



LADYWOOD SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous start to the half term! The move across from Little Ladywood and the class moves went smoothly, the children have settled in extremely well to the new building and their new classrooms. The extension looks amazing and we are so thrilled to all be back together on one site!

Everyone had a fun packed day for Children in Need. Our theme this year was 'make life lighter for children'. The children took part in lots of exciting activities such as hot air balloon decorating, a pyjama party and a dance off to name just a few. Thank you for all your generous donations, we raised an amazing amount of money.



Thank you for your continued support.

Susan and staff at Ladywood School

Upcoming Events

- ★ 27th November - 3.30 pm - Parent Group Meeting - see full details below.
- ★ Thursday 28th November - non uniform day - donation for raffle.
- ★ Friday 29th November - school is closed.
- ★ Wednesday 4th December, 1-2 pm - Parent Coffee & Chat - Wreath making - see full details below - please phone to confirm place.

Reminder

Please note, school is closed on Friday 29th November.

Please note school finishes for Christmas at the earlier time of 2.00 pm on Friday 20th December 2024



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 communication 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 or messages via class dojo on a regular basis. School closure messages will also be put on:

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



Christmas Raffle

A massive thank you to those parents who bought a raffle ticket at Parent's Evening.

If you would like a ticket and were unable to attend parents evening, please send in £1 in a sealed envelope with your child's name on. It is £1 per entry, if you would like more entries please write how many entries on your envelope and insert the correct money into the envelope.

All proceeds go towards our new Sensory Room!

The raffle will be drawn December 11th.

Thank you for your support.





Nominate a family to receive Christmas gifts for their children

We want to make Christmas special for as many children as possible this year, and our gift appeal helps us reach more people than ever!

We are taking referrals for any family in genuine need, and who would benefit from receiving gifts for their children this Christmas.

This year, parents/carers can again select the gifts from our stock, rather than us choosing for them.

Once we have processed all referrals, Parents/Carers will be given a time slot to arrive at Kings Church, Main Auditorium, Bury New Road, BL2 6QE, between 1:00pm and 5:15pm on Wednesday 11th December, where they can choose the gifts for their children.

There will be free drinks and festive snacks available, and we will also have an area where they can have the gifts they choose, wrapped by one of our team.

While we will make every effort to provide for every referral we receive, this cannot be guaranteed, as it depends on how many gifts we receive through our appeal. We will contact the referral directly with appointment details if we can support them.

Please complete and submit this referral no later than **5pm on 2nd December.**

<https://forms.gle/eQsUPBdQQkdDwpz88>

Parent Wreath Making



The parent group will be hosting a wreath making event on December 4th 1.00 - 2.00 pm - please ring the office to reserve a place. Only those with confirmed places will be able to attend as places are limited.



Friends of Ladywood



What is Friends of Ladywood?

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.

What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things such as attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) and bringing new ideas to the table, sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses, helping to put on large events at school to fundraise for Ladywood.



Next Meeting - 27th November

Join us for a coffee and chat to find out how you can get involved. The parent group will be meeting Wednesday 27th of November 3:30pm to discuss fundraising opportunities for a new sensory room. All parents invited.

Want to know more?

If you are interested in becoming a member please email the team:
friendsofladywood@bolton.sch.uk



Urban Outreach

This year Reach is able to make nominations to Urban Outreach for Christmas Dinner on Jesus, so if you would like one for your household please do fill in the form below.

<https://forms.gle/R3W1tTXSRNNLVtDp8>

Please note Urban Outreach operates on a first come first serve basis. So the sooner they have your details the better



Sully



Sully has had a lovely first week of interventions. He's enjoyed seeing the children and going out for walks. He had lots of fun playing in the snow!



Rights of the Half Term

This half term, the right that we will be focusing on is the Right to an Identity (Article 8).

Through this, we will be supporting our children to learn more about themselves and the wider world around them.

At home you can support with learning about this right by exploring and mark making on mirrors; looking through family photos to recall special family memories and identify similarities and difference between family members; and engaging in new hobbies and skills!

Please ask your class team if you would like a physical copy of any of the communication boards and these will be sent home with your child.

