

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

We have had such a fantastic time in school over recent weeks! Classrooms have been a hive of festive activity and our annual Christmas dinner was a particular highlight for pupils. I have thoroughly enjoyed witnessing the Malvern community come together in celebration. To see children, families and colleagues celebrating Christmas and spreading festive cheer has been wonderful.

I extend a special thanks to our school colleagues, who work passionately to provide the children of Malvern with the very best opportunities. I am exceptionally grateful to each and every individual for their determination to go above and beyond expectations in the interest of our children.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school in the New Year - have wonderful Christmas!

Mr James

Headteacher



Wednesday 3rd January - Cinderella Pantomime

All children are due to return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January at 8.45am**. To start the New Year in style, we are delighted to be welcoming Chaplin's, the UK's leading touring Pantomime Company Team, in for a rendition of Cinderella. All children from Reception - Year 6 will have the opportunity to watch the performance live in our school hall to celebrate the new school year.



Spring Term PE Dates

For details about Spring term PE, please see information below. On PE days (or on after school club days), it is important that all children arrive in school wearing a full school PE kit.

Monday	Reception Year 2
Tuesday	Year 5 Year 1
Wednesday	Year 6
Thursday	Year 3 Year 4
Friday	Reception Nursery

Malvern Christmas Raffle

During a special assembly held today, we conducted our Christmas Raffle and were thrilled to award prizes to numerous families from our school and the broader Malvern community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the individuals and companies from the community who generously supported us by providing prizes, as well as to all the families who bought tickets. Hopefully, the prizes have truly made Christmas special for the winning families.



Year 2 - Bethel Church Visit

Last week, Year 2 children visited Bethel Church to partake in a wonderful 'Christmas Journey' experience. The interactive story served as an exciting method for retelling the stories of Jesus, immersing us all in the festive spirit. A big thank you and Merry Christmas to Josh and the team at Bethel Church.



Be Bright and Be Seen Competition

During Road Safety Week, Knowsley's Active Travel and Road Safety Team collaborated with schools throughout the borough to engage students in valuable learning activities. The competition winners at our school were elated to receive their well-deserved rewards.



A Ray of Hope

Drama and Theatre Club's Christmas play told the story of the Johnsons - six tearaway siblings who managed to find out that the local youth club was staging a nativity. With a reputation for bad behaviour, the Johnson's presence made rehearsals rather 'interesting'! Narrated by local police officers and supported by an assorted cast of characters including parents, RSPCA officers, youth club kids and the Johnson's ferocious one-eyed dog, A Ray of Hope brought home the true meaning of Christmas. By the time the youth club reached the end of its nativity, the Johnsons were reformed characters, with Shirley Johnson proclaiming that: '....misery and suffering will be words to be forgotten, forever. This comes to pass when a child is born.'



Autumn Term Rewards

In recent weeks, our students have enjoyed various rewards, recognising their hard work throughout the autumn term. One group had the joy of attending Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park for a fantastic performance of Peter Pan. This visit was the reward activity as part of our 'Here on Time' punctuality raffle.

Acknowledging the exceptional support during lunchtime since September, our play leaders and lunch buddies were treated to a Domino's Pizza lunch. Many children also enthusiastically took part in festive cube activities like Festive Football, Christmas Crafts, and a Christmas Cinema experience.

As we welcome the new year, the first week of January will bring the excitement of our termly attendance raffle, emphasising our attendance motto: 'In2Win'. Another treat awaits a group of children visiting Arcains Arcade in Liverpool City Centre for their multiplication efforts and we will also be hosting our England Rocks Reward Party with a variety of inflatables.



Year 6 - Cathedral Vist

On Tuesday, year 6 visited Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. This extraordinary church is the largest Catholic cathedral in England, and plays an important part in the life of the City of Liverpool. The children explored the church's art, history, music and Christmas decorations by completing a treasure trail, solving clues to reveal a secret message! The children were fantastic role models for our school and had a brilliant time.



Food Bank Donations

This week, two members of our Junior Leadership Team visited Knowsley Foodbank to deliver the generous donations from Malvern families as part of our Reverse Advent Calendar. Knowsley Foodbank expressed delight with the efforts of our entire school community and conveyed deep gratitude.

We are pleased to share that we collected an impressive 45 kilograms of food. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, and special recognition to the Junior Leadership Team for inspiring and leading this project with their vision and compassion for our community.



Reception Class Admissions 2024-2025

If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for reception class place in school for September 2024. Everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.


This is the main link to the On-Line Parent Portal can be found here:

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

If you require any support please contact Knowsley Admissions Team via the contact details below:


Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

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September 2024 Intake

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CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2024

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team
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Online Safety Newsletter

With the wonderful support of Knowsley City Learning Centres, we continue to provide a valuable resource for our parents through our monthly Online Safety Newsletter. This online publication is designed to equip parents with essential information on ensuring their child's safety in the digital realm.


In this month's edition, we delve into crucial topics such as age ratings, Minecraft and Snapchat. Our aim is to empower parents with knowledge that enables them to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of online platforms and keep their children safe.

For those who wish to explore more on this subject or catch up on previous newsletters, we encourage you to visit the Safeguarding and Online Safety section of our website. Here, you can access a wealth of resources, including archived newsletters and additional information dedicated to online safety.

<https://malvernprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>



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Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas ahead of us, maybe your child will be receiving this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Toxicity in game play

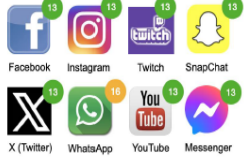
Safe In Our World and Ubisoft (creators of games such as Assassins Creed) have co-developed the 'Good Game' Playbook. The playbook will be sent to players reporting disruptive behaviour as well as the individual reported. This is to support the person affected as well as to try and educate the person reported about the harm their behaviour might have on others.

You can read the handbook here:

<https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubi-soft-safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/>

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Further information
Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It can be difficult to keep up to date with new technologies and to know if there are any related risks that we need to be aware of when using new technologies. AI is being talked about a lot, so it is worthwhile learning more about it now to help support/answer questions if our children show an interest. Twinkl provide a brilliant overview of AI here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-generative-ai-safely-with-kids>

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