



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 1ST DECEMBER

ATTENDANCE 27/11/23 – 01/12/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	85.3%	2
Clover bee	97.5%	9
Honeybee	96.8%	11
1A	96.5%	6
1B	95.2%	3
2A	94.7%	5
2B	93.1%	1
3A	99.1%	7
3B	86.5%	9
4A	96%	10
4B	97.1%	4
5A	97%	2
5B	91%	6
6A	97.1%	9
6B	86.7%	7

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 – Gates shut & registration begins
 11.45am – KS1 Lunch
 11.50am – KS2 Lunch
 12.35pm – Afternoon session begins KS1
 1.05pm – Afternoon session begins KS2
 3.15/3.20pm – End

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday 7 th December	Year 5 going to Droylsden Academy for Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas and return on Wednesday 3 rd January.
Thursday 4 th January	4A Manchester Museum
Friday 5 th January:	4B Manchester Museum
Wednesday 21 st February	Y6 Safe Squad

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly at 9am on the following dates.

Class	Date
3B Ms Hepburn	8 th December

Please note: these dates could potentially change. If they do, we will inform you.

RECEPTION 2024

You can apply from 1st November 2023 and the closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. This must be done through your local council.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Bumblebee	Samuel for super effort with his drawings.
Honeybee	Frederick-Blake for having a positive attitude to his learning and being a kind friend. Eva for trying so hard to stay positive this week.
1A	Ethan for having a fantastic attitude towards his learning – especially in English where he's completed an amazing piece in writing about Marcus Rashford.
1B	Parker for always being 100% committed to his learning.
2A	Caroline for amazing maths and excellent MRPA role model.
2B	Coby for super resilience in all his learning.
3A	Kenya for a fantastic start at MRPA, excellent effort and work ethic in all subjects.
3B	Keegan for always being a great role model and showing empathy and collaboration particularly in reading this week.
4A	Lorcan for effort in maths and for being super resilient.
4B	Awa for excellent independence in writing, using the writing rainbow to make the shared write her own amazing ideas and description.
5A	Joshua for being a kind, polite and engaged learner who is always trying to challenge himself.
5B	Folasewa for having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
6A	Charlie for independence and resilience for his independent write in English.
6B	Sophie for always trying her best and being an excellent role model.
Hive	Skye for trying hard in maths.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As you may be aware, face club will be finishing at the end of December. Letter have gone out to those who already attend.

We will be starting our own Breakfast and After School Club which will be called Hive Hub. If you would be interested in securing a place, please email office@mrpa.org.uk.

Below are the details for the club.

Breakfast club will start from 7.30am and the cost will be £5 per child and £4 for siblings.

Afterschool club will run between 3.30-5.30pm. There will be two separate charges.

- The first charge will be £4 which covers the hours between 3.30-4.30pm.
- The second charge will be £8 which covers the hours between 3.30 – 5.30pm

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 6 th December	The deadline has now passed, and payment will appear on the 6 th December.
Christmas Fair	Thursday 7 th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm	This is a cash event – but please bring coins as we don't have cash in school so there will be no float to provide change! Christmas Jumper Day.
Early Years Performance (Nursery and Reception)	Wednesday 13 th December 9.20am and 1.30pm	One of these performances may take place at the church if we are able to secure a place.
KS1 Performance	Thursday 14 th December 9.20am and 1.30pm	
KS2 Christmas sing along	Friday 15 th December Y3/4 – 9.15am & 1.30pm Y5/6 – 10am & 2.15pm	We have split the performances as when they are together this can take almost 2 hours! But visitors with a child in both phases can still come to watch both.
Christmas crafting day	Monday 18 th December	Children will make Christmas crafts to bring home.
Christmas Parties	Tuesday 19 th December	Children can come to school in Christmas party outfits. They will have games and some Christmas treats.

**Just a reminder that we break up for Christmas on
Tuesday 19th December.**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

£50 CASH PRIZE **50P PER TICKET** **FOOD HAMPER**

LENOVO IDEAPAD LAPTOP **FOOTBALL SHIRT**

plus other great prizes

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VISIT SANTA AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Enjoy visiting Santa and receive a gift. Each session has 15 spaces so don't delay. The cost is £2 per child and Pre-booking is required via MCAS. This will appear on Monday 20th November.

Time Slots

- Session 1 @ 3.30pm
- Session 2 @ 3.45pm
- Session 3 @ 4pm
- Session 4 @ 4.15pm
- Session 5 @ 4.30pm
- Session 6 @ 4.45pm
- Session 7 @ 5pm
- Session 8 @ 5.15pm



Helping Hand at Tameside Family Hubs

Come along to one of our stalls/events to find out more about cost-of-living support available to you.

Upcoming Information Stalls:

<p>North Family Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 28 November 2-4pm Trafalgar Square, Ashton, OL7 0LL 	<p>East Family Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 5 December 10am – 12pm School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA
<p>West Family Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 29 November 10am – 12pm Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M34 7RA 	<p>South Family Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 8 December 10am – 12pm Old Road, Hyde, SK14 4SQ

#HelpingHandTameside

Tameside Family Hubs

Tameside Metropolitan Borough

More dates and locations to be added this winter. Please let us know if your organisation or venue would be interested in holding a Helping Hands stall by contacting communications@tameside.gov.uk

Find help local to you.

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 90%. 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 promote impulsive 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

Sadly, 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 unwary 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 authorisation 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

Modifying 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

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