

Newsletter for Primary Schools

May 2023 – Issue 10

Hello Friends,

Welcome to our May Newsletter 😊

Everything I share in this Newsletter is free, available to all schools and supports a policing purpose as well as being chosen for ease of use and relevance to the curriculum or wider safeguarding issues.

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Cannabis Edibles

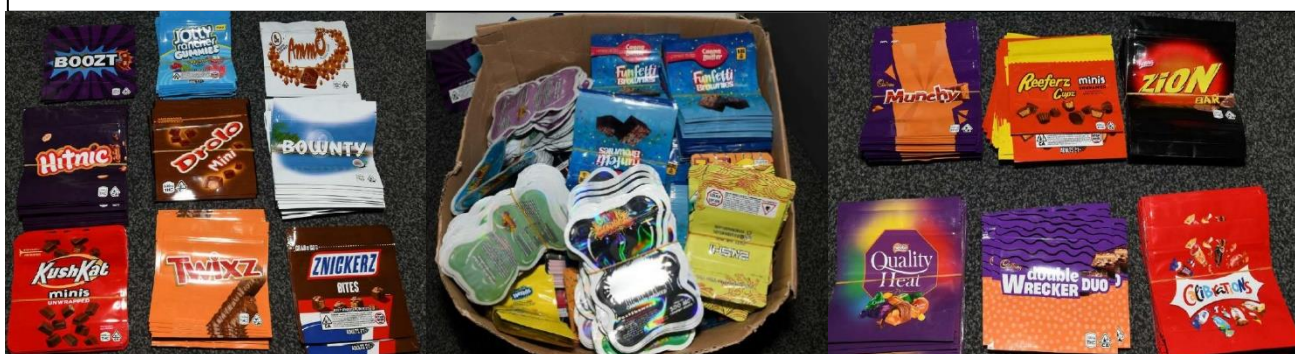
The below attached images illustrate the concerning packaging of cannabis-infused edible confectionary designed to appeal to young people with their resemblance to popular branded sweets and chocolates. These deceptive packaging tactics heighten the risk of accidental consumption by children, and the consumption of such drugs poses significant dangers to their health and well-being. A single sweet can contain as much THC as one cannabis 'joint (roll up/cigarette)', and a child is likely to consume a full packet of sweets. Medical advice may need to be sought depending on how much has been consumed. Even licking a sweet can make a child feel unwell.

The below packages were seized on **6th March 2023** by officers from West Yorkshire.

The wrappers will have the letters THC and/or a cannabis leaf icon on the packaging.



If you identify children with these 'sweets', in addition to following your own safeguarding procedures, please feed this information into our West Yorkshire Police Intelligence Hub via the Partnership Intelligence Portal (PIP). If you'd school isn't yet signed up to PIP click here to register; [Partnership Intelligence Portal - Account Request Form | West Yorkshire Police](#)





Every day

6 children

are killed or seriously hurt on roads in Britain

Brake Kids Walk - Wednesday 14 June 2023

'Brake kids walk' is a great way to promote road safety messages. [Sign up now](#) for your FREE action pack, including lesson plans, assemblies, activities and posters featuring Shaun the Sheep.

[Brake's Kids Walk](#) | [Brake](#)

In West Yorkshire, partners are working together to bring road deaths to ZERO by 2040. Can you do your bit to help by promoting Road Safety messages on June 14th ?

This content may be sensitive for some children. Be aware they, or someone close to them, could have been involved in a road accident or they could have witnessed an accident.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

(2nd May 2023)

For awareness, a video has been trending and is now viral on social media (Twitter, YouTube and TikTok etc). It features **extreme cruelty** towards a domestic pet and has left viewers incredibly traumatised.

Very young children are watching this video and will be deeply upset as a result.

While being observant NOT to promote it, be aware children may have suffered from viewing it and this could affect their emotions and behaviour in school.

For vigilance, some children may replicate acts of cruelty perhaps on easier to target insects or small animals. If this is addressed early it is less likely to develop into an action which breaks the law in future.

Weapons

In response to some schools reporting issues of children carrying imitation weapons in and around school, a new 'Weapons' input has been created for Years 5/6.

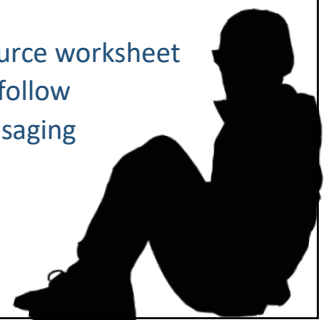
This educates on the consequences of carrying a 'toy' gun that looks like a real gun such as a water pistol (social media prank trend), safe and lawful use of air (BB – ball bearing) guns and the risks, law and consequences of carrying a knife.

If you would like to request this input, please contact your PCSO.

The PCSO input includes a resource worksheet to enable teachers to deliver a follow up session to reinforce the messaging after the police input.

Didn't get your worksheet?

Email Sarah Whitehead
(Contact details below)





PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) are part of Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

They are highly visible and accessible in their communities. All their public facing duties are carried out in full uniform. They engage with local people and partners to identify and tackle issues that matter most to them. They problem solve, take part in preventative work and identify and safeguard the most vulnerable people in communities. They also work with young people in schools.

Did you know that in West Yorkshire we have an allocated PCSO for every single primary school?

If you don't know who your PCSO is email Sarah Whitehead, Education Liaison Officer sarah.whitehead@westyorkshire.police.uk;

Our PCSO's are engaging with primary schools all over West Yorkshire...

PCSO's Bailey & Riley visited Simpson's Lane Academy school in Knottingley, Wakefield to give a talk to their x48 reception children!

The officers did a slideshow presentation on all the different aspects of the police and what they do and showed them the different types of police equipment that are used.

This included a police riot training demonstration before then allowing each child to have a go themselves.

The youngsters were then given the opportunity to have a look at the police car and operate the blue lights and sirens.

.During this time dinner lady Mrs. Simpson ended up finding herself in the wrong place at the wrong time, as she ended up in handcuffs!

Pictured here we have some of the highlights of their visit!



PCSO Hurley visited Ninelands and Strawberry Fields primary schools in Garforth, Leeds where children got to sit in the Police van turning the sirens and lights on, along with dressing up in mini police uniforms.

PCSO Hurley said, "It's always great visiting the schools and children to educate them that we are here to help. I hear lots of fantastic stories from the children and I think we definitely have some future cops amongst them!"