A perfect day for pirates at Loose Valley Care Home

Are these the residents of Loose Valley Care Home?! They look more like a band of swashbuckling pirates to us!

Here at **Loose Valley** we hosted our **Pirate Day** on Thursday 15 April. Each of our residents was given an invite for the event and we enjoyed a week of pirate-themed activities in the lead up to the big day.

When the day arrived our residents were recruited to 'climb aboard' ship – **the Insane Mermaid** – with Cutthroat Paula and her sidekick Barnacle (Ella)!

> *Everyone enjoyed a morning of having their pirate portraits taken in various selfie spots including;*
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> *A desert island with cursed treasure*
> *A poor unfortunate soul who took his secrets to his grave*
> *Our main attraction – a 6 ft ship, the mighty beauty, the Insane Mermaid*

After a glorious lunch, we all headed to our lounge where everyone enjoyed a **virtual pantomime**, based on the classic novel *Treasure Island*.

We all enjoyed engaging with the story and shouting "*He's behind you!*" at the screen (it was mostly Ella at this point, she got very involved!) and our residents enjoyed a **tipple of rum and coke** and some wonderful **rum cupcakes**, created by our talented kitchen staff and Chef.

We also tucked into some **pirate-themed snacks** which included cannonballs (cheese footballs) and dead man's fingers (chocolate finger biscuits!).

The day was a huge success and enjoyed with a bellowing "ARRRRRGGGGH!"