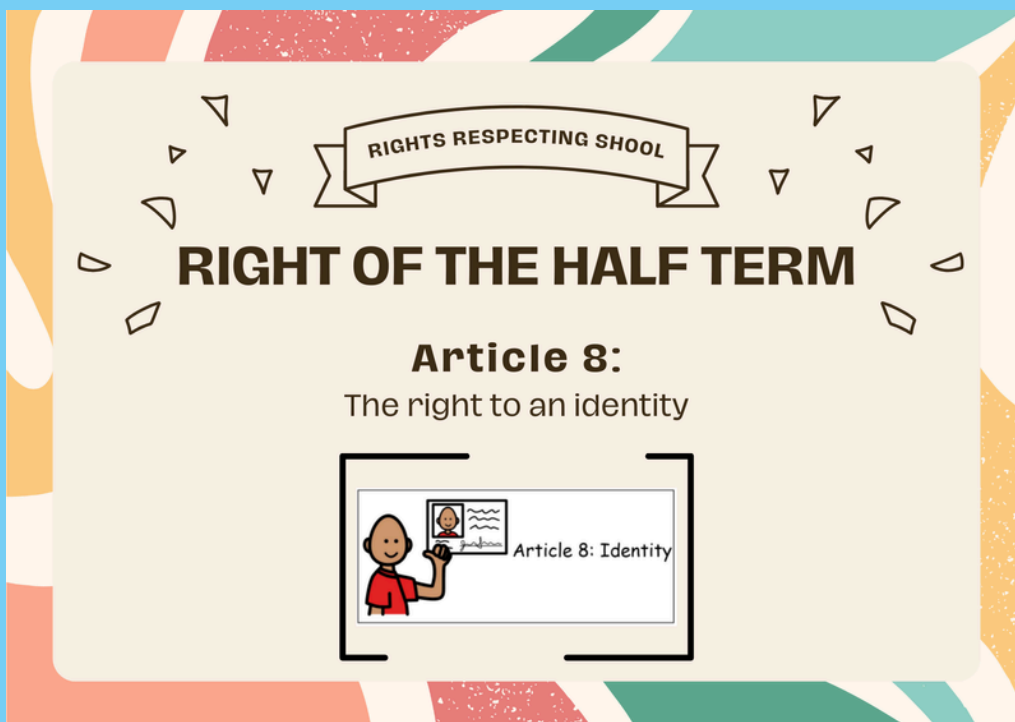
We would love to see any photos of what you have been up to at home to support in learning about this right!

We are asking parents to complete this very short survey linked to our work towards the Rights Respecting School Award.

The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KN6RY68>

This will help to look at our progress so far and identify areas where we can provide further support for our children to understand their rights at home.

We look forward to seeing your feedback.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Are you missing out on £500.00 dinner money and £165.00 in vouchers per child per year?

Many parents don't realise their child is entitled to free school meals. This doesn't just cover meals, it covers money for trips (including our year 6 residential) plus receipt of the supermarket vouchers during school holidays to help with the cost of food shopping.

Have your circumstances changed?

Make sure you are not missing out on benefits you are entitled to. School meals remain free for ALL children in reception, years 1 and 2, regardless of circumstances and you don't have to apply.

Did you know that you can claim free school meals if you are on certain benefits or have a reduced household income when your children reach year 3 and onwards? For more information see the link below.

For further information or to apply, please click on the link below

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>

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Parent Partner

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

Sarah is available all day Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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



Welcome to Annette Jenkins and Megan Drinan who have joined our Ladywood team.



We said goodbye to Georgina Bebbington and Sam Cooke. Wishing them both all the very best in their new roles.

Online Payments

Schoolgateway



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

It is essential that parents download AND register on the School Gateway App to make sure you receive all messages.

We no longer use Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to telephone the school office for guidance over the phone.

Important Information

Data Collection Forms

If you haven't yet returned your Data Collection Form, please can this be completed and sent into school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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

When dropping off/collecting your child, can we please ask that you do not park on the area at the front of school with the hatched marked sections, block other cars in and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking space.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Appointments

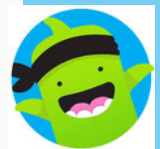
If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication with Home/Class Dojo

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. The office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.



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.



Important Information - Allergy Aware

Allergy Aware School



A reminder that we are an 'Allergy Aware' school and therefore nuts should be avoided at all costs.

We have a number of children who are severely allergic to nuts and therefore these shouldn't be coming into school in any form.

Thank you for your co-operation.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Please see the information below. Asda are running a scheme where they will donate a percentage of your shop to your nominated school via their app.

Here is the link - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Please feel free to share with family and friends. Thank you.



Operation Encompass

Ladywood School is in partnership with Bolton Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police in a project called “Bolton Encompass”. The project is designed to provide support for children who may be impacted on by domestic violence. Information from Encompass will be shared with school who will ensure that appropriate supportive strategies are put in place.

To access the Operation Encompass website, please click on the link below:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>



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



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 4 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.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

<file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf>

Online 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 13+ (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 'cheers'. 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, UNILAD 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.

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/>

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.

Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2024-2025 – Parents

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.