

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

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Menu No. 2



Congratulations to Class 4 who have 98.3% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

As another fun-filled week draws to a close we are starting to see some sunshine. Please make sure your child comes to school ready for all weathers. Put sun-cream on them before they come to school and send them with a hat and water bottle to make sure they are able to manage when they are outside, as well as a water-proof in case it rains.

We are out for long periods during the day so it is important that the children do not wear open-toed sandals as they are not suitable for climbing and in the forest school. If they have closed in sandals they still need to wear socks.

You may remember that our school council hosted a 'Make a Nurse Smile' day a while back. Well I'm pleased to say it worked as we got an email from a very grateful nurse who said:

'It was such a lovely thought and certainly put a smile on the face of myself and my colleagues.'

We had our Lower Key Stage 2 sports day this week and once again the children all took part with great enthusiasm and effort. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support. It is lovely to have you all back in school and we are looking at what we can do to build up lots more opportunities for you to be involved in school now that we are getting back into the swing of it.

We just have our Key Stage 1 Sports Day left to go and we have been asked by Oliver, one of our Year 1 school councilors, if we can make it an awareness raising event for Candlelighters. There will be drinks and sweets on sale during the sports day at Oliver's Sweet Shop and all the money raised will go to Candlelighters. We will also be asking the children to wear something pink or green to show their support, as they are the Candlelighters colours. Don't worry if you don't have something in those colours as there will be plenty of coloured stickers for the children to wear. He is hoping to raise £80 so make sure you bring some cash with you when you come along to watch.

Next week is our Assessment Week so the children will be doing lots of assessments. These will then be used to support your child's transition to their new class as it will give us a clear picture of their strengths and areas they need to focus on. This information will also be used to support the writing of our end of year reports. The results from these assessments will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

20.6.22	Assessment Week
20.6.22	Cricket Tournament
22.6.22	Girls' Football Tournament
23.6.22	Year 2 Skipping Tournament
27.6.22	Year 1 Local Area Walk
28.6.22	KS1 Sports Day am
30.6.22	Year 3/4 Cricket
1.7.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
1.7.22	KS2 Celebration Assembly
5.7.22	Reception Trip
5.7.22	Year 5/6 Rounders
6.7.22	PTFA Beach Party Disco
7.7.22	Year 6 Leavers Party
8.7.22	Year 6 Leavers Concert
9.7.22	East Ardsley Gala
11.7.22	Growth Mindset Week
11.7.22	Rock Steady Concert
11.7.22	Artist in with Class 10
12.7.22	Artist in with Class 9
12.7.22	Year 3/4 Cricket Tournament
13.7.22	Year 3 Football Tournament
15.7.22	Reports to Parents
18.7.22	Transition Week
19.7.22	Morley Sports Day
22.7.22	School closes



Year 3/4/5/6—Musical Instrument Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play one of the following musical instruments from September, could you please contact the office for an application form:

Violin	Trumpet	Saxophone
Guitar	Cornet	Clarinet
Cello	Flute	Keyboard

Ace Year 6 Dodgeball Tournament

Today six children from year 6 Travelled to Tennants Hall in Middleton, to take part in a Dodgeball Tournament which was organised and run by Ace Club. Ten teams participated and each team played each other in quick fire games, two minutes long. Out of nine games, we drew one, lost four and won four. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were fantastic representatives of the school. Well done for finishing in fifth place: Eliot Dedinca, Finlay Procter, Kyle Grobler, Zach Whittleston, Joella Akiti and Heidi France.

MSSA U11s Summer Tournament

Tuesday was our annual MSSA Summer U11s Football Tournament. Twelve schools participated and were split into three leagues of four teams. The games were eight minutes long with no half time. As our league got going we were informed that one of the schools had failed to turn up, this meant that our league had three teams so we were to play each other twice.

