



Welcome to our September newsletter!

In our monthly big editions we will celebrate some of the fantastic things that are happening in our school each month. If you have something you would like to celebrate with the community then please send an email with photos and description to info@lutley.dudley.sch.uk with NEWSLETTER in the subject.



This is to certify that

Lutley Primary School

was awarded the 360 degree safe Online Safety Mark by SWGfL through a full assessment of the quality of their online safety provision on September 21st, 2023.
Valid for three years from award date.



Established in 2000, SWGfL is a not-for-profit charitable trust that supports schools to better protect and equip children to benefit from technology and be safer online



We have been awarded our 3rd consecutive **360 Online Safety Mark** this week! This is due to our relentless work in keeping children safe online.

Well done to all of our staff and children including our Digital Leaders for their help with this. The assessor loved meeting with you!

We have also achieved our **Green Flag 2023** and **Eco Schools Distinction** – well done to Mrs Cole and the Eco-Council! We will publish our report on our website but they have praised our fabulous work

We did it!

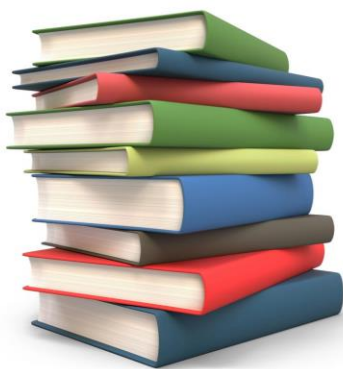


Green Flag 2023

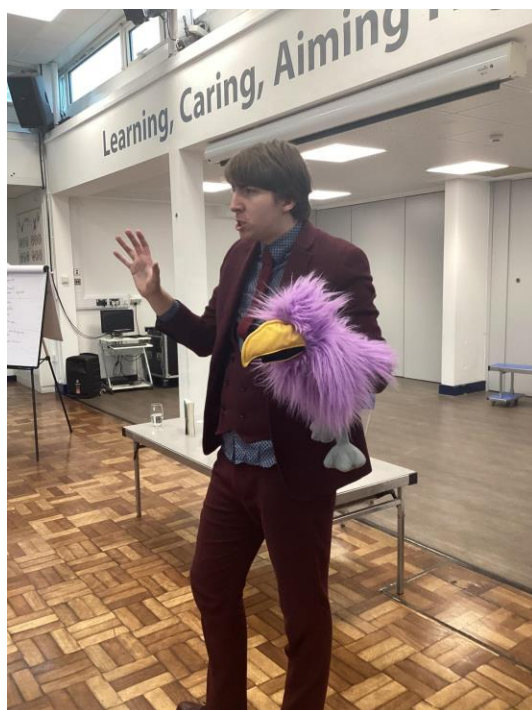


In school...

Author events enable children to experience the magic of books. Yesterday, years 4-6 participated in a creative writing session with Jack Meggitt-Phillips. Our bookworms particularly enjoyed their meet and greet with this inspiring author.



Jack with Ava A, Hettie D, Lucy W and Amelie O with their new signed books!





Children's news!

Our new Junior Leadership Team

All from year 6, our new Junior Leaders are:

Head Pupils

Jones F, Noah S, Matilda B, Tempe D

House Captains

Ruby – Charlotte M and Jake C

Sapphire - Isla M and Seb H

Emerald – Jessica C and Jacob F

Diamond – Olivia H and Ivy A

PCSO Captains

Lily B , Abeerah A , Molly W, Charlie B,
Tegan R , Jacob O'G, Rosie D, Cameron M
Erin P

PCSOs

Ezme-Jean F-M, Myles S, Hope W, Raine-
Boe F, Oliver B, Amaya J, Charlotte , Mishal
W, Jacob P, Logan W, Esmie M, Bethany R

**Massive congratulations to our new
team of Junior Leaders – we are looking
forward to working with you and seeing
your impact!**



Well Done, Caycee!
She came third in the
Wado-kai England
National Karate
Championship under 9
category.



Wesley has received his
Blue Peter Badge today for
sport. He is Junior Brown
Belt 3tags in Mixed Martial
Arts, enjoys swimming and
plays for last season
league winner Halesowen
Town Colts North U 8's
Football club.

**Well Done, Wesley! What
a fabulous achievement!**

**If you would
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celebrate
something in
the monthly
newsletter –
please send
details to
[info@Lutley.d
udley.sch.uk](mailto:info@Lutley.dudley.sch.uk)
Subject:
NEWSLETTER**



Children's news!

