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1.	<p>Recipients: Whole School</p> <p>Action Required: Information</p> <p><u>Stars of the Week</u></p> <p>Well done to all our stars of the week this week. We have been so impressed by all the hard work and effort that has gone into achieving this award.</p>	<p>Date: 26-Mar-21</p>																
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We are excited to tell you about the online safety site we have recently signed up to. Please see below one of the many parent guides you can download on their website. This one features advice about AMONG US, a very popular online game with children. To sign up to access more of these resources, please click this link <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/george-grenville-academy>

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game 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 & carers need to know about ...

AMONG US

PEGI 7

Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

Inappropriate chat

While Among Us can be enjoyed locally via wi-fi, it is commonly played online. Between rounds, players come together to discuss who they think the Imposter is with a text chat, and it's here where children will come into contact with others. There is a profanity filter on the game as standard, but it can very easily be disabled and (like any unmoderated chat groups) children can be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

Risk of hacking

Among Us has been the target of hacking activity. Indeed, only recently the game's developer, InnerSloth, tweeted advice that users play private games or with people they trust, in response to hacking issues. As yet, there has been no breach in player accounts. However, if a big enough hack were to take place and player details were accessed, it could lead criminals to having access to credit card data and other personal credentials.

In-game purchases

Among Us is currently available on both PC (via the gaming service Steam) and mobile devices. On the PC, the game costs a flat amount of £3.99 and has some in-game purchases, whereas the mobile version is free to play but contains adverts and in-game purchases. You can pay to remove the ads or purchase in-game cosmetic items. While these amounts are relatively low, there's still the possibility that young ones could accidentally spend lots of money on the game without realising it, as the process is complete in a couple of taps if a card is connected to your store account.

Use of external apps

Many players use external apps like Discord to voice chat with each other while they're playing. The problem with this is that it is unregulated by the game. Usually on Discord, players will only talk to other people they know in private chats, but a stranger could add a child on an external app, pretending to be interested in playing Among Us with them, when in reality they could be attempting to bully, groom or extort.

Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoony but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters must kill off Crewmates one by one and can do this in a number of different ways. Some younger children might find this uncomfortable and could get scared or become upset when an Imposter is chasing them, or if they are the Imposter and are forced to kill. An age rating of PEGI 7 should help guide you in deciding if the game is appropriate or not.

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Safety tips

Play with your children

Playing with your kids is one of the best ways to understand the game, and what makes it so popular. Among Us is free on mobile and is incredibly easy to pick up and play. It's also a great way to bond with your young ones - unless of course you're the Imposter or vote them out of the spaceship! You can do this by picking 'Local' on the main menu then 'Create Game'.

Use private lobbies

Among Us uses private lobbies to let players keep track of who they're gaming with. Using a uniquely generated code that can be given to friends prior to a game starting, it gives parents peace of mind knowing who their kids are playing with. To get a game code, simply select 'Host', choose the game settings, press 'Confirm', then send the six-digit code at the bottom of the screen to friends to invite them.

Deactivate credit cards

Having your credit card automatically paired with any online accounts that can be accessed by children is asking for trouble. A solution could be setting them up with their own account with no credit card attached. They can still ask you when they want to make a purchase, but it's totally up to you as and when that transaction happens.

Use an alias

By default, your name on Among Us will be set to whatever name your device recognises you as. If this is your child's real name, you'll want to ensure they change it before hopping into a game. This is really easily done by clicking 'Online' on the main menu, then simply typing in a new name at the top of the screen.

Talk about the risks

It's a good idea to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when there are chat options and an ability to communicate with others. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child; talk about their experiences of the game and who they're playing with. This will help you to stay on top of how they're feeling and ensure they know they can come to you if ever they feel upset or uncomfortable about anything they've experienced.

Meet our expert

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Sources: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.innersloth.spacemafia>

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Reception



This week Reception read the story The Rainbow Fish and talked about what makes a good friend. Everyone decorated their own rainbow fish and wrote a word or sentence to describe a good friend. They also painted fish using water colours and even used CELERY to print the scales!



Year 1



This week year 1 have been learning about the first powered airplane invented by the Wright brothers. They created their own runway and re-enacted the first flight. They were thinking about how they may have felt at the time.

Year 2

Some Year 2 children have built some insect homes in their Forest School lessons.

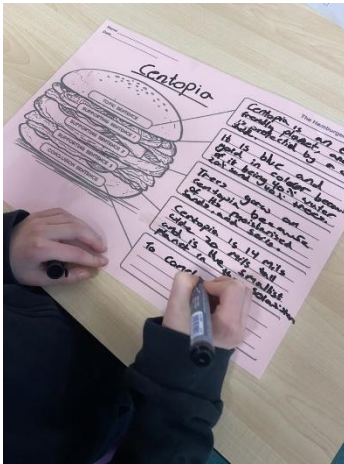


Year 3



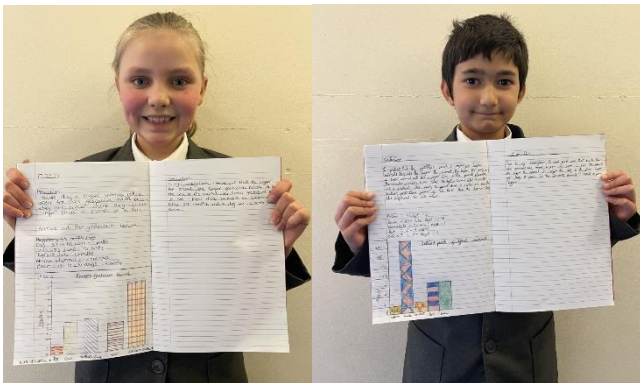
The children had a great time re-enacting the scene where Mrs Gloop is taken off to the Fudge Room to see if they can find Augustus after he's been sucked up by the pipe.

Year 4



Year 4 have been practising writing in paragraphs this week and are excited to use their improved skills next week when writing non-chronological reports about their own planets.

Year 5



Year 5 have been investigating the relationship between an animal's size and its gestation period. They then drew graphs to interpret their data and to draw conclusions.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been starting each lesson with a 'double-dice' fluency activity, including Times Tables and Fraction challenges!



4. **Recipients: Nursery Corner**
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We have been experimenting with growing cress seeds. We prepared three different growing conditions.

Some seeds had water but no light, some had light but no water and some seeds had both light and water. Our findings were very surprising, and interesting.



We made a mini-indoor greenhouse for our mung beans using an old glitter jar.



And planted broccoli seeds in a sieve with kitchen paper. They are starting to shoot upwards, and the roots can be seen growing downwards through the sieve.



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Red Nose Fun

Nursery have been using their cutting and sticking skills to give the nursery staff red noses. Mrs Killick and Ms Ryan got one too!

Well done nursery



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School Calendar

COMING UP.....

Thursday 1st April – Easter EGGstravaganza (Easter bonnet and egg competition)

Thursday 1st April – BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Monday 19th April – 1st day back after Easter

Please keep visiting the calendar page on our website to ensure you have all the most up to date information.

<https://www.georgegrenville.co.uk/school-calendar.html>

