



NEWSLETTER

17TH OCTOBER -2022



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is down this week due to various illnesses.

Adams are still doing really well with an impressive 78% attendance.

Curie are up this week.

Anderson are holding on to the top spot.

We are aware there is a bug circulating at the minute causing vomiting and diarrhoea. If your child catches this and vomits or has diarrhoea they are not at school. Your child must be 48hrs clear of their last bout of causing vomiting and diarrhoea before they can return to school



Year groups
attendance
percentage.

Year 5 - 40%
Year 6 - 97%
Year 7 - 74%
Year 8 - 64%
Year 9 - 75%
Year 10 - 78%
Year 11 - 58%

Form groups
attendance
percentage.

Anderson - 87%
Watson - 82%
Park - 80%
Turing - 80%
Adams - 78%
Daley - 78%
Curie - 76%

If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am.

Please either call the school and leave a message or use the ParentApp to notify staff of absents and reason.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S



Congratulations to our Top Ten pupils this week.

Lower School

Ethan (Daley)
Lj (Daley)
Lacey (Daley)
Finley (Parks)
Sebastian (Parks)
Paige (Parks)
Joshua (Daley)
Freddy (Watson)
Kieran (Watson)
Alissa-Jade (Daley)

Upper School

Samuel (Hamilton)
Leon (Storey)
Joe (Newton)
Riley (Newton)
Liam (Newton)
Jack (Anderson)
Drew (Anderson)
Dylan (Storey)
Shaye (Anderson)
Tommy (Hamilton)



Each week form teachers choose a star of the week for their class.

These are pupils who have excelled with work, been kind to others, followed the school rules & gone above & beyond.

Here are this weeks Stars

Caiden - Curie
Dylan - Storey
LJ - Daley
Ellie - Turing
Abby - Watson

Drew - Anderson
Kenzie - Castner
Liam - Newton
Sam - Hamilton
David - Adams

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see the lunch menu for the next week, W/C 17th October 2022.

If your child would like a hot dinner please let your classroom staff know in advance.

Dinners are charged at £2.45 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals

Lunches are to be paid for in cash, this can be either passed to your Teacher, TA, or the school office.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1					
CHOICE 1	 <p>Beef Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans</p>	 <p>Cheesy Bean Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables</p>	 <p>Roast of the Day served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy</p>	 <p>Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables</p>	 <p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans</p>
CHOICE 2	 <p>Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Pasta Dish of the Day Served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad</p>
DESSERT	 <p>Apple Muffin</p>	 <p>Jam & Custard Biscuit</p>	 <p>Iced Sponge Cake</p>	 <p>Frozen Fruit Yoghurt</p>	 <p>Snicker Doodle Biscuit</p>

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Fruit Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter & Chilled Water. For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team. All the above dishes are subject to availability.



IMPORTANT

If your child has allergies please notify the school office.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

Frozen In Time!

Brought to you by



British
Antarctic Survey

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

On Thursday 20th October we will be joining Scientist, Liz Thomas, from the -20C freezers at British Antarctic Survey HQ as she showcases ice core research, climate data and the wider importance of ice through an exciting live lesson!

Engaging young people in science is important to British Antarctic Survey. Our award-winning educational resources for teachers and students are curriculum-relevant and developed in partnership with the Royal Geographical Society and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Polar Regions Department. Our scientists and support staff visit schools within a 50-mile radius of Cambridge, and get involved in online schools talks about polar science and living and working in the world's last great wilderness.

If you would like to know more about this exciting Live Stream please see the link below
<https://livestream.co.uk/freezer/>

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & SCHOOL EVENTS

Dates
for your



- Friday 21st October - School closes for half term.
- Monday 31st October - Back to School.

- 17th October - World Food Day
- 20th October - Frozen in Time - British Antarctic Survey
- 9th November - Parents Evening
- 4th -18th November - Anti Bullying Week
- 14th - 18th November - Road Safety Week



THE BIG BIKING CHALLENGE

19TH - 25TH SEP 2022

Ride in support of our youth health and wellbeing campaigning



SIGN UP NOW

In just two weeks time we'll be dragging our bikes out of the shed, or finally putting away that big pile of clothes that's been lying on the exercise bike for months.. (just us?)

Will you be joining us?

It's not too late to get moving and help fundraise in support of young people!

By taking part in the event and fundraising for British Youth Council in the Big Biking Challenge, you'll be supporting the campaigning that ensures the voices of thousands of young people across the UK are heard on issues like mental health, and that the government takes this seriously.

For those who take part and raise over £75, you'll receive a specially designed medal as a thank you.

Enter your details below and we'll be in touch with more info and a fundraising pack for you to make the most of the challenge!

<https://mailchi.mp/byc/bigbikechallenge>



ECO SCHOOL NEWS

Plastic reduction within our school



Last year as part of our Eco school Programme we eliminated single-use plastic bottles from our school meals. In one week our school would normally consumes 270 plastic bottles of water.

Over a term, this would be approx 2000 bottles.

Over a year this is a staggering 10,530 bottles..

