



Parent Newsletter



Friday 22 November 2024

Message from Mr Gunchala, Head of School

Dear parents,

We have had another fantastic week at Conway Primary School. In celebration assembly, I spoke to the children about being thankful for all the opportunities they have for fun, excitement and happiness, in school and at home, including all the snowmen and snowball fights this week! Not all children have these opportunities so it is important that we are all grateful for what we have.

Please see below some key messages:

Attendance and Punctuality

Some parents may receive letters or phone calls if your child's attendance is a concern or if they are regularly arriving late at school after 8.40am. Please continue to work with us to give your child the best chances to succeed at school.

'Baby Talk' sessions

Mrs Shafiq is holding really useful sessions for parents and babies every Wednesday at 2.30pm. There are only a few spaces left. If you have a baby under the age of 1, please contact the school office or speak with Mrs Shafiq at the gate to secure your place.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Gunchala

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nur: Rafay

RAL: Khawlah

RS: Aiza

1D: Aahil

1A: Sambou

2R: Jabril

2K: Sadia

3S: Nicole

3B: Ishraq

4HK: Umme Ramin

4N: Hazem

5S: Juhayna

5A: Naairah

6D: Anika

6A: Amirah

6W: Mohammed



Pupil Attendance

As you can see, many classes are lower than 96% this week. I know there are illness bugs going around but if your child is able to attend, please do send them into school. Speak to school staff if you need any support.

Well done to Class 4HK for winning the attendance trophy for this week!



1D: 88%

1A: 92%

2R: 94%

2K: 92%

3S: 96%

3B: 92%

4HK: 97%

4N: 93%

5S: 89%

5A: 92%

6D: 90%

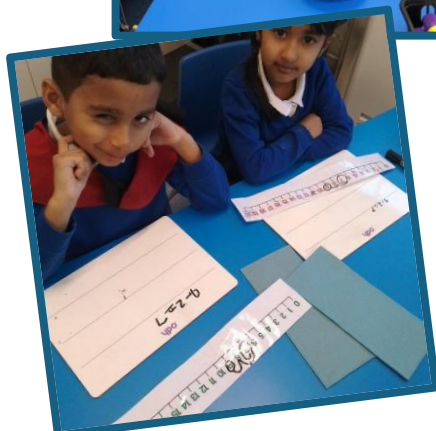
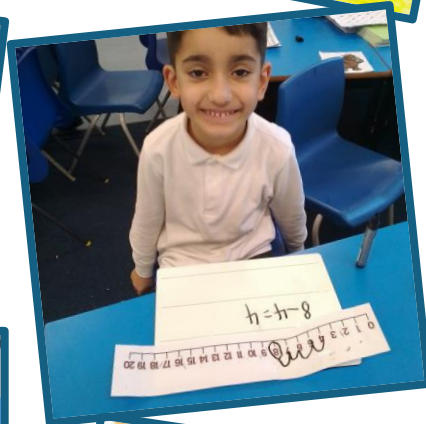
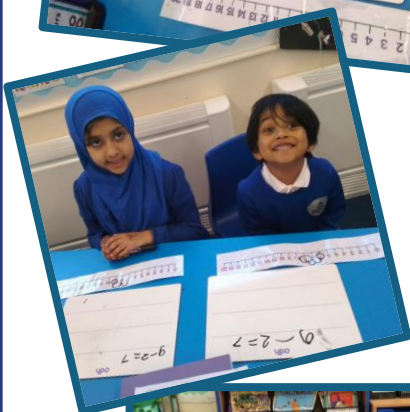
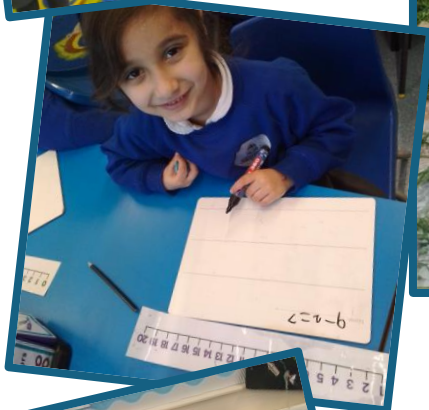
6A: 91%

ABSENCES ADD+UP!

MISSING JUST 2 DAYS
A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS
10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



Conway Crew!



Safeguarding

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like *Bikeability* are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began: there are *Bikeability* courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signalling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the national cycle network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inadvertently opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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Do you have a baby who is a few weeks old or are you pregnant?

JOIN US FOR 'BABY TALK', A STAY-AND-PLAY SESSION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR BABIES.

Every Wednesday at 2.30pm, starting 20 November

This 45-minute weekly session, running for 36 weeks at Conway Primary, is perfect for both current and expecting parents!

- Connect with other parents
- Share experiences
- Learn from one another in a relaxed and friendly environment.
- Enjoy interactive play sessions for children
- Have informative, interesting discussions about early language development.

We're especially inviting pregnant mums to join us as we embark on this exciting journey together. The start date is to be confirmed, but you can register your interest by contacting the school office.

For more information or to sign up, please contact us at:

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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