

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

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**Attendance:** Congratulations to Class 9 who have 99.3% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

## What we have been up to this week:

This week has been a real tour of historical events and fun activities. Year 4 started us off with a visit from the skipping school. It always has a really positive impact on our playtimes as the children learn new skipping skills and games that they can practice at these times. It is amazing how well lots of our children can skip.

This was closely followed by a visit to Year 3 from a Roman soldier. They children all learnt what life would have been like for them if they'd lived in Roman Britain. They learnt to march and fight and then ended the day off around a campfire. Events such as this really bring the children's learning to life and they all had a fantastic time and learnt lots of interesting facts along the way.

We then had our PTFA Halloween disco last night. Lots of the children came dress up in lots of creative costumes with scary masks or make-up. It was hard to recognise who lots of them were. They all enjoyed running around and dancing. The limbo was a particular hit in the Key Stage 2 disco.

Our thanks to the PTFA for all the effort they put into arranging these events so that the children can have a great time and we can raise a bit of money for school. The money raised all goes to support the children; subsidising trip, buying extra resources for the classroom or putting on treats for them all. These things would not happen without them.

Our week ended with Year 5 taking a trip back to the Victoria era. They all arrived dressed like Victorian children and set off in a coach back in time to a Victorian classroom.

In school this week I have been looking at some of the fantastic art work the children have been doing so far this term. Each child has a sketch book which goes with them through school so that we can see how they have progressed over time. Of course we have some really talented children and I have chosen some of their artwork to go up on display in school, but you can see how all the children have experimented with ideas and improved over time.

You may have noticed that we have had some technical difficulties with our IT equipment in school this week. We had some work done on the system over the half-term and it has taken some time to get us all up and running again. We are hopeful that we have resolved most of the issues and should be back up and running at full capacity. I apologise if you are one of the people who have been affected by this. Mainly I think it has been the staff who have been plagued with problems and driven to distraction at times through the week. **Ms Talbot**

## Dates for your Diary:

7.11.22	Year 6 Bikeability Week
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week
24.11.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
25.11.22	Inset Day—school closed
28.11.22	Assessment Week
29.11.22	Flu Immunisations
29.11.22	PTFA Key Stage 1 Film Night
1.12.22	PTFA Key Stage 2 Film Night
5.12.22	Rock Steady Concert
7.12.22	Year 4 Trip
7.12.22	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity
8.12.22	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity
9.12.22	Christmas Jumper Jumble
13.12.22	Christmas Dinner Day
13.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
14.12.22	Nursery Christmas Sing
14.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
15.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
16.12.22	School closes
3.1.23	School opens
9.1.23	Year 5 Trip
12.1.23	PTFA Meeting 6pm
24.1.23	Governors Meeting
25.1.23	Year 6 Robinwood
2.2.23	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
9.2.23	PTFA Valentine Disco
10.2.23	School closes
20.2.23	School opens
20.2.23	D:side workshops all week
22.2.23	Year 3 Trip
2.3.23	World Book Day
2.3.23	Year 6 Trip
9.3.23	Year 2 Celebration Assembly

### **Next PTFA meeting: 19th November 6pm-7pm at school.**

If you are interested in joining the PTFA or just after some information please feel free to pop along. It's at school and you need to come in through main entrance, one of the PTFA will be there to let you in. If you're interested please email us on [ptfa@eastardsley.leodis.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@eastardsley.leodis.org.uk) - we'd love to see you!

### **Applying for Primary places (Reception) to start September 2023**

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2023. Parents/carers should have received a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place. Parents are able to apply for their child's reception place to start school in September 2023 using the online system: [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk). After applying, please check that you have received a confirmation and keep the email safe. If you do not receive a confirmation email, this means that some of the information has been omitted and the application will not be processed, therefore you will need to contact Admissions.

Parents will be informed of their school offer via email on **Monday 17th April 2023**

You can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 if you have any questions.

You can find information about schools, previous years allocation data, catchment maps and links to school admission policies on the 'find more information about a school' page on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/composite-prospectus>

You can find on Leeds City Council's website [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

- an address lookup tool - for families to check if their address has any priority, but not all addresses will have such priority
- the link to the online application form

Please remember to:

- use all 5 preferences, using only use 1 or 2 preferences decreases the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school;
- any supplementary information needs to be provided by the closing date (this applies if a child is previously looked after, is seeking admission under exceptional needs or if a family wish to apply for their child to be admitted out of chronological age group
- use the child's actual permanent address. Using that of a friend, relatives, childminder or renting a property to gain a school place are all considered fraud and places can be withdrawn.

## U11s Girls' Football Tournament - Champions!!

Well, I can't believe I am writing this, but my amazing girls have only gone and done it again!!

Yesterday didn't start off very well as two of the girls who were meant to be playing, dropped out. As it was too short notice to choose any others, I decided to just take the six remaining girls. We were told that our opponents would also play six players.

When we got there only seven schools had turned up, so were split into one league of four and one of three teams, we were in the latter one. The matches were eight minutes long with no half time.

Our first game was against Morley Newlands, who had also only brought six players. We completely dominated this game, with a hat-trick from Maisie and two from Lucy R. The score would have been a lot more had the goal post not got in the way quite a few times. Poor Georgie didn't even get a touch of the ball but that just shows what a strong team they were.

The second game was against another Morley school. They had brought ten players and wanted to lend us two so we could play eight-a-side. I spoke with the girls, and we all agreed we didn't want to do this, however when it came to kick off, they had put eight players on. They said that they had offered another two to us but we refused, and they needed to give their girls some playing time. Although I really wasn't happy about this, Karma was definitely on our side as we absolutely whooped them 6-0!!! 🏆🏆 This time Lucy R got her hat-trick with another one from Maisie. The girls were just superb, and all absolutely played their socks off.