Aiming

High



Grace has achieved fabulous marks in her dance IDTA grades! She has received fabulous comments and has proudly shared her certificates and trophies in school! **Well Done, Grace!**



Congratulations to Francesca for winning first place at the Coventry Celtic championships in the under 10s category. She had to dance 3 dances to compete. She shared her magnificent trophy in school this week!!

Science Selfies!!



We would love to see your pictures of any science activities you are doing at home! Whether you are on a bug hunt, conducting an experiment or star gazing. Take a picture and send it in! We will then add it to our science selfie display to celebrate and inspire.

LUTLEY School DANCE GROUP


EXCITING NEW DANCE CLASS

£6 each Freestyle dance classes starting at Lutley Primary School From September every Monday 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

For more information please contact Lynne on 07805 227952 or rowelllynne7@gmail.com

HSBC – Money Matters Maths!



We are delighted to welcome back HSBC into Lutley this Autumn. Mrs Manjit Banga will be teaching our children all about the importance of money, how to save it, spend it wisely and keep it safe. This is part of our cultural capital and will take place during one of the  HSBC children's maths lessons this half term. As you may remember, Lutley were the proud winners of an award from the HSBC last year and we are aiming high in our money matters maths this year too!



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Follow us on X (Twitter) for live updates and news



Parking

You may have see our local PCSOs who are conducting unannounced patrols around the school over the coming weeks. Please ensure that you are observing the highway code when parking. It is illegal for anyone to park on double yellow lines or zig zag lines. They are looking out for “wilful obstruction” which could include pathways and on corners of junctions. Their focus is keeping our community safe which includes our children. Our Junior PCSOs will be joining them on patrols over the coming weeks too! Please help to keep us all safe by parking carefully. We understand that pick up and drop off is a busy time and the roads directly around the school are busy at this time. Look out for their updates on X (twitter).

October 2023

Tuesday 3rd October - Harvest Assembly – Pastor Sam to lead children’s assembly and parents to send in items for donations for local food bank.

Tuesday 17th October - Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve Trip – Year 2RT

Wednesday 18th October - Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve Trip – Year 2RA

Thursday 19th October- Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve Trip – Year 2AB

Monday 23rd October – EYFS RHC Parent drop-in 2.45pm

Wednesday 25th October – EYFS RKD Parent drop-in 2.45pm and ABC Afternoon

Thursday 26th October - EYFS REP Parent drop-in 2.45pm

Half term Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

Forest School for Year 2

Clothing

Children can come in non-uniform on their Forest School days – long trousers please and preferably long sleeves. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure children have a jumper or fleece, a waterproof coat and a hat and gloves. **Please also send wellingtons and extra socks in a carrier bag.** We will have a few spares but not many. We do have waterproof dungarees which we can loan out if necessary but if your child has their own waterproofs, they can bring them and put them on before we leave the classroom. We serve Galaxy hot chocolate and may toast marshmallows (vegan option available) so please remind us if your child cannot have these items.

Session	2RT	2RA	2AB
2	Thurs 28/9	Mon 2/10	Thurs 5/10
3	Mon 9/10	Thurs 12/10	Mon 16/10
4	Thurs 19/10	Mon 23/10	Thurs 26/10
HALF TERM			
5	Dates to be confirmed		
6			

Attendance

25th—29th September 2023

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
REP	96.80	RHC	96.00	RKD	95.38
1HH	99.31	1LI	100	1SB	97.67
2AB	93.33	2RT	87.50	2RA	97.78
3EG	99.33	3KR	94.67	3LO	94.67
4GO	94.19	4HG	98.00	4LH	97.59
5LW	96.77	5RF	96.00	5SM	95.33
6BR	89.00	6EG	95.00	6ES	96.21

Worker of the Week 29th September 2023

Well done to all of these children who have been noticed for their hard work throughout the week!

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
REP	Annabelle M Harper B	RHC	William D Ellis S	RKD	Faye D Isla
1HH	Liberty F	1LI	Olivia	1SB	Jess N
2AB	Zaid M	2RT	Anthi	2RA	Zoe G
3EG	Harry D	3KR	Olivia B	3LO	Lilly McG
4GO	Amara H	4HG	Thomas A	4LH	Jack R
5LW	Sofia K	5RF	Teddy A	5SM	Sophia B
6BR	Raine-Boe F	6EG	Joel G	6ES	Melissa L

Each week we will share a handy parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Check out our feed on X as we use this regularly too! Keep your children safe by staying up to date!

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

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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