

THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ



Reminder of Some School Rules

It has been lovely to have the children back in school.

We appreciate that some children have been treated to false/acrylic nails but these are totally impractical for school. They are a health and safety danger to others as well as to themselves, particularly in PE lessons and at break times and lunch times.

We would appreciate parents/carers arranging for these nails to be removed as soon as possible.

Nail Varnish

The wearing of nail varnish is not allowed in school. Please can you support school by ensuring all varnish is removed as soon as possible.



School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the school uniform. We try to make it as affordable as possible. The whole concept around a school uniform is to ensure that all children feel they are part of the school. There have been a number of children who have started to wear hoodies/sweatshirts in bright colours. It feels like there is a fashion parade! These items of clothing are not allowed. Children will be asked to remove them. Please support us.



Thank You

Attendance since we returned after Christmas has improved. Thank you.

There are still a number of children who are arriving to school late. Whilst we are happy they are coming to school we would really appreciate children arriving on time.



Chicken Pox

There have been a number of children in the Early Years who have contracted Chicken pox! It is the time of the year when the virus takes hold. If your child is well enough, and the blisters have scabbed over, he/she/they can return to school

URGENT REMINDER - Applications for F2 places

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 please apply on line by midnight on January 15th 2023.

FoLPS

Friends of Liscard Primary School have a number of events planned. FoLPS would welcome any helpers/support for events. If they do not get more support the events will not be able to go ahead. This would be a real shame for the whole community.

Upcoming Events

Friday March 10th

Own clothes day – donations for 'Show some love' sale

Thursday March 16th

Show Some love sale (in mobiles)

Thursday March 23rd

School Disco

Celebrating our super stars at work

Foundation 2

The children are learning about winter. They are increasing their knowledge of descriptive vocabulary. Fortunately for F2 we have experienced a variety of winter weather features!!



Year 2

In science Year 2 sorting and classifying. They matched the parents and offspring of different mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. The children's knowledge was brilliant!



Year 5

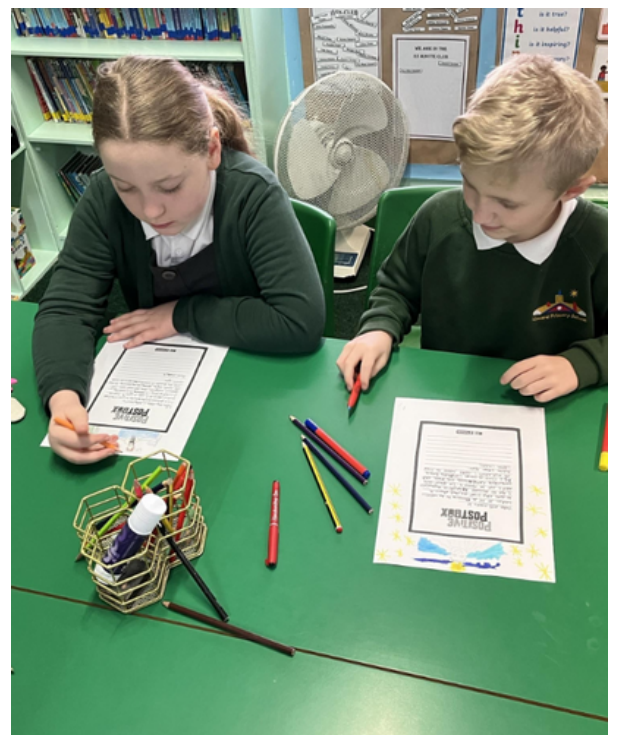
Year 1

Year 1 have had such an exciting time learning how the virtual reality headsets work. It really has enhanced their learning experiences.



Year 4

The children have been writing letters of positivity to another school today.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

4SJ 98.8%
1AL 98.4%
FSC 96%

Let's see which classes have the highest attendance this week!



WALL OF RECOGNITION

Well done to the following children who have consistently followed the school rules of being kind, working hard and never giving up.

F1 DOTTIE
F2 TIAH
Y1 GEORGE
Y2 COHEN
Y3 ROSALIE
Y4 FREYA
Y5 ALFIE
Y6 COLE



Attendance

Well done to Mrs Lakelin's class who topped the attendance chart for Key Stage 1. Congratulations to Miss Jenkins' class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 2. Mrs Cahill's class had the highest attendance across Foundation 2 for the third week running.

The overall attendance this week is 94.7%

There were seventeen classes that had attendance above the national average. Twelve classes improved their attendance from last week.



Every Day Counts



School Lunches



Liscard Primary School - Week Three



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Pizza Choose from cheese & tomato, pepperoni or ham & pineapple served with sweetcorn and pasta spirals	 All Day Breakfast Bacon, Quorn sausage, muffin, egg, baked beans, mushroom and tomatoes served with fresh bread	Sausage & Mash Choose from fresh butcher's quality pork sausages or Quorn sausages served with homemade mashed potatoes, peas and gravy	 Spaghetti Bolognese Choose from fresh minced beef or Vegetarian cooked with onions, garlic, tomatoes and herbs, served on a bed of pasta and broccoli	Fish & Chips Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers, battered cod fillet or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans
Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative Or Deli Bar - Available Everyday A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted batch with a choice filling will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers. Dessert A selection of homemade desserts will be available every day as well as Fresh Fruit, Fruit Salad, Yogurts and Cheese and Crackers Drink A selection of fruit juice cartons and milkshake cartons will be available daily				

National Online Safety

The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides support and guidance for parents/carers about how to stay safe on new devices.

Diary Dates

February 16th 2023 School closes for half term
February 17th 2023 **INSET Day**
February 27th 2023 School re-opens
March 2nd 2023 World Book Day
Thursday 16th March Show Some Love Sale
Monday 20th March - Friday 24th March - Neurodiversity Week
Friday 31st March School Closes for Spring Break
Monday 17th April School Opens
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 13th May - KS2 SATs



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, *Dragonflight*, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary *Final Fantasy XIV*, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £4.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being fooled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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