

# THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ



## Lego Club - Wallasey Central Library



The Lego club meets every other Saturday at 11am and 2pm at Wallasey Central Library.

This event is suitable for children aged 5 upwards. Children should be accompanied

by an adult. Places are limited so booking is essential. Booking is required for this, via the Lego Club webpage on the Eventbrite website.

## LPS -Community Based Defibrillator

We have been lucky to receive an outdoor defibrillator case from the DfE as part of the Mark King campaign. Inside it houses a defibrillator that can be accessed, in the case of an emergency, by members of the local community. The defibrillator box has been fixed to the outside wall of The Lodge. To access the defibrillator the box has a four digit code, which has been registered with the emergency services.



## PEEP

Peep Learning Together is a parenting programme that helps: parents and carers to improve their children's life chances, by making the most of everyday learning opportunities - listening, talking, playing, singing and sharing books and stories together.

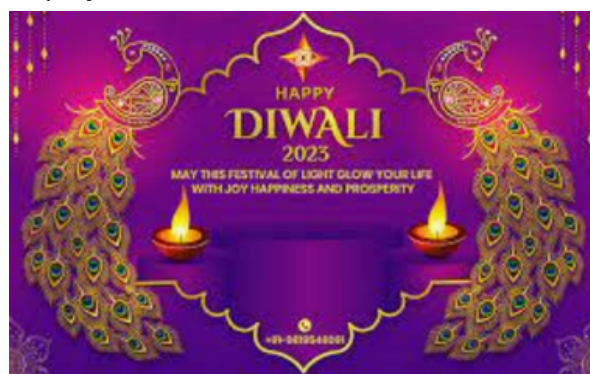


Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising the sessions and to the parents who supported the first session. If you would like to attend please speak to staff in the nursery classes.

## Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

For our families who celebrate Diwali we hope you have a fabulous time.



## School Lunches

Emma, the school cook, has made a couple of tweaks to the school lunches. Feedback from the children has resulted in the all day brunch being replaced with a roast dinner. There is also spaghetti carbonara and chicken chowmein on the menu.



## Final Reminder - School Disco - November 9th



The disco costs £3 per child. The cost includes a drink and a packet of crisps.

Tickets will not be issued. Your child's name will be typed onto the electronic register and checked on entry.



# Celebrating Great Learning Experiences at Liscard

## Year 1



Year 1 children have been learning all about 2D shapes and their properties. They have created shape pictures. They have been identifying shapes in the classroom and talking about the properties of shapes.

## Year 2



As part of Year 2's 'Living Things and their Habitats' topic in science, the children spent some time this afternoon on a mini-beast hunt. They found lots of insects in their micro-habitats such as worms, woodlice and lots of holes in leaves that the children thought might be from caterpillars. The children loved searching for insects and we recorded their findings in a tally chart when they got back into the classroom.



## Year 3



Over 50 of the Year 3 children have been on their first residential. They have stayed overnight at Tattenhall. They have enjoyed building shelters, arts and crafts and their tea - fish and chips followed by jelly and icecream.

## Anti-Bullying Workshops



Children in Years 1 through to Year 6 enjoyed a live performance by Altru Drama. The group delivered a performance and workshop around anti-bullying. The children thoroughly enjoyed the play, and reflected on the serious messages about being an upstander and not tolerating bullying behaviours.



## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2EC	99.2%
FJP	97.2%
5CH	98.8%

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 BROOKE
- F2 MARKO
- Y1 PRIMROSE
- Y2 EASHAN
- Y3 BARNEY
- Y4 NELLY
- Y5 DILLON-TREVOR
- Y6 AOIBHEANN



## Attendance

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

The overall attendance improved to 93.1%, but this is below the national average. There were only seven classes that had attendance above the national average.

The good news is that fourteen 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
<p><b>Chicken Goujons</b> Breaded chicken goujons baked in the oven and served with homemade herb diced potatoes and sweetcorn. Veggie goujons available as a vegetarian alternative.</p> 	<p><b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> Choose from fresh butcher's quality pork sausages or Quorn sausages served with homemade mashed potatoes, peas and gravy.</p> 	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from either home roasted meat of the week or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.</p> 	<p><b>Pasta Carbonara</b> Tagliatelle pasta onions, smokey bacon or Quorn smothered in a creamy sauce served with garlic bread and broccoli.</p> 	<p><b>Fish Fry Day</b> 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.</p> 
<p><i>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Deli Bar - Available Everyday</b> A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted fish 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.</p> <p><b>Dessert</b> A selection of homemade desserts will be available every day as well as Fresh Fruit, Fruit Salad, Yoghurts and Cheese and Crackers</p> <p><b>Drink</b> A selection of drinks will be available daily</p>				

## National Online Safety

The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides parents/carers about the risks of children using X (previously known as twitter).

Please note that children should be aged 13 or above to have an account.

### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 6th November</b>	Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo
<b>Tuesday 7th November</b>	Early Years Open Evening
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	School discos - Year 1 to 6
<b>Friday 10th November</b>	Film Festival Cinema Trip
<b>Monday 13th November</b>	Odd socks day for Anti-bullying
<b>W/B 27th November</b>	Christingle celebrations
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	Flu vaccinations in school
<b>W/B 11th December</b>	Christmas Performances
<b>W/B 18th December</b>	Elf workshops
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	Inset Day



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# X

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

### LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user *doesn't* already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

### VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

## BLUE TICK SALE

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

### DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

### STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

### ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

### BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

## Meet Our Expert

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