We would like your help in reducing this further. We would like to be Free from Single-use plastic school. You can help with this by giving your child a reusable bottle for school instead of single-use bottles of water or juice.

We hope you will support us with this request

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not allowed within the classroom settings for safeguarding reasons

Inline with our school policy, mobile phones are banned from school. Pupils are encouraged to hand phones in to staff, who will store them safely and return them at the end of the day. If your child/ward refuses to hand thier phone in to staff, parents / carers will be called and asked to collect the phone. This is to protect all of our pupils under our safeguarding policy.



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We have issued a letter via our Parent App to all parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night.

The message is simple & clear

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

Please see the below Flyers issued regarding Safety on Bonfire Night.

Bonfire Night is fast approaching with just over three weeks left until November 5.

In previous years, there have been fireworks displays held in Wirral parks including Birkenhead Park and Central Park, Wallasey, along with parks in Leasowe, Woodchurch, Bebington and Moreton. People have been waiting to hear what plans are in place for Guy Fawkes night this year.

Earlier this week, Liverpool Council confirmed there will not be an organised fireworks display held on the River Mersey, or elsewhere in Liverpool.

Now, we've been told there will not be any council organised fireworks displays in parks in Wirral either. A spokesperson for Wirral Council has confirmed there will be no council-run fireworks displays in parks this year.

A promotional banner for National Online Safety's #WakeUpWednesday campaign. The banner has a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of colorful, abstract shapes. At the top, the text 'Join the conversation' is in white, followed by '#WakeUpWednesday' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, there are four social media icons: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Each icon is accompanied by its respective handle: Facebook (/nationalonlinesafety), Twitter (@natonlinesafety), Instagram (@nationalonlinesafety), and LinkedIn (/company/nationalonlinesafety). At the bottom, the text 'Register for your free account to access our guides at:' is in white, followed by 'nationalonlinesafety.com' in large, bold, yellow letters. On the left and right sides of the banner, there are images of various safety guides, including one titled 'How to clean DEVICES' and another titled 'ONLINE GROOMING'.

What Parents Need to Know about FIFA 23

You don't have to be football crazy or an avid gamer to have heard of the all-conquering FIFA franchise. What you might not know is that this latest edition will be the last release to bear that name, thanks to a parting of the ways between football's governing body FIFA (that's Federation Internationale de Football Association, acronym fans) and developers EA Sports.

There's no disputing that the game's been an immense success - but what's less impressive is its tendency to look defensively shaky against some online threats. Young players aiming to recreate their football heroes' exploits can be at risk from abusive opponents, expensive in-game purchases and the "just one more game" mentality. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide tackles FIFA 23.

A frequent complaint from FIFA aficionados is that the marquee 'Ultimate Team' mode doesn't take place on - if you'll excuse the pun - a level playing field. Gaming skill, of course, remains an integral factor - but the odds are increasingly stacked in favour of 'pay-to-win' users, who are prepared to spend real-world money on better in-game players for their team.

That's a bigbear in gaming terms - but in an online safety context, it's a significant risk. This reliance on in-game purchases can compel young FIFA fans to spend serious money on improving their squad or put them at the mercy of internet scammers. We've got tactical tips for helping little superstars to play FIFA more safely in our guide.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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essential SAFETY TIPS for Bonfire Night



Don't build a bonfire too high

Always ensure your fire is built in an open space and not too close to houses, hedges, fences or sheds



Never light a bonfire with petrol

Or any flammable liquid, instead use domestic fire lighters and never throw aerosol cans or tyres onto a fire



Keep a bucket of water nearby

Ensure you have a hosepipe or bucket of water on hand in case of an emergency



Only buy fireworks with the BS7114 kitemark

Be sure to store them in a cool, dry box



Never go near a firework that has been lit

Even if the firework hasn't gone off, it can still explode



When a sparkler goes out, do not touch it

It could still burn you so be sure to place it in a bucket of cold water



Never give sparklers to a child under 5

And teach children to hold them at arm's length

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE



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FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE

DOs



- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts



- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



WHEELIE BIN? TAKE IT IN!

STOP YOUR BINS BEING SET ON FIRE

DID YOU KNOW? Wheelie bins can become easy targets over the bonfire period. Keep your bins safe, secure and, if possible, away from windows, doors and fences.

Only put your bin out on collection day and bring it back in IMMEDIATELY.

DON'T LET THE FUN BACKFIRE THIS HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE

You can help to reduce the number of incidents by NEVER giving combustible materials to anyone, especially young people. Make sure your wheelie bin is not accessible to others & ensure any flammable material is kept out of sight.

Remember, Halloween costumes can easily catch fire from naked flames such as candles, fires, lighters & matches. Keep children wearing costumes away from naked flames & other heat sources.

Check your local authority's website for organised firework displays in your area.



BONFIRES

are only allowed on private land with the owner's permission and **MUST** be supervised by an adult at **ALL TIMES**.



TOP TIP

Keep water handy and ensure the fire is completely out before leaving.



REMEMBER: If a fire engine is called out to a deliberate bonfire, wheelie bin fire or rubbish fire, this may delay our response to other incidents.

IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DIAL 999.

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