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

## Message from Mr Taylor

This week I shared some exciting news on Class Dojo about future developments over the coming months at Warren Farm including our new EYFS Hub, school library and media suite. The coming years promise to be an exciting period of change and a valuable opportunity to move into a positive future for our children. Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to speak to me at the start and end of the day at the school gates and on the playground - your positive feedback is greatly appreciated. Together we have created a culture that nourishes our vision of **Excellence in Everything** which is a continual process of development and evolution on a daily basis. Our values of **Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self Discipline** are merely a starting point, but it's our actions in bringing these to life which will ultimately make the real difference to the culture and environment that we are building at Warren Farm.

Our rich and varied curriculum offer ensures that **Excellence in Everything** is evident and delivered beyond the classroom walls. This week Key stage 1 began the first of 3 visits to Warwick castle to support their learning in History and on Friday, children from Years 3 and 4 attended a dance festival at Elmhurst ballet school, demonstrating our continued commitment to the arts.

### Attendance

Following our Ofsted graded **GOOD** inspection in September 2023, we were given only 3 development points - one of which related directly to attendance. "Some pupils have low attendance and are persistently absent. This leads to gaps in their learning and lower achievement ." (Ofsted Sept 2023). Attendance matters - I can't put it any simpler than that! We currently have 335 children on roll at Warren Farm with waiting lists in five year groups. This week, a number of families with unauthorised absence (not notifying the school) let the team of 335 down. To those of you who were in school or that took the time to notify us of a genuine illness, please continue to set the example and demonstrate **Excellence in Everything**. Thank you for your continued hard work and support - it really is a team effort. Let's see an improvement to demonstrate **Excellence in Everything** next week.

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST GO ALONE.  
IF YOU WANT TO GO FURTHER,  
GO TOGETHER.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 2nd February	Dental checks Nursery to Year 6
Tues 6th February	100 School trip to Warwick castle
Tues 6th February	Parents Evening
Wed 7th February	Parents Evening
Thur 8th February	2HM School trip to Warwick Castle
Thur 8th February	Valentines Disco
Thur 8th February	Finish for Half Term
Fri 9th February	School Closed Training Day

**COURAGE**

**HONESTY**

**INTEGRITY**

**RESPECT**

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### EARLY YEARS



Reception and Nursery have been lucky this week, we've had a visit from PCSO Duncan! We learnt all about Stranger Danger, and how to keep safe in our environments. We also had the chance to try on some real Police uniform! Both nursery and reception will be looking more at police officers and people who help us later this year. Reception have also been exploring weather silhouettes in their creative time, using a range of pastels and chalks. Finally, please return parents evening slips to your class teacher as soon as possible to give you a better chance of booking the time slot you wish to.



### KEY STAGE 1

1/2YG had a wonderful time at Warwick castle on Tuesday. They learnt about castle defences, kings and queens of the past, types of armour and they even got the opportunity to hold a real sword! The children were able to recall key information taught in their history lessons this half term and link their prior knowledge to their experience. 1CO and 2HM are looking forward to their trip to Warwick castle on the 6th and 8th of February but please ensure your child is equipped with appropriate footwear as we believe the grounds may be muddy and we will be exploring inside and outside of the castle grounds. Lastly, a huge well done to 1/2YG for their first 100% attendance day this year. WOO!



### ATTENDANCE

It has to be said that we have had a spell of disappointing attendance figures over the last few weeks. The promotion of good attendance is everybody's responsibility: school leadership, teaching staff but most importantly, parents. We have many parents in school setting excellent examples to their children and preparing them for the world of work, which may seem a long way off but it is useful to remember that, **"Good habits formed at youth will make all the difference"** Aristotle.

This week, we did however have a group of parents setting the bar very high by joining us for our first 'Attendance Working Party'. It was an absolute pleasure to get the thoughts and opinions of parents in a positive and relaxed setting. It is these views that help us get it right for Warren Farm. Once again, thank you to those who provided that invaluable parent voice that can so often be overlooked.