Morley Victoria and Westerton were the two schools we were up against and we knew they would be tough games as we had played them many times before. Both our matches against Morley Vic were just that, with end to end play. Lucy and Cameron were like the dream team, in both games they consistently made solid passes to each other, with Lucy assisting Cameron in both of his magnificent goals. These two games both ended as 1-0 wins for us!

The Westerton games were much the same as the Morley Vic but these had a lot more shots on our goal, putting Ethan and Lucas in defence, under lots of pressure at times. Kyle saved the day for sure in both these matches with some brilliant saves. Kayzia got stuck in at every opportunity and worked really well alongside Jack in midfield. Jack did some superb tackles and, along with Caspar down the wing, they both absolutely ran their socks off. The first game was a 0-0 draw, with Westerton winning the second by a cheeky goal, a couple of minutes before the end, 1-0.

As we finished the league games the scores were worked out to see who was through to the semi-finals.

Both ourselves and Westerton finished on exactly the same points with the same goal difference. We actually thought we would have to go to penalties to decide the league winners, however we were wrong. It was decided that due to lack of time, they would award Westerton as winners by playing the advantage of the facts that they had beaten us 1-0.

To say we were gutted was an understatement, but I can honestly say that the team played absolutely brilliantly and I couldn't have been any more prouder of them.

Kyle was undoubtedly the player of the tournament with some unbelievable saves which were consistent throughout the tournament and definitely saved our skin on quite a few occasions.

Massive well done to all the children for representing the school so well: Lucy Ream, Kayzier Ward, Cameron Marsh, Jack Parkin, Caspar Chadwick, Ethan Harrison-Jones, Lucas Rose and Kyle Grobler.

Pinnacle Football Festival

On Wednesday, the Pinnacle Football Festival returned since covid struck. The last one was held in 2019 when East Ardsley romped home with the shield!

This year I had three year 6s and three year 5s representing the school and what an afternoon we had! Eight teams participated from across Leeds and we were split into two leagues. The games were 5-side, with smaller pitches and were six minutes each way with a one minute break in between.

Our first game was against Methley and what a cracking game it was! We realised early on that with the pitches being smaller and less players, the games were a lot more fast paced than usual. Our team soon got into their stride and with two goals each from Cameron (one being a deflection from the keeper) and Lucy, we came away with a fantastic 4-0 win.

Our next game was against Cookridge. The first half was pretty much, even stevens, but as soon as the second half kicked off, a great run from Caspar ended up with him powering it into the back of the net. Soon after, Jack did an absolutely superb, over-head kick and knocked a second one in for us. We ended the match with a 2-0 win.

Our third game against Yeadon was much the same as the previous. Plenty of end to end football with lots of shots on both goals. Kyle was his usual, outstanding goalkeeper and just before half time Lucy had a brilliant run, clipping it past the keeper to put us in front. as the second half got under way, Lucy knocked another past their keeper and was desperate for a hat-trick! This wasn't to be as Yeadon scored with just a minute remaining. The last minute was painful as both teams fought tirelessly until the final whistle was blown. We ended with a 2-1 win and through to the semi finals.

We were drawn against Rothwell Primary in the semi's and we were evenly matched apart from one particular boy who was absolutely brilliant! He was like a whippet running around the field and had knocked three into the net before half time!

Although we had some great runs, with Georgie and Jack doing some fabulous defending, it just wasn't to be. Rothwell knocked a couple more past our players and unfortunately, we missed out on the final.

The children really could not have played any better than they did and I am extremely proud of all of them for being so resilient and amazing! I have no doubt our year 6 boys will move on to bigger and better things I am sure at high school, but I am so looking forward to our next school year when these (and other) year 5s will join forces with some of the current year 4s to form our next school team.

Massive well done to: Kyle Grobler, Cameron Marsh, Jack Parkin, Lucy Ream, Georgie Ream and Caspar Chadwick - you are all amazing at what you do, roll on next year!

