo Challenge is somewhat similar.

In school we do a lot of work around safety and internet safety and have taken the action of age appropriately talking to pupils about this partly linked to our Esafety, but also as a response to the new wave of Momo (we have been very mindful of pupils needs, age and what we say when we have done this of course!). We have made it very clear that this is not a topic to be discussed in school around other children to prevent any damage being done and if your child has any worries, to speak immediately to a trusted adult in school.

Please can I remind you that all Social Media has age restrictions and we know that some families allow their children to break these limits. As a school we advise against this, but if this is what you have decided, we really do implore you to monitor its usage. If you are not sure of the age limits, here is a useful link: <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/age-restrictions-social-media-apps-12609380>

We cannot police pupils' social media outside of school time, but we do spend time making sure they have the skills to exist in a digital age. As part of this we teach them the tools to navigate the internet safely, to make sensible decisions, be sceptical online, what to do if they are worried and to be thoughtful of others around them. I know you will absolutely want to join us in making sure that children know that this is simply another craze like the Killer Clowns not too long ago and many others before them, that they are safe and how they can make sure no-one in school is upset.

"Extra note from Mr Brown.

What a difference a day makes! We have had the BBC and the Guardian both declaring Momo to be a (cruel) hoax <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510> and [https://amp.theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/viral-momo-challenge-is-a-malicious-hoax-say-charities?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://amp.theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/viral-momo-challenge-is-a-malicious-hoax-say-charities?_twitter_impression=true) respectively.

However, many schools in our area have experienced an explosion in pupil online activity around this and from my perspective, whether a hoax or not, there are now children who believe it to be true, so it was right to act swiftly. I also see how this gave us a chance to have a decent look at the use of social media by our young people.

At the same time as all of this, the BBC also broke the story of social media grooming <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47410520>, which, coupled with Momo, highlights the worry of under age use of games and social platforms.

Here is an excellent piece of advice around Momo from the National Online Safety Website which offers advice and support <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

As I said earlier, Momo is a horrible trend that hopefully like many others will be a flash in the pan, but it has brought online safety both in and outside of school to the fore, so we could take this as a silver lining. I thank so many of you who took the time to congratulate the school on its swift action and the teachers for their sympathetic advice and support and in turn I thank the huge numbers of you who have taken time to chat at home about this too - this has been an excellent example of home school working together to prevent something which could have been really horrible - so thank you all for your support and have a great weekend.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### In school next week:

#### **Monday, 4th March**

- Year 3 WOW Day - children come to school dressed in colourful clothing

#### **Tuesday, 5th March**

- EYFS WOW Day - children come to school dressed in holiday clothes ready to travel the world
- Year 2 WOW Day - cultural dress up for children who will have a visit from Pearl Walker from the Kanamai Development Trust

#### **Wednesday, 6th March**

- 2.45 pm FOLG Easter Disco tickets on sale

#### **Thursday, 7th March**

- World Book Day - children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in a copy of the book, if they have one
- 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Book at Bedtime - children are welcome to come back into school to have a story in their classroom with hot chocolate (provided by the Friends of the school). Please let your class teacher know if you child will be attending.

#### **Friday, 8th March**

- 2.00 pm FOLG Second hand book sale

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Walk to School News

At Longwell Green we are part of the Walk to School programme. This means we track the pupils travel to school each day. At the end of each month they have the chance to earn a badge for that month. Many of the children have already achieved all the badges so far. So well done to those who are continuing to choose a healthier way to travel to school. Our criteria is that the children must walk to school at least twice a week for each week in the month. We had an assembly to launch the programme where Strider, the mascot of Walk to School, came to visit. On **Monday the 11th March** we will have a **Strider at the Gate Event**. So when the pupils arrive at the start of the school day they can meet Strider and let Strider know how they travelled to school that day or how they normally travel. Strider will also give out stickers to those who have walked, cycled, scooted or park and strode to school that day.

### **Design a Badge Competition - Ready to get Creative?**

The walk to school programme [annual badge design competition](#) gives pupils the chance to design the 11 WOW badges. Last year, they had over 120,000 entries making it one of the biggest design competitions for children in the UK. This year they want even more wonderful, creative designs to choose from!

The theme of this year's competition is Inventions that Changed the World; they want to take WOW pupils on a year-round journey through time and across the globe, celebrating some of the greatest inventions ever created with the badges for the 2019/20 academic year. they are looking for engaging, fun, colourful depictions of inventions that changed the world! Ideally the designs will show their chosen inventions in use – so pupils are encouraged to get creative and think outside the box! Diversity is key, so pupils should be encouraged to recognise the inventions of lesser-celebrated people, including people of colour and women inventors.

#### **Prizes**

The 11 winning designs will be turned into more than 400,000 badges, made from recycled yoghurt-pot material, and will feature across the 2019/20 WOW challenge. As a project funded school our prizes will be:

- One WOW trophy, one WOW school gate banner
- 30 Strider badges
- Certificate for the winning pupil
- £10 book token for the winning pupil
- Winning WOW badge for the winning pupil
- Gate event or assembly to be confirmed by your Living Streets contact

Design a Badge Competition Must return entries to school by **11th March maybe show Strider at the gate your entry!**

Entry forms are available to collect from the school office and will be available at [www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk), Children in School, Healthy Schools.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 1 WOW Day

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February, year 1 had their WOW day. We explored the United Kingdom and came dressed up as tourists to celebrate. The children created the four countries' national flowers using a range of collage materials, they made their own flags for the four countries, baked Welsh cakes and even made some of the United Kingdom's famous landmarks from spaghetti and marshmallows! We had a great day all-round, and the children are excited to start the new topic- 'Exploring the United Kingdom'



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day

On **Friday, 15th March**, we will be taking part in Comic Relief Red Nose Day. The School Council are keen to support this worthy cause and are asking children to wear red or coloured clothes and bring in a silver coin for the event.

