

YEAR 6

31st October 2024: Closing date for High School applications. Ensure you submit your secondary school application on or before this date. Otherwise, you will need to make a late application.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 25TH OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE 21/10/24 – 25/10/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	87.5%	7
Clover bee	90.5%	5
Honeybee	85.7%	3
1A	97.8%	7
1B	89.5%	5
2A	83.4%	3
2B	91.7%	4
3A	97.7%	3
3B	96.2%	3
4A	98.4%	14
4B	87.1%	12
5A	93.2%	2
5B	98.2%	3
6A	96.8%	9
6B	90.8%	7

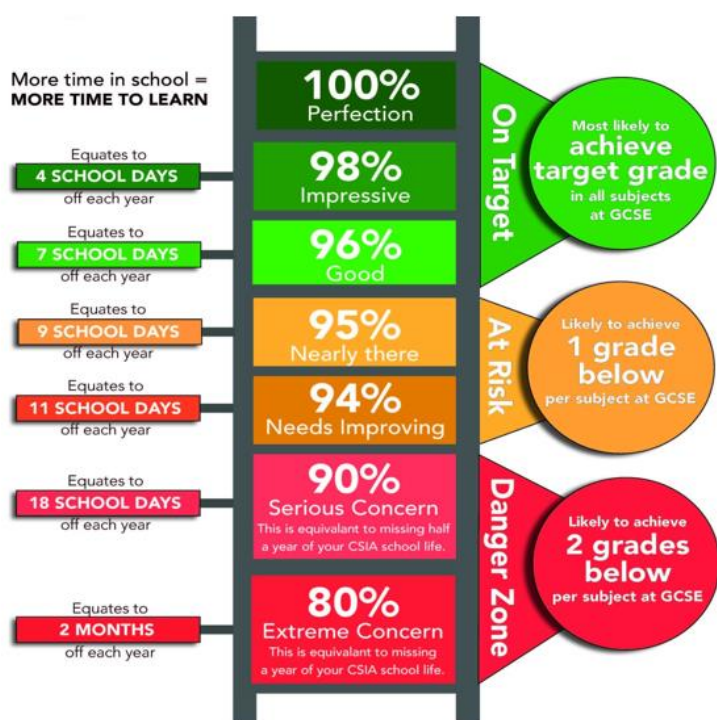
Have a lovely half term.

We will see you back at school on Monday 4th November.

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	11
Tuesday	21
Wednesday	13
Thursday	16
Friday	26
Total Lates This Week	87

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
- 8.50am – Gates shut & registration
- 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

For every day your child is absent from school over 6 hours of instruction time is lost

UPCOMING EVENTS

Day	Event
Friday 8 th November	6B Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 th November	SRE Consultation Evening @ 3.40pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents Evening (Not for Year 2)
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Friday 15 th November	1A Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd November	5A Class Assembly
Friday 29 th November	2A Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm
Monday 9 th December	Year 5 Christmas Dinner at Droylsden Academy
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 th December	EY Christmas Performance 9.30 & 2.30
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30 & 2.30
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Sing Along 9.15 & 1.30

Please note, dates could change for class assemblies. If they do, a message will go out to inform of the new details.



BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN @250TH DROYLSDEN SCOUTS

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

Mondays 6pm - 7.30pm

f join@ntscouts.org.uk
 @UKScouting

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Etta for showing super reflectiveness and for showing such kind and helpful behaviour.
HONEY BEE	Arabella for trying so hard to communicate and joining in with activities.
CLOVER BEE	Micah for super resilience working on his scissor skills this week and for always setting a wonderful example to others.
2A	Jannat resilience in maths and English.
3B	Tife for producing high quality work this week.
5A	Olivia for being a resilient learner, who always puts in extra effort in all her work. She is such a kind peer, who is willing to help anybody.
5B	Xykarie for showing more resilience in his learning.
6B	Meme for reciprocity and supporting others with their weaving as well as improving her writing skills.
THE HIVE	Leonie for fantastic writing ideas in English

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

Friday 15th November is the date for BBC Children in Need Appeal. Our school is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme.

On this date, children can come into school wearing their PJ's, please ensure these are suitable and that your child wears sensible footwear.

To donate money please use the following link:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 3	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Cheese and Tomato Naan Bread Pizza with Potato Wedges (GLUTEN, MILK, CELERY)	Chinese Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice (GLUTEN, SOYA, MUSTARD)	Roast of the Day served with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes (GLUTEN, MILK, EGG)	Beef Bolognaise with Wholemeal Pasta (GLUTEN)	Fish of the Day with chips and a Lemon Wedge (GLUTEN, FISH)
Vegetarian Main Course	Linda McCartney Vegimince Bolognaise served with Spaghetti (GLUTEN, SOYA)	Cheese and Red Pepper Quiche with Boiled Potatoes (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA, SO2)	Linda McCartney Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes (GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA, MILK, SO2)	Vegetable Fajita's and a Mixed Salad (GLUTEN, CELERY, MILK)	Cheese whirl and Chips. (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SO2)
Vegetables	Beans & Sweetcorn	Diced Swede & Green Beans	Cauliflower & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Mashed Swede	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Dessert	Banana Muffin (GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA) Or Fruit Salad	Lemon Cake Drizzle (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit Boats	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (GLUTEN) Or Fruit Kebabs	Apricot Flapjack (GLUTEN) Or Fruit Salad	Strawberry Jelly topped with Mandarins Or Fruit Pots
Selector 1	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)
Grab 'n' Go	Cheese Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK)		Tomato and Basil Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, MILK)		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, FISH, EGGS)

Fresh Baked Jacket Potato with Choice of fillings
Cheese **(Milk)** Tuna **(Eggs, Fish)** Beans
available daily

Pick 'n' Mix Sandwich
Sandwich **(Wheat, Soya)**
Crudites Pot
Dessert
(See daily allergen matrix)
available daily

Fresh Bread **(Wheat, Soya)**
Cheese & Crackers **(Milk, Gluten)**
Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit and
Yoghurts **(Milk)**
available daily



Christmas dinner is offered to the whole school, including nursery, and will be on **Thursday 12th December**. We also have a vegetarian option, which will be a Quorn fillet.

The cost of the dinner is **£2.25** for children in Years 3,4,5,6 and Nursery. Can you please ensure this payment is added onto your MCAS account before Thursday 12th December. If your child usually has a school meal, this is to be paid as normal for that week.

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, so you do not need to pay. Also, if your child is entitled to 'free school meals', you do not need to pay.

If your child is in nursery and would like to stay for a Christmas Dinner, the pick up time will be 12pm.

Please email office@mrpa.org.uk with which option you will be taking no later than **Thursday 28th November**. Please note any replies after this day will not be able to have a Christmas Dinner as the kitchen will have the final numbers.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls; essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING
18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial at Amigo (and without using a profile photo) users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to lull these relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 16 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a false age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approval' (Android) on their device, ensuring your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to talk you straight away.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of acting up a false profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or being pressured into chatting with strangers.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions. But empower them and reassure them that you're there to be supportive, if the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Summerland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and earned out research for the Australian government regarding internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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