



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 17TH FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE 13/02/23 – 17/02/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Owls	87.3%	5
Hedgehogs	88.5%	1
Rabbits	90.5%	2
1A	89.6%	2
1B	94.2%	2
2A	94.5%	6
2B	93.2%	7
3A	93.9%	2
3B	92.9%	1
4A	93.9%	9
4B	99.1%	3
5A	96.6%	4
5B	94.8%	9
6A	91.3%	6
6B	93.3%	12

Lateness has a massive impact on children's learning. Not only on the children that are late, but also on the children in the classes being disrupted. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.

97% and above Excellent
95% to 96% Attendance is slipping and will be closely monitored
95% or below Poor (high numbers of children are persistently absent)

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am - Arrive on the school playground
8.40am - Pupils enter school
8.55am - Registration
11.45am - Lunch KS1
11.50am - Lunch KS2
12.35pm - Afternoon session begins KS1
1.05pm - Afternoon session begins KS2
3.15/3.20pm - End of school day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see you back in school on Monday 27th February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half Term – Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies begin at 9am. We hope you can make them.

- Rabbits (Miss Thomson) – Friday 3rd March
- 2A (Miss Lewis) – Friday 10th March
- 1B (Mrs Simpson) – Friday 17th March
- 3B (Miss Farrington) – Friday 24th March

UPCOMING TRIPS/WORKSHOPS

- Monday 27th February: LGBTQ+ History Month (Wear colourful clothes)
- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day (More information will go out soon)
- Wednesday 8th March: Parents Evening Years EY-Year 5 (Letters will go out after half term)
- Thursday 16th March: Year 3 Quarry Bank Mill
- Tuesday 21st March: EY Blackpool Zoo
- Thursday 23rd March: Year 1 Manchester Airport Runway Visitor Park
- Monday 27th March: Year 5 Viking Workshop
- Thursday 20th April: Year 4 Chester
- Thursday 22nd June: Year 4 Llandudno
- Tuesday 27th June: EY Formby Beach
- Wednesday 18th October – Friday 20th October 2023: Robin Wood (Current Year 5)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Owls	Rex
Hedgehogs	Heavenly for great improvement in her resilience, especially with her writing.
Rabbits	Bobby for showing amazing resilience when retelling the Jack and the Beanstalk story
1A	
1B	
2A	Andrii for being a lovely addition to our class.
2B	
3A	Meadow for consistent effort and voracious enthusiasm in academic work and extra-curricular.
3B	Grace for always showing the 3P's, being a great role model and collaborating well with others.
4A	Hassan for absorption and engagement in Maths.
4B	Phoebe for increasing engagement into all areas of learning and being very helpful in class.
5A	Charlie for staying resilient in his learning and showing great engagement in our foundation subjects.
5B	Jasper for showing more resilience in his learning.
6A	Callum for excellent creativity in writing and managing distractions well.
6B	Oliver for fantastic writing and always striving to improve it.
The Hive	Mayra for fab Maths.

FREE PORRIDGE

Throughout Half Term (February 9-22), children will be able to get a free bowl of porridge at all ASDA cafes seven days a week with no minimum adult spend. This can be claimed from 8am-12pm. This will run alongside the Kids Eat for £1 offer.

MR SMITH'S AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

When we return to school, the afterschool clubs will be changing. These will be £10 for the term and can be booked through the MCAS App. There is a maximum of 16 places per club.

Day	Club	Year Groups
Tuesday	Football Club	4-6
Wednesday	Multi Sports	1-6
Thursday	Football Clubs #LetGirlsPlay	1-3

Please note, Boys can still attend the Football Club on a Thursday.

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

As you may be aware, Manchester Road holds the Rainbow Flag award, which highlights the importance of teaching children about equality, respect and tolerance – all of which are part of our British Values.

On Monday 27th February, children can come to school in bright coloured clothing (NO FOOTBALL KITS PLEASE), and will take part in a short fun run at Droylsden Academy.

We are asking for a donation for Children to wear their own clothes on this day. Half of this collection will be donated to Stonewall and the other half will be spent on games for our board games club in school.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office and either Mrs Taylor or Miss Makinson will be more than happy to get back to you.



Greswell Primary School & Nursery
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Denton Autism & ADHD Family Support along with Tameside Specialist Outreach Support Service

Would like to invite you to our coffee morning on:

Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 9.30 - to 11.00 a.m.

Our coffee mornings are facilitated by Greswell Primary School in Denton and allow time for parents of children and young people with an ASD diagnosis (or going through a MAAT assessment) to come together in a nurturing environment to share their journeys and ask for or offer advice.

The focus for this session is on Community Supports and we'll have representatives from OKE, TASCA and FACT attending who will give an outline of what their services offer.

If you are interested, please contact the school office number below to book your place.

We look forward to meeting with you.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 80%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also prompt impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Early, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unscrupulous users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authentication via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modding a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

Chris Goodwin (aka, LinusTech) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2008, providing websites with expert reviews, news and gaming guides. He is the owner of LinusTech Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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