



A message from our Headteachers

Last half term, we shared with you our new school vision – ‘Limitless Opportunity, Endless Potential’.



Over the course of the last term, we have been ensuring that children across school have been given new and different opportunities to support, develop and enhance their learning experiences. The children have experienced:

- Falconry UK visit EYFS and Y2
- Y5 attended a virtual assembly with Reuss Rangers about Firework safety and Bonfire Night and have had weekly session with the Great Project
- STEM days for Y1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
- Enrichment visits to the cinema as a part of the IntoFilm Festival
- Black History Month Art Showcase
- Visitors in school for assemblies including National Numeracy, Rev. Nikki and Mrs Hoffman for singing assembly
- Y2 had a visit from Sainsbury's to learn how to bake bread
- Children in Y5 and Y6 have been working with the NSPCC to learn more about online safety

- Y1 have had a weather and seasons day, and Y2 visited Nottingham City Centre as a part of their learning in Geography and History.

We've also celebrated many theme days including Hello Yellow day for mental health and wellbeing, Children in Need and Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of anti-bullying.

Linking to our whole school vision, we have defined what the aims of our curriculum are for every child. These are:



Inclusivity and diversity



Ambition and aspiration



Our community: The Wider World



Every voice counts



Leaders of learning

We will share more information with you about how our curriculum facilitates these aims next week.

Thank you,

Mrs Salam and Mr Middleton.

Achievements this week!

Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

Y1: Sebastian for his outstanding attitude to his learning – he reads every day at home too! Shanay for always sharing fantastic ideas on the carpet and being a great talk partner.

Y2: Alfie for always trying his best, particularly in Writing & Lexy for resourcefulness – always linking her learning across the curriculum.

Y3: Freddie for super reading and always trying his best & Mia for amazing Maths work and being determined.

Y4: Max for being his best self in all areas & Eli for improved efforts.

Y5: Freya for consistently showing her best self & Joel for consistent active participation in learning.

Y6: Harvey for consistently showing our school learning values & Chizaram for always working her very hardest and focussing well in all subjects.

F1: Ezmai for choosing activities independently & Lowan for excellent Maths.

F2: Cohen for amazing Phonics application & Kimberley for always trying her best.

Attendance

Our attendance target this year for each child to reach is 96%. It is important your child is coming to school every day to reach this target.

Here is this week's attendance:

F2: 88.5%

Y1: 89.2%

Y2: 96.1%

Y3: 96.8%

Y4: 92.5%

Y5: 88.6%

Y6: 92.0%



Well done to Year 3 who have the highest attendance this week and are the winners of our attendance cup.

The year group with the best attendance at the end of each half term will receive a whole class reward!



Key dates

Date	Event
30.11.22	Christmas Movie evening ran by PTA
1.12.22	Safety Seymour CO2 workshops for Year 2 and Year 3
2.12.22	Christmas Light Switch On at Oakwood School
5.12.22	Y4 trip to University of Nottingham for Sports and Nutrition day
9.12.22	Christmas Jumper Swap Christmas Fayre
13.12.22	Christmas Pantomime (pm)
14.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day in school and Christmas Lunch
14.12.22	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance at 6pm
15.12.22	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance at 2pm
19.12.22 9-10.30 am	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Crafts morning for parents in school
19.12.22 2-3.15pm	KS2 Christmas Craft afternoon for parents in school
20.12.22	Whole School visit to Church with parents invited KS2 Carol Concert to be performed at the church
20.12.22	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties in classes
21.12.22	EYFS Christmas Party
21.12.22	School will close at 2pm

Christmas jumper swap

The PTA are running a Christmas Jumper donation/swap shop to support all children in being able to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on 9th December. If you have any old or unwanted Christmas jumpers still in good condition, please bring them in to the office. Thank you.

Children in Need

We raised £97.80 for Children in Need last Friday! Thank you to all parents, carers and families who contributed to this very important charity!



