

Friday 4 October 2024

Message from the Head of School

Dear parents,

What a week we have had in school! As you will be aware from the letter that was circulated on Monday, we had a visit from Ofsted inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday. Such visits are invariably intense and can bring some nervousness. However, I am so proud of how our staff and pupils at Conway showcased how wonderful the school is. Our pupils are always so respectful but they were **EVEN MORE** polite and well-mannered than usual! You, as parents, should be so proud of your children; we certainly are!

I want to give a very special mention to the outstanding staff we have at Conway. The unity and hard-work that was shown blew me away and made me so proud to work with such a dedicated, talented, knowledgeable and caring group of people; your children are definitely in great hands! Though I cannot share the results of the inspection, I can say that it was a fair process and we value the feedback that the inspectors gave us.

This week we also say a sad farewell to Mr Hopkins, who has been one of the site managers at Conway for the last few years. His calm, caring nature will definitely be missed by pupils and staff. We wish him all the best for the future. The pupils and staff had the opportunity to thank Mr Hopkins in assembly today.

**Have a lovely
weekend,
everyone!**

Mr Gunchala



Celebration

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

Every week, a pupil who has exhibited that week's school value is chosen from each class. This week's **STARS OF THE WEEK** are:

Nur: Isaac H
RAL: Layana Z
RS: Miraaj A
1D: Liyanah A
1A: Abdullah
2R: Hareem
2K: Kevin R
3S: Aaradya
3B: Inaayah Y

4HK: Huzayim K
4N: Rensy R
5S: Hamza
5A: Ibrahim
6D: Ihtesham
6A: Anoar
6W: Moh Ahmed

This week's
value:
Ambition



Pupil Attendance

Attendance has slightly improved for many classes this week. Let's all keep working hard to ensure our children do not lose learning opportunities!

Well done to Class 6A for winning the attendance trophy!

1D: 92%

1A: 89%

2R: 97%

2K: 95%

3S: 95%

3B: 97%

4HK: 95%

4N: 99.6%

5S: 95%

5A: 99%

6D: 97%

6A: 100%



If your child is well enough to come to school, please do send them in!

Missing even one day can mean key learning is missed.

If you are unsure, please contact the school office.



Safeguarding

Fake news and disinformation online

What's the problem?

Fake news is false or misleading information presented as genuine news.

Your child might have seen fake news online about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There have been examples of old footage being shared as if it's new, or images being manipulated to present a misleading picture about what's happening. There's been lots of misinformation on TikTok in particular.

Fake news and disinformation have also been linked to radicalisation by extremists and attempts to skew people's world views. For example, extremist narratives relating to coronavirus include:

- Antisemitic conspiracy theories blaming Jewish people for the spread of the virus or suggesting it's a 'Jewish plot'
- Claims that British Muslims have flouted social distancing rules
- Anti-Chinese hatred
- Isis-inspired narratives about how coronavirus is a divine punishment for the 'sinful behaviours' of the west
- Extreme right-wing conspiracies that society is collapsing and far-right groups can accelerate its end

Reading information like this can upset or worry your child unnecessarily. Fake news also helps create a culture of fear and uncertainty, with children trusting reputable news outlets less as a result of fake news.

How can I help my child spot fake news online?

Tell them to ask themselves:

- **What's the source?** Is it a reputable news source, and are mainstream news outlets reporting it too?
- **When was it published?** Check the date an article was published, as sometimes old stories are shared on social media. This could be an accident, or it might be to make it look like something happened recently
- **Have you seen anything similar elsewhere?** What happens if you search for it on Google or check it using a fact-checking website like Full Fact?
- **Do the pictures look real?** Images might have been edited. They might also be unrelated images that have been used with the story
- **Why might this have been created?** Could someone be trying to provoke a specific reaction, change your beliefs, or get you to click a link?

Encourage them to **read beyond the headline** too. Many people share stories having just read the headline, then discover the actual story is quite different.

Point them to the government's SHARE checklist (<https://sharechecklist.gov.uk/>) and advice from Childline (<https://bit.ly/3oYfsgd>) too.

What signs of radicalisation should I be alert to?

It's worth knowing what signs to be alert to, just in case. If you do see these signs, it doesn't necessarily mean your child is being radicalised – it could be nothing at all, or it could be a sign that something else is wrong.

- Becoming more isolated from friends and family
- Not being willing or able to talk about their views
- Becoming more angry
- Talking as if from a script
- A sudden disrespectful attitude towards others
- Being more secretive, especially about their internet use

If you're worried about your child, contact Mrs Zamir (DSL) or any other DSL in school.

Enjoying Playtime!





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 in 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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Resilience



Respect