With the other league having more games to play than us, we played a few friendlies to keep the girls warm. We played Newlands again and then Fountain, both ending up 3-0.

The final was against Westerton, as they had won on points in their league. This game was our trickiest so far and the girls had a to battle to win the ball, however we really were too strong a team and had plenty of chances on goal. Towards the end of the game with penalties looming, the girls pulled it out of the bag with another two magnificent goals from Lucy R. We were all absolutely buzzing as the girls had retained their title for the second year running.

Georgie barely had anything to do in goal today, but made a few important, cracking saves when needed. Georgie also kept a clean sheet throughout which is a brilliant achievement. Emily and Ashlea were solid in defense with Lucy H playing some fantastic football, end to end in central midfield. Maisie and Lucy R were just outstanding on the wings, and I was truly in awe of all their skills and abilities.

Massive well done to all the girls on this truly amazing achievement! I am extremely proud of you.

Hard to choose, but Player of the Tournament - Maisie Walker. ✨ ✨

Champions: Lucy Ream, Georgie Ream, Lucy Hargreaves, Emily Mail, Ashlea Lee and Maisie Walker.

Mrs Fletcher 😊

## MSSA Football League

Report from our MSSA Football League from 17<sup>th</sup> October - We only ended up playing one match which was against Westerton, as Asquith had to cancel late in the day, due to illnesses in their team.

The game got off to a great start for us with lots of possession and chances on goal. Just before half time Caspar did a cracking hit, volleying the ball quite high in the air, from just past the half way line. This flew over their keeper's head and into the net, 1-0 up at half time.

Westerton came out fighting in the second half and quickly powered one past our defense which Georgie didn't stand a chance with. Taylor was solid in midfield in the second half, making some great tackles and working hard to feed the ball through to the forwards, Kayzia especially had a couple of great shots on goal. As usual, Caspar and Lucy R were superb in the wings, fighting hard to win the ball, they both had some fantastic runs and brilliant chances on goal.

We were very unlucky when Westerton slipped one through our defense and scored again just before the final whistle. We were gutted to have lost our first game of the season 2-1, but with quite a few children now in our squad we are looking forwards to our next set of games in November.

Massive well done to all the children for playing their socks off and representing the school so well.

Player of the Match - Taylor Parkin.

Mrs Fletcher 😊

# What Parents Need to Know about Overwatch 2

## A free online safety guide on Overwatch.

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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as violent gameplay, in-game purchases and voice chat.

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MULTIPLE PASSWORDS

Overwatch 2 supports convenient cross-play across consoles and PC – as long as users link all their devices under a unifying account on the Blizzard battle.net platform. This has other benefits (preserving a player's original skins for use in the new game), but if your child does want to link their accounts, be warned: the process can be extremely tricky and requires multiple passwords.

### VOICE CHAT

As a shooting game which focuses on fast-paced, competitive play, teamwork is central to getting the most out of the Overwatch 2 experience. Many players use voice chat to coordinate with other users – often with friends, but sometimes also with strangers. In either case, this means your child is in contact with others, who may – for example – use offensive language in the heat of the moment.

### IN-GAME PURCHASING

Like many free-to-play games, Overwatch 2 offers in-game purchases for unlocking its colourful skins. While new characters arrive as part of a free 'battle pass' each season (normally lasting around three months), players can unlock them much earlier by buying a premium version of the pass. There are also in-game bundles (with varying costs) themed around certain characters or events.

### VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

Overwatch 2 heavily features combat, although the on-screen shootouts are relatively sanitised. Most of its characters are of a fantastical nature (there's a gorilla scientist with a laser weapon, for instance, and a DJ on roller-blades who fires sound energy), but some – such as Reaper, an assassin in a wraith-like metal mask – are a little on the darker side and could unnerve younger players.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ASSIST WITH ACCOUNT LINKING

If your child is trying to link their accounts from different devices together, it might be wise for you to help them set it up. Not only should it enable the process to run more smoothly (and save you being asked for the passwords for each account), but you'll also be able to make sure that the website for linking is correct. We've put the right web address under the expert's bio at the bottom of this guide.

### MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Playing Overwatch 2 with friends is almost universally the most popular way to enjoy the game. If your child is playing with a new friend they only know online – or a stranger – you may want to monitor the chat to make sure they aren't being exposed to anything unsavoury. You might also decide to adjust the in-game voice chat settings so only confirmed friends can speak to your child.

### USE IT AS INSPIRATION

Overwatch characters represent many races, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations. This eclectic roster of heroes offers a superb jumping-off point for discussing racial, sexual or gender diversity with your child. Whether it's finding Nepal on a globe together or talking about non-binary relationships, the game could be an excellent conversation starter.

### LIMIT IN-GAME SPENDING

The loot boxes featured in the first Overwatch have been replaced by a rotating storefront – so users only have a set time to purchase a skin or item before it becomes unavailable. Your child can still earn plenty of items, however, through the free battle pass. In any case, we'd advise removing any payment methods – or at least setting limits in advance – if you're worried about in-game spending.

### WATCH SOME GAMEPLAY

Overwatch players fight with an array of weapons and explosives, but the battles are presented in a way that forgoes blood, gore or dismemberment, regardless of the mode or characters selected. The game also usually avoids the word 'kill' – referring to 'eliminations' instead. Watching footage of Overwatch 2 on YouTube could help you decide whether it's suitable for your child before they play.

## Meet Our Expert

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