In school this week

On Monday, we celebrated the first England game in school by wearing our football shirts and watching the football in our classrooms! It was brilliant to celebrate 6 goals together with our class mates and there was a real buzz across the school. We also had a whole class assembly where we discussed difference in British Values to values that are held in Qatar as an Islamic country.



On Thursday, Year 1- Year 6 had an assembly from Capital One and National Numeracy. They led an assembly all about their experiences of learning maths and how maths is applied in the jobs they do. It was very interesting to hear about the wider life applications of maths and how important the subject is in every-day life.



Sumdog Competition



Over the next week, the children will be taking part in a competition over Sumdog. Sumdog is a great app for supporting children's maths learning at home. This is a LEAD Academy Trust competition and all schools within the trust will be partaking. The competition starts at 8am on Friday 25th November and will finish at 8pm on Thursday 1st December. A power point explaining the competition in more detail has been posted on Class Dojo. All children have their log-ins for Sumdog. It would be great for Warren Academy to place highly in this competition and show off all our fantastic maths skills.

Also this week in school

Eco Club

Eco club would like to thank Casey for bringing in lots of plastic bottles and recycling yesterday for us to use. Can we ask other children/parents to bring in plastic bottles please?



Year 5 Cinema Trip

Year 5 have enjoyed their trip to Cineworld to see a screening of 'Minions' as part of the IntoFilm Festival. They represented the school brilliantly and Miss Broadberry was very proud of the whole class.

Local resident's afternoon tea

We are working with the Warren Action Group to host a Christmas afternoon tea for elderly residents in the local community on Friday 2nd December. As a part of this, WAG want to hold a raffle for the residents and are looking for unwanted and new items that anyone may be able to donate to school. These items will then be used in the raffle.

New and unused items such as toiletries, chocolates, books, candles, Christmas goods or anything you think would be a good raffle prize will be appreciated. If you have anything you think may be able to give, please bring it to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Christmas light switch on

Pupils from across school are going to be singing at the Christmas Light switch on at Oakwood School on Friday 2nd December. We will be singing at 3.45pm and the light switch on will be at 4.15pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there!

Use of WhatsApp/User Agreements



We have included some information for parents and carers on the newsletter below, about the safe use of WhatsApp. A number of issues are occurring in Key Stage 2 over the use of this app outside of school. Please read the information and ensure that your child is using their device at home safely and sensibly.

Children have also signed User Agreements this week, which can be found in their home school reading diaries. This is to ensure that children know and understand how to use any device in and out of school safely.

There is a section for parents to sign too – if you haven't done so already, please sign this as soon as you can to support your child in being safe online.



St Albans Community Kitchen
Delicious **hot food** Takeaway &

WarmHub

It's free!

Emmanuel Church Hall

Tuesday's 3pm - 6pm

It's free!

Takeaways still available or come in for a Warm, a chat, refreshments and a hot meal.



Grateful thanks to our local Parish Councillors, Gedling Borough Councillors,
The Jolly Gardener, Tesco Top Valley, Food Print & The National Lottery



Eat or Takeaway!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
13+ REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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This Christmas join The Renewal Trust and partners for some fun free festive holiday activities



National Ice Centre Camp - ages 7 to 13

Thursday 22 and 29 December

11am to 3pm

Friday 23 and 30 December

11am to 3pm

National Ice Centre, Bolero Square NG1 3AR

Lunch Provided - Bring a snack and a drink

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The Greenway Centre

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Epic Partners

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Go to asklion.co.uk for more Free Fun and Food opportunities across the city.



L.E.A.D. Academy Trust



Join Sumdog's L.E.A.D Academy Trust online maths contest

Friday 25th November -
Thursday 1st December

Enter the contest to:

- Encourage a sense of community across your trust
- Build children's confidence with personalised, curriculum-aligned maths practice
- Motivate all pupils with participation prizes and a special winner's trophy

