

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

6th October 2023

Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Whole class	Mason Olivia	Noah Rosie	Saleh Sapphire	Riki Adeyemi	Alice Jason	Billie-Mae Carl	Riley



Can you find a Golden Ticket? These very special Golden Tickets are hidden amongst all of our fantastic reading books at school. It is a surprise each and every time someone finds one but if you are lucky enough to get one in your chosen book then you are invited to a celebration tea party with Mrs Warburton at the end of term where you will have some tasty treats and a chance to talk about the winning book with the other lucky winners. If you haven't won one yet then get reading as much as you can so that you can finish the book you are currently reading and swap it for one that maybe lucky enough to have a ticket inside! Happy reading!

Y6 visit to Bolton School: We had a fantastic opportunity this week for David, Noah, Evie-Leigh and Lucy to attend a STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) Challenge at Bolton School. We had to create a landing vehicle for an astronaut, solve maths and logic puzzles and build a tower out of art straws. It was fantastic fun and the children were amazing. Take a look at our Facebook page for some pictures!

Half Term Activities: Take a look at the attached posters for the October half term activities that are running at the Den in Walkden, the activities are for children aged 8-16yrs. Also attached is information about the playstreets sessions that are running in the areas for children aged 5-11yrs. The Den in Walkden also have a Family Halloween Event at Parr Fold Park on Friday 27th October.

Toy donations to school: We are looking to supplement our resources for our Early Years department and wondered if you could donate any of the following:

- Plastic figures – people – like ELC figures
- Small metal cars and trucks
- Play food – plastic or wood

If you have any of these items that you would happily donate to school please bring into the school office, thank you.

Next week.....

Y6 Family Workshop: Please come and join us next Wednesday for some fun activities linked to your child's learning. Parents, carers, grandparents are all welcome to come to support your child. Please come to the main entrance at 9am, we look forward to seeing you.

Online Safety: We have some helpful advice below about WhatsApp and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

Y6 Roving Reporters Bulletin

The Chester Zoo volunteers came on Wednesday and will do so for the next 2 weeks. In 3 weeks, we will be paying a visit to Chester Zoo from years 1-6. They showed us endangered animals on a slide show. We went outside and looked for mini-beasts, animals, moss and fungi. They taught us which animals are native and none native for example the Red Squirrel, which you will not see that often because of the Grey Squirrels.
Rocco, Mya, Fazian

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes - encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded - so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe - but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' - choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list - so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Unfortunately we had late arrivals in all classes this week! Children should be in school by 8.45am if you arrive after this time you are late!



Well done to Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 who all achieved their target of above 96%, for last week – FANTASTIC – LETS KEEP IT UP!

Punctuality and Attendance

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance	100	95	96	96.2	92.6	97.2	91.4	92.7	95.14
Late arrivals	2	4	1	4	7	1	3	4	26

School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

DIARY DATES: Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
TUESDAY 10 TH OCTOBER	CHESTER ZOO WORKSHOP	9-12	YEARS 1-6
TUESDAY 10 TH OCTOBER	INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	9-12	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 11 TH OCTOBER	YEAR 6 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 6 PARENTS
TUESDAY 17 TH OCTOBER	CHESTER ZOO TRIP	8.45- 3.30	YEARS 1-6
TUESDAY 17 TH OCTOBER	EYFS ZOO VISIT TO SCHOOL		RECEPTION AND NURSERY
WEDNESDAY 18 TH OCTOBER	STAFF MEETING- BOOK LOOKS AND SUBJECT LEADER TIME	3.30-4.45	TEACHERS ECT'S PLANNING TIME
THURSDAY 19 TH OCTOBER	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9-10	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 19 TH OCTOBER	END OF HALF TERM SINGING SHOWCASE	1.15-1.45	YEARS 1-6 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING	9-10	ALL PARETNS WELCOME
FRIDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL FINISHES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	ALL CLASSES
TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION - ALL CHILDREN INVITED TO BRING A CARVED PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL	9AM	ALL CLASSES

TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	HALLOWEEN SPOOKY MEAL – ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB	11.30 – 1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER	KS2 HALLOWEEN DISCO – FANCY DRESS – FOOD – SWEETS - TOYS £3.50 ENTRANCE OR £5 MEAL DEAL	5 – 6.30PM	Y3 – Y6
WEDNESDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	YEAR 1 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR ONE PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	NASAL FLU VACCINATION – CONSENT FORMS WILL BE REQUIRED	1-2PM	NURSERY
THURSDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER	EYFS BONFIRE NIGHT WORKSHOP	9-10AM	EYFS PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER	YEAR 5 'BOYS TO MEN' WORKSHOP STARTS	11.15-12.15	YEAR 5 CLASS
MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	FLU VACCINATIONS R-YEAR 6	9-3.00	ANY CHILD WITH PARENTAL CONSENT
THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 LAST SWIM SESSION	1-3	YEAR 3
THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 1 HEARING TESTS	9.30 – 11.30	YEAR 1
FRIDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER	2 MINUTES SILENCE IN CLASS	11AM	YEARS 2-6
MONDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING 1 PHONECALL OPTION	3.15-5.15	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 15 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING 1 FACE TO FACE OPTION	3.20-6.30	EYFS TO YEAR 6
THURSDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 4 FIRST SWIMMING SESSION	1.30-3.00	YEAR 4
THURSDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 CATCH UP SWIMMING SESSIONS STARTS	1.30-3.00	SELECTED YEAR 6
FRIDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER ITEM IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY		ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE	12.00	ALL CLASSES
THURSDAY 30 TH NOVEMBER	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY- MATHS FOCUS	9-10.00	NURSERY PARENTS
FRIDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY	10.00-3.00	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.00	YEARS 1-6 TO WATCH
MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA KEY STAGE 1	3.15 -4.15	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.30 APPROX	YEARS R AND KEY STAGE 2 TO WATCH
WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR SCHOOL	10.00	SCHOOL TO WATCH
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	11-1.30	ALL CLASSES

MONDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR PARENTS	9.15AND 2.30	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS
TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON	1-3.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	12-4.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1.30-3.00	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKET WINNERS DRAW		SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW THE WINNERS
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1-3.00	EYFS
FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DONNER – ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB	11.30 – 1PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	2:00PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton