

UNAVOIDABLE CLOSURE

Unfortunately, school will be closed on Thursday 4th July due the election taking place.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 21ST JUNE

ATTENDANCE 17/06/24 – 21/06/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	91.4%	1
Clover bee	88.5%	11
Honeybee	93.5%	7
1A	94.4%	3
1B	95.1%	4
2A	92.4%	4
2B	92.8%	0 😊
3A	89.4%	3
3B	92.5%	7
4A	97.6%	7
4B	94.8%	2
5A	92.5%	6
5B	87.5%	9
6A	92.9%	0 😊
6B	83.5%	5

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

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

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	16
Tuesday	19
Wednesday	10
Thursday	10
Friday	14
Total Lates This Week	69

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 4: Llandudno
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 5: Mosque
Thursday 4 th July	Unavoidable Closure due to Election
Friday 19 th July	Year 6: Blackpool Pleasure Beach

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class	Date	Time
1A Miss Boardman	Thursday 27 th June	2.30pm
2B Mrs Hunter	Friday 5 th July	9am
3B Ms Hepburn	Friday 12 th July	9am

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

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
HONEY BEE	Eva for been at school every day and trying hard to use her phonics for writing.
BUMBLE BEE	Maybelle for resilience especially with her super drawings.
2A	David- resilience and super focus on completing his work.
2B	Haneen for settling into a new class so well and always being ready to learn.
3A	Zara for being a wonderful example to peers, showing resilience and pride in all her learning, beautiful presentation and a mature way of handling friendships.
4B	Bobbie and Jacob for excellent effort and resilience during assessment week.
5A	Hans for doing amazing in his NFER's and being a diligent and respectful learner.
5B	Josiah for improving his attitude towards learning.
6A	Chloe - For producing an amazing setting description filled with advanced vocabulary and varied sentence types. It was a pleasure to read.
6B	Skye for her enthusiasm and adaptability whilst doing our new learning routine and school production.
THE HIVE	Gedeon for beautiful story writing.

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 our apps which we believe users should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalsafetysociety.com for further guidance, 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 of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're hot my type" and "let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and ominous 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. Parents 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 18 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 when 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 as they reply to messages within 15 seconds, while there are also incentives 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 always done online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The best option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

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 setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS
Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Wherever communication apps your child use, 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 tell you straight away.

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 offering any judgement. Then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures 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 Sutherland 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 carried out research for the Australian government, comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 26th June and the times are:

- 9:30-11:30 Year 1, 2 and 3
- 1:15- 3:00 Year 4, 5 and 6.

Children need to come in their PE kit (plain white t shirt, black/dark blue shorts)

Early Years will have their own sports day at school on one of the last weeks before the holidays.



YEAR 6

We sent out a message on 16th April asking parents if they would like to send in a photograph of their child so we can use them during the leaver's assembly. If you would like to send in a picture, can this please be done asap and sent to office@mrpa.org.uk.

Tickets are now available for the Year 6 Production. There are a limited number per show of 80 for fire regulations. Can you please email office@mrpa.org.uk including which show you would like to attend, and the number of tickets required. We can only offer two tickets per child and one show first, but if there are tickets left once everyone has had chance to purchase them, we will offer you the opportunity to purchase more. We will let you know when this happens.

We will be holding an assembly and BBQ in school on the last day of term, which is Friday 26th July. In 2022 we held this at 4.30pm after the rest of the children had gone home and it worked really well so we are going to do the same again. We expect this to finish at around 6pm. Tickets for the BBQ are £2 and are on sale.

Please email office@mrpa.org.uk if you would like to attend.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND COMMENTS
1.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
2.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
9.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
15.7.24	Reports out to parents	
16.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
18.7.24	Parents Drop in	3.30-5.30pm
22.7.24	Y6 Dress Rehearsal for KS2	1.30pm
23.7.24	Y6 Performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
24.7.24	Gold Card Assembly for children	9.15-10am
24.7.24	Y6 performance for EY/KS1	2pm
25.7.24	Bouncy Castle for House Point Winners	9am-11.30am
25.7.24	Y6 performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
26.7.24	EY graduation for parents	9.15-9.45am
26.7.24	Y6 Graduation for parents and pupils	4.30-6pm

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