We are also holding a cake sale after school; if everyone could bring in either a home made or shop bought cake on the Friday morning for us to sell at the end of the day it would be much appreciated.

The School Council are also holding a "Design a new Red Nose" competition. Please could any designs be sent into school via the class teacher with the name and class of the child on the back. There will be a small price for the best designs.

Thank you for your support  
School Council

### Sportshall Athletics Challenge

Three of our year six children (Joseph, Lydia and Summer) recently joined up with other children from South Gloucestershire to take part in the Representative Games Team Sportshall Athletics Challenge. The organisers of the challenge commented that our children were enthusiastic, talented and polite, they represented our school incredibly well and that every athlete should be very proud of their individual and collective achievements.

In a keenly contested competition North Somerset just beat South Gloucestershire for the win.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 5 and 6 Table Tennis

On Thursday, Ebony, Adam and Sam took part in a Table Tennis tournament held at Hanham Woods Academy. With the competition looking fierce from the warm up, we knew we had to be on top form to contend! But, with Adam's silky serves, Sam's relentless returns and Ebony's remarkable rebounds, we were a match for any team!

We certainly held our own with each player challenging for every rally point, producing some great shots and achieving some last minute wins. At the time of writing this the results are to be confirmed and we will hopefully find out shortly! But whatever the result, the children showed great sportsmanship and joy at the event and couldn't have represented the school any better.

Well done!  
Mr Pritchard



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Friends of Longwell Green Second Hand Book Sale



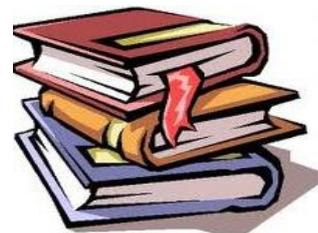
**Our next book sale is being held on Friday 8th March 2019, where we will be selling good quality second-hand books, games, puzzles and DVDs for both adults and children.**

**If you would like to sell any unwanted or outgrown books, puzzles, games or DVD's at our sale please email us to request a sellers pack:**

**[qualitynearlynewsale@live.co.uk](mailto:qualitynearlynewsale@live.co.uk)**

Books to get rid of but don't want to label them? We are happy to receive donations on the day to sell at 50p a book, all proceeds will go to FOLGS. Deliver to school at 1.30 on the day of the sale. Any not sold will be donated to charity as we do not have storage space.

**As well as lots of sellers we also need lots of lovely cakes to sell. Please consider making or buying cakes to donate. All cake donations can be brought to the office on Friday 8th March.**



### Active Mojo

Mojo Active will be hosting a Muddy Madness race on Saturday, 30th March. For every ticket sold, they will give back £1 to a nominated school.

Venue: Mojo Active, Over Court Farm, Over Lane, Almondsbury, BS32 4DF.

For more information please call 01454 660075, e-mail: [info@mojoactive.co.uk](mailto:info@mojoactive.co.uk) or visit [www.mojoactive.co.uk](http://www.mojoactive.co.uk)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Longwell Green Sports Junior Football Club**

Longwell Green Sports JFC were delighted to be selected as one of just a few clubs nationally as an FA Hub Club. This elite status great recognition for all who have put time into the club over many years.



Whilst enquiries are welcome any age boys and girls from age 2 – 18 they are specifically looking at growing:

- Our girls set up via specific schemes from age 5-11
- Our disability group which has been running for several years now
- Our youngest ages pre school/starting school this year/current reception

Interested in coming along please email [goaliegriff@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:goaliegriff@tiscali.co.uk) for further details on these groups or any Longwell Green Juniors group

Paul Griffin  
General Manager  
Longwell Green Sports JFC

Further info on our web site [www.longwellgreensportsjfc.co.uk](http://www.longwellgreensportsjfc.co.uk)  
'like' our facebook page Longwell Green Juniors FC boys and girls  
Follow us @longwelljuniors

### **Support for Lifeskills**

Every year our year 6 children, along with lots of other schools in Bristol, visit the Lifeskills Centre. Lifeskills has been nominated for an Airbus Community Award to help support them financially and are asking parents, friends and family if they are able to collect the tokens, which are being printed in the Bristol Post between now and 18th March.

### **Complimentary Tickets for Tropiquaria Zoo**

We have been given some complimentary tickets for the Tropiquaria Zoo in Watchet, Somerset, which are valid until January 2020. If you would like one please call at the office, these will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Easter Holiday Football Fundays**

Signature Sports Coaching are holding Football Fundays during the Easter Holidays at Bitton AFC, Bath Road, Bitton. Please call at the office if you would like a leaflet.

Within our Community News pages we publicise events which may be of interest to the families within our school; however these should not be viewed as being recommended or promoted by Longwell Green School.