



# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023

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#### EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



**EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME**

## Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome back to another edition of our weekly Newsletter. There can be only one topic with which to open our newsletter this week - our fantastic Sports day afternoons which have taken place over the course of this week. Each afternoon and morning, Children have demonstrated **Excellence in Everything** with a healthy mix of participation and competitive spirit shown by each class. Sport is a fantastic platform to promote and encourage our values of **Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self Discipline**. Each day was extremely well attended by our amazing parents, carers and relatives. I'm sure you will all join me in a special word of thanks to **Miss Kelly** for organising such a fantastic week of activities for our children to participate in.



On Monday this week we held a parents meeting for children and parents who will be attending our Year 6 residential to Conover. This a fantastic opportunities for children to develop their independence and build lifelong memories of their time at Warren Farm.

This week we have received our Modeshift Star certificate of accreditation for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel by developing an approved travel plan. Each week in our celebration assembly we celebrate our achievements in the Living Streets travel tracker where we now hit the top 10 schools in Birmingham and Nationally on a weekly basis. Keep up those active journeys everyone.

Mr Taylor



WE ARE NOT A TEAM BECAUSE WE WORK TOGETHER. WE ARE A TEAM BECAUSE WE CARE, TRUST AND RESPECT EACH OTHER

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 3rd July	EYFS New child introduction meeting with HT and DHT
Mon 3rd July	Year 6 Drayton Manor Return to school at 5pm
Wed 5th July	Transition day Nursery to Year 5
Mon 10th July	96% Attendance Prize Inflatable day
Tue 11th July	Year 6 Production 2pm Parents to attend
Tue 18th July	Year 6 awards 09:00 Parents to attend
Tue 18th July	Year 6 Prom 4-6pm
Fri 21st July	Last day of term School closes 12:00

COURAGE

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

SELF DISCIPLINE



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## SPORTS DAY

Everyday this week we have hosted sports days for each phase where we welcomed parents, carers and the community to support the children. Everyone has participated in a series of activities promoting physical health and wellbeing as well as enjoyment. We started each event with a series of multi-skill activities to get the children warmed up and ready for the relay races. The children competed as their classes in a series of relay races: running, hurdles, ladder run, egg and spoon, ball and racket and sack race. Every child had the opportunity to demonstrate **Excellence in Everything** in their sporting afternoon. An extra special congratulations goes to our winning classes- **RAY, 2HM, 4DN** and **6BP**! It was amazing to see parents and adults getting into the spirit of things too and participating in the eagerly anticipated parent fun race. A huge thank you to everyone who took part.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to RLM this week for achieving 100% attendance.

To achieve 100% you must ensure that you are in school on time and ready to learn, **EVERYDAY**. This week's focus is punctuality being on time is a life skill and is virtue that if instilled at a young age can be carried with them forever. The school gates open at 8:40 and close at 8:50. Once the school gates have closed, children are required to enter via the school office. The register is taken at 9:00 and if they are not in the class at this time, this results in them getting a late mark. The learning in the classroom starts at 8:40 and the activity in the morning helps to set them up for the rest of the day. It is also a time for the adults to listen to readers, a child who is late is missing this learning and the interaction from the adults in the classroom. It can be also embarrassing for them to walk into the classroom once all the children have arrived. Please ensure that the children arrive at school for 8:40 ready to have an excellent day.

★	NAH	99%
★	RAY	96.3%
★	RLM	100%
	1CO	86%
	1/2KT	93%
	2HM	90.2%
	3CW	84.2%
★	3/4SK	97.3%
	4DN	93.9%
	5AG	88.5%
	5/6NW	86.1%
	6BP	95.9%

## YEAR 6 DRAYTON MANOR

On Monday 3rd July, Year 6 children will be visiting Drayton Manor as a final reward for all of their hard work over the years at Warren Farm.

**Departure time: 09:30am**

**Return to school: approximately 5:00pm**

If your child usually walks home, they will be given permission to walk as normal, unless stated otherwise. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch for the day: if your child is entitled to free school meals, a lunch will be provided.

## 7TH JULY TRAINING DAY

A reminder that school will be closed on:

**Friday 7th July 2023 for staff training**

This is not related to any NEU strike action and this information has previously been shared on newsletters, Dojo and through text message.





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### AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

**Maz Evans** the author of the bestselling *WHO LET THE GODS OUT?*, *VI SPY* and *SCARLETT FIFE* series, which have collectively sold over half a million copies to 22 countries worldwide. They have received over 30 award nominations, including the Carnegie Medal, Branford Boase, Books Are My Bag, Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year, Indie Children's Book of the Year and CrimeFest Best Children's Book. *Give them a read!*



### CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Amelia Crasmariu
RAY	Whole Class
RLM	Whole Class
1CO	Chinemeze Nikam-Enechukwu
1/2KT	Niko Constandache
2HM	Maleeha Lawal
3CW	Sara Mohamed
3/4SK	Jacob Tabb
4DN	Khadija Sanneh
5AG	M'Kai Grant
5/6NW	Aamilah Ishtiaq
6BP	Oliver Martin

### SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is online safety. Children have access to a plethora of information at their fingertips. They live in a world where knowing how to navigate the digital world is just as important as knowing how to be vigilant in public. Lots of work is done on online safety throughout the curriculum and the children are always reminded about the key messages around privacy and not sharing information. As parents please ensure that any devices that the children have access to at home have parental controls installed and that you are aware of what the children are accessing and who they are talking to. Simply ask them to use their devices in the same room as you so that you are present. For more information please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



### RECEPTION WONDERLAND TRIP

On Wednesday 28th June Reception visited Wonderland in Telford. They had a fantastic day exploring the woods and visiting the homes of many Fairy Tale characters. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' cottage was a firm favourite and we had some very brave children who were not afraid to meet the witch!

Lots of the children demonstrated our school value of courage by taking on the various rides and showing no fear! Their little faces were a picture! The children were impeccably behaved and were real ambassadors for our school, showing how even our youngest pupils display 'Excellence in Everything'. Staff were very proud of each and every child.





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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about**

**PETS**

**AMINO**

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

**MUSIC**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**MODERATION GAPS**

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

**UNSAFE CONTENT**

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, their mates and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

**INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES**

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being sent by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

**MEMBERSHIP COSTS**

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

**REPEATED USAGE**

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

**COMICS & COSPLAY**

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**TALK ABOUT IT**

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online, it might also be ideal to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

**STAY UPDATED**

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful use.

**MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION**

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

**MONITOR SCREEN TIME**

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

**Meet Our Expert**

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