Mrs Fletcher 😊

Apology

Apologies to AJ Murphy for his name being mixed up with his brother's on the mention for the Tag Rugby last week. As Human League once said 'I'm only Human'. I am also getting on a bit, so mistakes are bound to happen!!

EAST ARDSLEY PTFA PRESENTS



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What Parents Need to Know about the Metaverse

A free online safety guide on Metaverse.

Metaverse' is a relatively new term to many, however the concept has been around for some time. Videogames, for example, use many aspects of the metaverse; avatars, digital currency, mini-games, and open communication. A metaverse can also take many forms; Fortnite can be seen as a metaverse, as is Roblox. Put simply, a metaverse is an online environment where people interact, play games and express themselves. Away from traditional videogames, there are newer and more 'dedicated' metaverses such as Decentraland, The Sandbox and Somnium Space which are akin to Second Life.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as anonymity, psychological impact and unsafe areas.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE METAVERSE

AGE RATING
Varies per
metaverse
platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSAFE AREAS

Many metaverse platforms feature little to no moderation. This is due to the decentralised nature of the metaverse - as there is no one company overseeing the platform, users can create and build with freedom. This can be a minefield for younger users as adult material or sensitive topics can feature on a parcel of land seen by everyone.

VOICE COMMUNICATION

The freedom found within creation is also found in communication. Most metaverses use proximity VOIP communication (Voice Over Internet Protocol) and users can approach any other user to start a conversation. It is necessary for avatars to be quite close to another in order to talk and once they are, anything can be said. While a chat box can be moderated, voice chat cannot.

ANONYMITY

As with almost every other form of online interactions, anonymity features heavily within the metaverse. The concept for the metaverse is to live any type of life digitally. This could mean that 'bad actors' (those with malicious intent) can take advantage of others with ease. Reporting and monitoring these users is becoming easier on the more popular platforms, but others struggle to police these situations.

VIRTUAL REALITY

Not all metaverse platforms are VR enabled, in fact less than 10% feature VR interactivity. However, it's always worth monitoring the amount of time younger users spend in virtual reality. A VR metaverse differs greatly to VR gaming in user interaction. Approaching each other in a VR metaverse attempts to represent 'reality' and can result in a greater impact if experiences are negative.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT

Whether in virtual reality or not, interactions and experiences in the metaverse can often carry more weight because they mimic 'real life'. Oftentimes, due to the freedom in avatar creation, younger users may open themselves up to bullying, prejudice or an unrealistic idea of reality. For instance, female-orientated avatars may find themselves targeted by bullies or inappropriate users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TRY IT OUT FIRST

This may sound like an obvious tip, but by entering the metaverse and exploring on your own, you'll be able to see what your child might. You can explore the busier areas and even the quiet sections to see what users are building or advertising. You'll also learn first-hand how users communicate with each other. Many metaverse platforms will feature an entry area which showcases the busiest areas. Check them all out and see what's happening.

CREATE AN AVATAR TOGETHER

If you decide on allowing your child into the metaverse, set up their initial avatar together. This way you can ensure the avatar is age-appropriate and keeps their identity private. You can also advise on aspects which may result in attracting bullies or unwanted attention. It will also allow you to see which avatar items cost money, and talk to your child about in-game spending.

LEARN ABOUT NFTS, WALLETS AND CRYPTO

With the metaverse comes Web3 technologies such as NFTs, cryptocurrency and wallets in which to store them. If you have a crypto wallet, do not connect it to your child's metaverse. One simple click could result in loss of cryptocurrency. If you are unsure what these technologies are, try to research them as these terms will appear in the metaverse.

START WITH THE FAMILIAR

There are already metaverse experiences with children in mind; explain to your child what a metaverse is and have them recognise similarities between those and games like Roblox, Fortnite and Minecraft. Unfortunately, there is no 'child safe' metaverse option as yet, though Epic Games and LEGO are currently developing a family safe metaverse.

Meet Our Expert

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