



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful half term watching the children's enthusiasm for learning, making friends and enjoying all that Ladywood have to offer. As always Ladywood has been very busy as we continue to offer a wide variety of activities – trampolining, swimming, music therapy to name just a few!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest and a special shout out to Class 5C for providing the first class assembly of the year – Class 5C you were amazing!



This week is our Woodbridge Wellbeing Week which is being held in the Forest area – I hope you managed to join your children in their session and got to enjoy the hot chocolate and marshmallows too!



Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely half term

Susan and everyone at Ladywood

Upcoming Events

- ★ Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week
- ★ Tuesday 14th November - Photographer in school - both sites
- ★ Christmas Fair - 8th December - further information to follow
- ★ Tuesday 16th January 2024, 4 - 5 pm - Open Evening for 2024 starters

Reminder

**School closes on
Friday 27th October
and re-opens on
Monday 6th
November**

Please note school finishes for Christmas at the earlier time of 2.00 pm on Friday 22nd December 2023.



Christmas Performance - Dates for your Diary

Please see below the dates for the Christmas performances. Further information will be sent from your class at a later date.

Performance 1 - 12th December at 10.00 am at Main Site - Classes **6S, 6P, 5B, 5W, 4K, 4P, 3L, 2C, 2B**

Performance 2 - 13th December at 1.00pm at Main Site - Classes **6C, 5S, 5J, 5K, 4M, 4L, 3R, 2S, 1W**

Little Ladywood Christmas Performance - 14th December at 1.00pm - Classes **Bluebell, Daisy, Primrose, Sunflower and Tulip**



Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 13th November, we are inviting children to join in with Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. On this day, as well as children coming into school in their odd socks, we will be taking part in a range of activities to 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. These will include using instruments and microphones to make music, Random Acts of Kindness to other classes and embracing 'being the most unique version of yourself'. This is a very important time for our children to express themselves, recognise what makes them special and to work together against bullying.



LADYWOOD OPEN EVENT

For Reception children September 2024

We would like to invite prospective families along to our Open Event where you can see our Outstanding provision.

Families will have the opportunity to tour the school and speak to staff.

It is a chance to find out more about how we deliver a high quality education for all of our pupils.

TUESDAY

**16TH JANUARY 2024
4:00 - 5:00PM**

Ladywood School,
Masefield Road,
Little Lever,
Bolton,
BL3 1NG



**PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL ON
01204 333400 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!**





MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated and attended our fantastic MacMillan Coffee Morning.



Debbie Coburn



Debbie Coburn is retiring this half term. Debbie has been a part of Ladywood School since 2004, working in various roles in school and across the Trust.

A huge thank you to Debbie for everything she has done for Ladywood, the staff and children.

She will be missed by everyone at Ladywood and we send her all our best wishes for a lovely retirement.



Welcome

Welcome to Freya Hemingway who has joined the Ladywood team at Little Ladywood.



Wild and Free at Home



Autumn



Why not try some of these activities over the half-term break?



Jump in Leaves

Dance in the rain

Go on a welly walk

Toast Marshmallows

Visit the library

Look after animals

Go shopping

Go to a café

Go stargazing



Share your pictures by

Email: wildandfree@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk

Twitter: [@Ladywoodschoo](https://twitter.com/Ladywoodschoo)

Facebook: Ladywood School



Online Payments

We are moving to School Gateway with regards to the payment of school meals, tuck and a way in which we can communicate with parents. Please see the letter on Class Dojo with guidance on how to download the School Gateway app to your mobile phone. To ensure you can make payments online and receive communication from school, please download the School Gateway app.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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

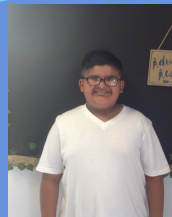
or via email parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk



School Council

Introducing our new KS2 School Councillors for 2023/24:

Euan, Kantu, Raessa, Harley, Arthur, Arwa, Katie, George, Hussain, Monroe, Daglesz, Amara, Lewis and Aminah



Parents Sensory Strategies Workshops

Via MS Teams



The Strategies workshop session will:

- Understanding the core concept of sensory processing
- Understand how to use sensory strategies with a child who has sensory difficulties.
- Give you some ideas on how to support your child or young people's sensory needs at home and school.

