



Windy News

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Keeping our children safe

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Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 6th February this year. The theme for this year was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

This year the campaign focused on change on line including

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see on line
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act on line and offline

In KS1 and KS2 our children participated in a range of activities over the course of the week linked to staying safe on line. We shared an assembly on how to keep themselves safe on line, in particular what to do if something changes whilst they are online e.g. a pop up appears on their screen, something changes in their settings, a video they are watching changes.

We have been made aware of a number of incidents of children not keeping themselves safe on line. Please ensure that your child has their settings on private so that the videos and photos they are sharing online are only able to be viewed by friends and people they know. We have had examples of children being contacted by unknown people and inappropriate messages and photos being shared.

Unkind messages on social media continue to be an issue amongst some of the children in school. Please check what your child is saying as quite often what they put on social media they would know not to say to someone in a face to face situation.

Should you require any advice on keeping your child safe online then please visit our website or just ask your child's class teacher. We constantly upload the latest information and guidance on staying safe whilst online to our website. <https://www.internetmatters.org/> has advice for parents and carers. Mrs. Hope is hoping to organise an internet safety session for parents.

Please remember that any pupils bringing a mobile phone to school need to have their parents / carers sign the mobile phone agreement. Smart watches are not permitted in school.

Don't forget our Internet Safety, ICT and Computing, E Safety and Cyber Bullying policies are available for you to download on the school website. If you have any concerns regarding on line safety please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our safeguarding curriculum and child protection policy can be found on the school website and if you have any concerns about a child please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

They are

Mrs. Forrest (Headteacher)

Mrs. Ramanandi (Assistant Headteacher and EYFS Lead)

Mrs. Preece (SENDCO and KS1 Lead)

Article 16. You have the right to privacy.

Article 13. Children have the right to get and to share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or to others.

What's happening?

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ School vision
- ♦ Sporting achievements
- ♦ Punctuality
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Free School Meals / Holiday Vouchers

Regardless of which year group your child is in, if you think you may qualify for means tested free school meals, please contact the main office for a claim form, or apply online at <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals> Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, you may receive shopping vouchers for school holiday periods from Gateshead Council. (£20 per child per week) Our school will also benefit from the grant attached to each pupil who is eligible. Currently, this is worth £1,300 per pupil and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim.

This grant is used to provide extra staffing in school.

If you need any more information, please contact school.
Thank you

Feeding Families

We are working with the Feeding Families Gateshead charity and have some food parcels that can be collected from school. Please contact the school office if you would like to collect one.

Article 24 The right to good food and water

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Punctuality and Attendance

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!

10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!

15 mins late each day 10 days lost!

20 mins late each day 13 days lost!

30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class.

Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution.

Please be aware that holidays in term time cannot be granted as an authorised absence except in exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that we make referrals to the Legal Intervention Team for holidays in term time, which may result in a fine.

The Governor Attendance Panel will take place on Wednesday 20th March for those families whose attendance continues to be a concern.

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Mon 12th Feb	Cycling for health assembly
	Parents evening this week
Fri 16th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 26th Feb	Back to school
Wed 28th Feb	Swimming gala
Thur 29th Feb	FGB meeting 5pm
Fri 1st Mar	Year 4/5 Football
Thu 7th Mar	World Book Day
	Book Fair in school 6.2-13.2.24
Mon 11th Mar	School Assessment week
Thur 14th Mar	Y3 /4 Hockey tournament
	KS1 Jewish visitor
Tues 19h Mar	Dance Festival
Mon 25th Mar	Y5/6 visit Hancock Museum
	Easter egg designs brought into school
Wed 27th Mar	9:45 am Easter Service St. Albans
Thurs 28th Mar	School breaks up for Easter holidays
Mon 15th Apr	Back to school

Sporting Achievements

Over the past two terms we have attended a range of sporting events where children have shown great determination and teamwork. Events have included tag rugby, football, sportshall athletics, cross country, basketball, netball and multisports events. It has been great to see pupils attending Mr. Gibson's before school clubs in preparation for them attending the events. This has given them the extra confidence and skills to participate against different schools and we have had some great success including tag rugby and basketball finals. A range of children in KS2 also had the opportunity to attend the Boccia competition. The children had a great time learning a new sport. We are due to attend the swimming gala at the beginning of next half term and wish the team the best of luck.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

School Vision

A huge thank you to the staff, parents and governors who attended our writing our school vision session and those parents who responded to our questionnaire linked to the school vision. The proposed school vision will be shared with staff and governors for finalising and then will be shared with the whole school community.

Article 12: You have the right to an opinion and to be listened to.