

THE LISCARD BULLETIN

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Thinking of Others



conversations with people. Well done - We are super proud of you.

World Mental Health Day - October 10th 2023

World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10 October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. There are resources parents and carers can access for children from the Anna Freud Foundation (<https://www.annafreud.org/>) or the Family toolbox (<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>)



Anna Freud

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

This NSPCC programme is for children aged 5 - 11. It aims to help children to understand abuse in all its forms in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried to either a trusted adult or Childline. The NSPCC has asked that Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to complete a survey. You should have received information about this on dojo. You only need to return the form if you **DO NOT** want your Key Stage 2 child to complete the survey.

Engage - Enrich - Empower



Liscard Primary School



Ambition for all Education Settings - The Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently launched a survey. She wants to hear directly from children and parents/carers from all over the country to shape future policy and practice. You and your child can access the survey by pasting the link (<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>) into your internet browser. The survey must be completed by December 15th December.



Measles/MMR Vaccination



We have been informed by the NHS that measles cases are rising across the country with over 102,000 children starting primary school being at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please contact your GP if you want your child vaccinated.

New Website

[https:// www.liscard.co.uk](https://www.liscard.co.uk)

Celebrating Great Learning at Liscard

Foundation 2



Foundation 2 children welcomed a mystery reader this week. (Well it wasn't a total mystery! One of the children realised it was her grandad.) It was great to see parents/carers reading too.

Year 1



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Year 1 have been investigating the five senses in their science lessons. The children enjoyed testing different foods and categorising them.



Year 2

In computing the children spent some time on their iPad's doing some programming on Scratch. They were retelling the popular story 'The Gruffalo' creating their own sprite (character) and programming it to walk through our woodland setting to a 2nd setting. The children really enjoyed this activity and we can't wait to continue with their computing curriculum.



Year 2 children have been becoming familiar with using chromebooks. It's been a busy IT week for Year 2.



Year 3



Year 3 children have been practising C,D,E & F on the glockenspiels.

Year 4



Year 4 have been out in the forest area. collecting autumn treasures.

Year 5



In design technology Year 5 children have been tasting various types of soup.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

4DR 100%
1AG 99.6%
FSC 94.5%

Let's see which classes have the highest attendance this week!



WALL OF RECOGNITION

Well done to the following children who have consistently followed the school rules of being kind, working hard and never giving up.

F1 ELIJAH
F2 FRANKIE
Y1 DAISY
Y2 THEA
Y3 TEDDY
Y4 IZZY
Y5 JENSON
Y6 WILL



Attendance

Well done to Miss Griffiths' class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 1. Congratulations to Miss Robert's class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 2. Mrs Cahill's class had the highest attendance across Foundation 2.

The overall attendance was higher this week at 95.2%. There were only nine classes that had attendance above the national average. Sixteen classes improved attendance from the previous week.





Please make sure your children attend Liscard every school day.



Every Day Counts



School Lunches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Curry Day Choose from a homemade creamy chicken curry or a vegetable curry served with Rice, Naan bread and Vegetables 	 Hotdogs Choose from a butler's quality sausage or a Quorn sausage served in a finger roll with homemade potato wedges and corn on the cob	Roast Dinner Choose from either home roasted meat of the week or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, Yorkshire pudding and gravy 	 Meatball Pasta Bake Choose from beef meatballs or Quorn balls, cooked in a homemade tomato sauce, mixed with pasta, topped with cheese and baked in the oven, served with sweetcorn	Fish & Chips Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers, battered cod fillet or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans
<i>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</i> Or A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted batch with a choice filling will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, and peppers. Desert A selection of homemade desserts will be available every day as well as Fresh Fruit, Fruit Salad, Yogurts and Cheese and Crackers Drink A selection of drinks will be available daily				

National Online Safety

The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides parents/carers with information about the dangers of vaping.

Diary Dates

W/B 9th October
W/B 16th October
Friday 20th October
Monday 30th October
Friday 10th November
Monday 13th November
W/B 27th November
Thursday 7th December
W/B 11th December
W/B 18th December
Friday 22nd December

Book Fair
Parent/Carer Meetings
School closes for pupils
School reopens for pupils
Film Festival Cinema Trip
Odd socks day for Anti-bullying
Christingle celebrations
Flu vaccinations in school
Christmas Performances
Elf workshops
Inset Day



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

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