Session Date & Times

Monday 25th September 2023 (4.00pm)

Tuesday 31st October 2023 (10.00am)

Monday 20th November 2023 (13.00pm)

Tuesday 26th January 2024 (10.00am)

Thursday 29th February (6.00pm)

Friday 22nd March 2024 (10.00am) Face-to-Face session at Brightment Health Centre

Please email PathwaysSensoryTraining@boltonft.nhs.uk to request a place on the above sessions. Please note if you have attended any sensory training via Bolton Sensory Pilot you **DO NOT** need to attend this session.



Is my child too ill for school?

As we head into the Autumn/winter months we have been asked to share the guidance on 'is my child too ill for school'. Please click on the link to read:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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.



Harvest Festival



Thank you from ourselves at Ladywood School and Urban Outreach Bolton for your extremely kind donations for our Harvest Festival.

Also, a big thank you to Class 6C for their amazing Harvest Assembly.

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/>

Internet Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about...

GAMING STREAMERS & INFLUENCERS



What are they?

'Gaming Streamers & Influencers'

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind of trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

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Know the Risks

Adult Content

Many streamers use platforms such as Twitch or YouTube to broadcast themselves. YouTube for example, is only for ages 18+ (YouTube Kids is for under 13s) and may contain a lot of other adult content. Streamers themselves may be unsuitable for younger audiences with the kind of content they make, and with many opting to stream live, anything can – and does – happen.

Authenticity Risk

A lot of streamers will have some kind of sponsorship deal in place with a company trying to sell their products to an audience. When the audience is mostly younger viewers, they may not realise that streamers are getting paid to promote a product and may not necessarily have their best interests in mind.

Bullying and hate

While some streamers do employ moderators to try and combat hateful comments or bullying in their comments sections, they can still be very hectic. Hateful language is quite common, and people looking to groom children or engage in online bullying behaviour, could frequent the live chats.

Subscriptions

Streamers also make money through subscriptions on websites like Twitch, where fans will donate them a small amount as little or as often as they like. Called 'bits', they can be bought in bundles of varying prices which can be gifted to streamers via 'chatters'. Children could buy these bits in large amounts without realising what they're doing, leaving a big bill behind.

Safety Tips

Discuss what's real online

Be sure to teach kids the difference between what's real and honest, or fake and untrustworthy online. Photoshopping fake images and videos and bragging about themselves online is unfortunately quite commonplace so it is difficult to tell what is real or fake. People with large followings can be promoting unhealthy or unattainable lifestyles to children to boost their own online influence.

Use filters

There are filters that can be put in place to block out a lot of adult content on streaming sites. Just make sure you have access to children's accounts so you can set the parameters and keep track of what they're seeing yourself. Usually, parental controls will be located in the settings portion of an account's menu.

Check age settings

Both YouTube and Twitch state that they are not suitable for children under 13 years old, but other sites might be different. YouTube Kids, for example, is for ages 13 and under, and offers much of the same kid-friendly content that YouTube does without the risk of running into something improper.

Affiliate links

Keep an eye out for affiliate links in social media posts and tags like #ad. UK influencers have to follow the CAP Code for advertising standards, but many don't. It can be hard to tell who is working through legitimate channels because it's almost impossible to regulate. Many streamers encourage fans to buy merchandise through online shops and stores.

Action & Support

Name check streamers

If your child has begun showing an interest in a streamer or influencer, check their names on Google. Some popular streamers have been discovered flouting industry regulations and using their young audiences to enhance their personal wealth through scams whilst others may swear on streams or promote drinking, substance abuse or links to gambling sites they operate to their young audiences.

Talk to your child

Initiate an open dialogue with your child about the kind of content they're consuming online. Ask about their favourite streamers and whether they like their personalities or the games they play and the community they have. Also remind them about what they should and shouldn't be sharing about themselves online and that just because social media stars do it, it can also be damaging.

Block and report

If you suspect a streamer might be taking advantage of their audience, or worse grooming children in any way, and have irrefutable evidence, do not hesitate to block and report them. First, block your child from being able to view their content and alert other parents to your concerns. Go immediately to the police or local authorities with the evidence of what you've seen.

Our Expert

Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNLIAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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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

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.



Tuck

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. Please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.

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.

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
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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