NAH	92.4%
RMH	86.3%
RLM	82.9%
1CO	93%
1/2YG	93.8%
2HM	88.7%
3AB	89.7%
3/4SK	95.3%
4DN	91%
5AG	94%
5/6NW	95%
6BP	96.2%

### TRAINING DAY

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED  
ON FRIDAY 9TH  
FEBRUARY FOR  
STAFF TRAINING**

### PARENTS EVENING

Our Spring term Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February**. Please complete and return the parents evening booking form letter that you will have received this week from your child's class teacher. Appointments are available on both days from 3:30 - 6:00pm. Places will be allocated in order that they are returned to class teachers. If you have siblings in school, while every effort will be made to allocate timings together this can not be guaranteed. During the two evenings, we will also provide you with our spring term questionnaire.





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### SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is on helping children deal with the separation or divorce of their parents. These times are never easy for any family and children will pick up on this and be confused, some children may start to blame themselves or try to fix the problem. It's important that you reassure the children that they are loved by both parents, try to be as honest as you depending on the age of the child. Avoid blame and don't be negative about the other person. Keep up routines such as bedtime, mealtimes. Encourage the children to talk about their feelings, tell them its ok to be sad and confused. Listen to them and help them process their feelings. Try to work together to ensure that contact with the other partner is arranged, so that they can be a part of the child's life also.

### SEND

Makaton continues to be popular with our children. Here are a few more signs to learn, practice and use.



Please



Thankyou



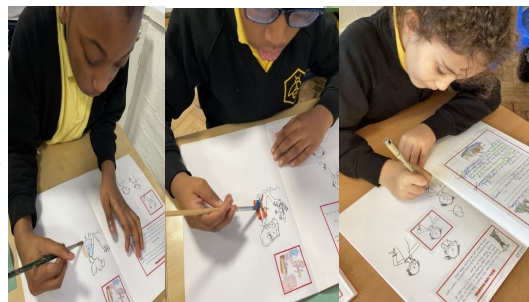
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### CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Melody Banks
RMH	Poppy Downton
RLM	Alarna Wrenn
1CO	Alexia Garvila
1/2YG	Lola Lester
2HM	Ilyes Haddouche
3AB	Georgia-Li Hanna
3/4SK	Isabelle Esuruoso
4DN	Modesireoluwa Soyannwo
5AG	Finley Worrall
5/6NW	Serenity Simmonds
6BP	Josiah Oriaku

### LOWER KEY STAGE 2

We have had another busy week in Year 3 and Year 4. This week in Art we have started to use watercolour paints to enhance our drawings which are in the style of Quentin Blake. We have been drawing with hand-painted needle pens and then adding water colour paints to our drawings. Just a reminder that next week we will have Jess from Freya's Fable visiting school to host a storytime session on Monday. There will be a book fair available on this day too for those who wish to purchase any books.



### UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Booster groups have started in Year 6 this week; please can you ensure all parental consent has been handed in to the Year 6 teachers so that the children selected for the groups receive the appropriate support. Here is a reminder of the booster groups taking place:

**Monday 3:30-4:30pm - Reading**

**Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm - Maths**

Monday 29th January begins our storytelling week. We have visitors from Freya's Fables joining us to read a story to each class and provide a book fair. Children are then able to purchase the books after school if they wish.



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"THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A RUNNY  
NOSE... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Lead to the NHS website to find out more.

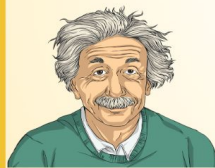


## SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH



**WARREN FARM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### Scientist of The Month



## Albert Einstein

"A PERSON WHO NEVER MADE A  
MISTAKE, NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW."

"EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS, BUT IF YOU  
JUDGE A FISH BY ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB  
A TREE, IT WILL LIVE ITS WHOLE LIFE  
BELIEVING THAT IT IS STUPID."

## DANCE FESTIVAL

On Friday, 14 Year 3 and 4 children participated in a dance festival at Elmhurst Ballet School in Edgbaston. This was hosted by Dame Darcey Bussell and an amazing opportunity to participate in sport as well as be taught by an English ballet dancer and former Strictly Come Dancing judge. This festival promoted physical and mental wellbeing as well as providing an appreciation of music and rhythm. The children participated in a variety of dance activities all led by Darcey herself. The children had the opportunity to meet and interact with her and learn some new dance routines. All the children behaved impeccably and displayed 'Excellence in Everything'.



Please watch  
our dance  
routine with  
Darcey Bussell  
at Elmhurst  
Ballet School.



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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 [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION  
13-19

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

#### POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

#### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

#### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

#### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

#### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

### Meet Our Expert

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