



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

In this, my first parent email of 2024, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year; I hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break.



Once again we have a fun packed term and are planning many exciting activities for your children

In addition, the children will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week which is focusing on the theme 'My Voice Matters'

We have our first Parent Coffee and Chat Session this Friday, and our fabulous Light Up Ladywood Art Event on the 31st January - we hope you can join us.

Thank you for your continued support.



Susan and everyone at Ladywood

Upcoming Events

- ★ 26th January, 1.30 - 2.30 - Parent Coffee & Chat Session - see flyer below
- ★ 31st January, 3.45 - 5.00 - Light Up Ladywood Art Event - see flyer below
- ★ 9th February, 1.30 - 2.30 - Computing - Online Safety - see flyer below

Reminder

Please note, school finishes on Friday 16th February and re-opens on Monday 26th February



Online Payments

We have now moved to School Gateway with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

Please see the guidance below on how to sign up to School Gateway.

It is essential that parents sign up for School Gateway so that you will continue to receive information from school such as school closures due to bad weather etc. We will no longer be using Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to come to our Parent Coffee & Chat session on Friday 26th January 1:30-2:30 at main site and we will be able to assist you in signing up. Alternatively you can telephone the school's office for guidance over the phone.



How to activate your account

1. Download the Android or iPhone app.



2. Press '**Sign Up**' then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first.
3. Press '**Send PIN**'. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN.
4. You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.
5. If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, you can set up your account using [the web version](#) of School Gateway.
6. See a video guide [here](#)

How to log in

1. Once you have your PIN, go ahead and launch the School Gateway app on your smartphone or tablet.
2. Enter the email you have registered with your school and the PIN you received. If you didn't get a PIN, it is likely because your school doesn't have the right contact info. Get in touch with them to check.
3. If both the email and PIN are entered correctly, hit '**Login**' and you're ready to start enquiring with your school.
4. You can also access School Gateway [on the web](#)



Light Up Ladywood

The launch of our immersive art event
featuring the work of our amazing pupils.

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY

15:45 - 17:00

PLEASE RESERVE A STAGGERED ENTRY TIME VIA THE LINK IN THE
MESSAGE

Attendance/Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 2 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher.

Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

In addition, we understand that children with Special Educational Needs may need to attend medical appointments more frequently and these will be authorised, however we would still ask that school are informed of these prior to attending.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Parent Partner

Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

She will be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:
01204 333400
or via email parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk



Enrichment

Some of the activities we have been enjoying to enhance our personal development, within our local community and during Clubs.





PARENT EVENTS

Free training events and coffee and chat sessions each half term.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Learn new skills



PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION
FRI 26TH JAN 1:30-2:30PM

**COMPUTING - ONLINE SAFETY AND
ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME.**
FRI 9TH FEB 1:30-2:30PM

PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION
FRI 8TH MARCH 1:30-2:30PM

**MATHS - ENGAGING ACTIVITES AND IDEAS TO
SUPPORT MATHS AT HOME.**
FRI 22ND MARCH 1:30-2:30PM

PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION
FRI 26TH APRIL 1:30-2:30PM

**SCIENCE - ENGAGING AND FUN IDEAS TO
SUPPORT SCIENCE AT HOME**
FRI 17TH MAY 1:30-2:30PM

PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION
FRI 14TH JUNE 1:30-2:30PM

**HOW TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AND
BEHAVIOUR AT HOME**
FRI 28TH JUNE 1:30-2:30PM



Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.



ASHRAFIA MADRASAH
56/58 GIBRALTAR STREET, BOLTON BL3 5ED
(Entrance from back street)

SEND
Play & Learn
SESSIONS

We would like to invite children and families to our Play & Learn Session at

Ashrafia Madrasah
Saturday 27th January 2024
11am - 1.00pm

Come together in an Islamic environment where children with SEND can feel safe and learn in a quiet and spacious environment.

(A Parent / Carer must stay with their children)

Bolton Shared Care, supports disabled children 0 - 18 through befriending, day care & overnight care.
Please email shaheeda.patel@bolton.gov.uk for more information or phone / text your details to 07824 541324 to book your place.



We have said goodbye to Kellie O'Neill, wishing her all the very best for the future.



Welcome

Welcome to Gareth Lowe, Jemma Hart, Vinny Simpson and Jenny Hilton who have joined the Ladywood team.



Friends of Ladywood



What is FOL?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

When do we meet?

We meet once every half term.

What if I cannot commit to attend every meeting?

Do not worry if you cannot attend every meeting, we understand that parents and carers will have a busy home life also. We will keep in regular contact with you over email to inform you of any outcomes and future meetings you may be able to attend.

What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things. Here are a few:

- Attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) & bringing new ideas to the table.
- Sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses.
- Helping to put on large events at the school to fundraise for Ladywood.



If you are interested in becoming a member of 'Friends of Ladywood' but cannot attend please email:

friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk

one of our team members will be in touch.

Early Help Parenting Drop-in

For all families with children under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?



Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Farnworth King St Centre 20 Jan | 10 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar | 20 Apr

Oxford Grove Children Centre 6 Jan | 27 Jan | 17 Feb | 9 Mar | 6 Apr | 27 Apr

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For more information please contact:
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Texting Service - Adverse Weather Conditions/School Closure

Please can we remind parents of our procedure if we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason. If school is not going to be open we will make a decision and send a text message out as early as we possibly can. If for any reason transport is not running, they will contact you directly. Please ensure that the main contact number for your child is up to date at all times and check for texts on a regular basis. School closure messages will also be put on:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolinformation/school-closures>, Facebook and our Website.



In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank

Items can be donated via the school office



Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschoo



Twitter: @ladywoodschoo



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

<http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support

Parking

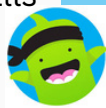
Could we please request that parents who drop/collect their child by car, ensure when parking that you do not block other cars in, and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication with Home

We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently and the office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.



Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact Information

Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.



Good Attendance Matters

At Ladywood we provide a safe learning environment which encourages all pupils to attend and be punctual whatever their level of ability or specific needs. We pride ourselves on high standards of pupil attendance and we expect that all children will attend school as long as they are fit and well enough to do so in line with the expectations of 380 half days (190 full days) for an academic year.

A child's attendance at school is the responsibility of parents/carers. Ladywood School will continue to actively work with parents/carers to encourage a regular pattern of attendance is maintained to ensure our children:

- Benefit from the educational opportunities provided at Ladywood
- Experience a broad and balanced creative curriculum
- Build on their learning experiences to achieve their full potential
- Develop their social and personal skills
- Promote children's welfare and safeguarding, failing to attend school on a regular basis will be considered as a safeguarding matter
- Have their legal entitlement to education; ensuring regular attendance at school is a legal responsibility and permitting
- Absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law

The Government have brought out new guidelines that requires schools to ensure all children attend well. This includes:

- Attendance meetings if attendance falls below acceptable levels
- Daily contact when your child is absent
- A requirement to show proof of medical appointment
- Door stop visits

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As a school we understand that our children sometimes need to go on holiday when it is quieter rather than during the main holidays when it is very busy. We ask that you put in a holiday request form and seek permission in order for this to be authorised.

LADYWOOD HOLIDAY LIST 2023-2024 - PUPILS

September 2023							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35					1	2	3
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October 2023							
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44	30	31					

November 2023							
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December 2023							
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February 2024							
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March 2024							
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April 2024							
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May 2024							
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June 2024							
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July 2024							
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August 2024							
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SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS ON ALL SHADED DAYS