



## MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Bulletin: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Message from Mr Hutchinson

We are halfway through the school year, and I think that we have come a very long way as a school during that time. The journey to excellence requires everyone to continually dig a little deeper every day to find the next +1, the next small improvement that will make the school a little bit better every day. We all know that sometimes these extra actions can be a little disruptive to the norm, but it is this effort that helps things to improve.

I would like to thank all members of the school community who have made some little changes that have helped us all to make things better. It has certainly led to the school feeling and performing better than ever. We really are all “working together to give every child the best!”.

I hope you all have a happy and restful half term.

### Attendance

#### Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February

Late arrivals - 20

Whole school attendance - 95.9%

### ATTENDANCE

Last week we held our termly attendance meeting with Norfolk County Councils Attendance Support Enforcement Officer. An ASEO provides guidance, help and support to schools with school attendance.

In general, it is good news. We seem to have fared the recent Covid surge well with none of our classes having to return to online learning. Our whole school attendance is currently 95.05%. We are keeping our fingers crossed that next term, with better weather and cases stabilising, we will continue to see a rise in our children’s overall attendance.

We are especially grateful and would like to say a big thank you to all those parent/carers who ensured (and still do so) that their children were tested immediately when any symptoms developed. This was really helpful and the right thing to do following the Christmas break when positive cases around the local community were so high. It is still so important that we all continue to play our part in breaking the chains of transmission by getting tested if pupils are unwell especially with a cough, elevated temperature, or loss of smell/taste. The fact is for many of our families, especially those with older siblings in High Schools, an LFD has become part of their morning routines.

We all know that children who attend school regularly do better socially and academically. It is important that all children are helped to succeed and flourish and by being at school as much as possible (other than when your child is unwell) - this can happen!

Reminders –

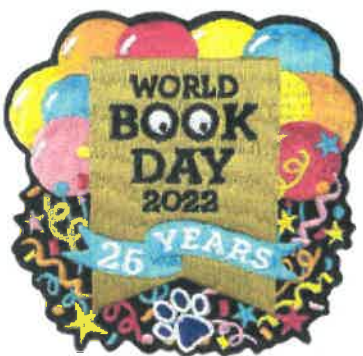
- If your child is late in the morning, you must inform the school office when your child has arrived. We can then register your child late so that our registers are correct and if necessary, your child can be booked in for their lunch.
- If your child is going to be absent from school – for any reason – it is essential that you provide us with an explanation by phone 01603 622675 or by emailing the school office [office@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:office@magdalengates.co.uk). If we do not hear from you the school office will text or attempt to contact you direct to ask why your child is not in school. There is a limited number of reasons for attendance to be authorised.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES – JUST ONE NORFOLK



For health, advice and support visit the [Justonenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://Justonenorfolk.nhs.uk) website. This is an incredible valuable resource that covers all sorts of topics such as sleep mental health, child development, speech and language and healthy lifestyles.

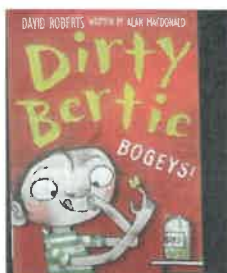
## WORLD BOOK DAY – BOOK COVER SELFIES



Book Face Challenge 2022. We would like children to come into school on FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH prepared to have a book cover selfie.

***We would like every child to dress up as a character from a book cover, bring the book to school*** - pose in the style of the character and the school will take a photo of you.

All children will receive and be bringing home a free book which the school has purchased using the World Book Day tokens



## UPDATE – PE KIT

We first mentioned that we would be tightening up on our pupils wearing the correct kit for the PE lessons before Christmas. The ladies in the school office have now been asked to text parents if their child has the incorrect PE kit on and they have had to spend some time on this task some days. However, we are delighted to see the vast majority of pupils are now in the correct PE kit and we thank parents for their cooperation in achieving this.

- Top layer - a **plain black** hoodie or sweatshirt (no writing/logos on)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or black shorts (no writing or logos)
- A pair of plain black trainers or plimsolls.
- Black or white socks

## ANGUISH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, PE kit, or need help to pay for a school trip or residential? If so, financial help may be available from Anguish's Education Foundation.

This charity supports local Norwich families on a low income, whether you are working or receiving benefits.

Please contact Anguish Educational Foundation by emailing [info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk](mailto:info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk) or you can leave a message on 01603 621023



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## NORWICH IN BLOOM – Half Term Activity – Free

Come along and join in making bee hotels and fat balls at the Silver Rooms on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Community Rooms on Silver Road. Only 20 people per hour so remember to book a slot. Contact Julie on 07786694325 or email [jewills064@aol.com](mailto:jewills064@aol.com)

## TERM DATES

Attached to the newsletter is Norfolk County Councils term calendar for the **2022-2023** academic year. Magdalen Gates Primary School will again be following the model calendar.

## SCHOOL REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers are now busy writing school reports and will be getting ready for the parent teacher conferences week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March (more detail to follow).

From last year's positive feedback from parents/carers concerning the school reports it is our intention to again email the school reports to parents/carers. Reports will be sent on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Please do let the school office know as soon as possible if you would struggle to receive or read your child's school report by email.

## PARENT GOVERNOR - VACANCY

Have you thought about becoming a Parent Governor? Becoming a Parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work at our school. We have a vacancy and if any of our parents/carers would be interested or perhaps would like to learn a little more about what is involved please do either speak direct to one of the senior leadership team on the school gate or email the office at [office@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:office@magdalengates.co.uk).

## LOST PROPERTY



Finally, we seem to have accrued a huge amount of lost property – mostly not labelled!

To help us try and successfully reunite items to the rightful pupil, **PLEASE** remember to name and label everything!

## DIARY DATES

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr5 & Yr6	Girls Football Tournament @ The Nest
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb-March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6	Yr6 Residential trip to Shropshire
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr1	Yoga & Mindfulness session
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Years	World Book Day – pupils to dress up as character and bring the book into school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr3	Yr3 Residential trip – How Hill
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4	Food Discovery session – gardening
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Red Nose Day – more details to follow
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS & Yr1	Dentist (individual letters have been sent out)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr1-Yr6	Reports sent to parents – By Email
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	All Years	Parent/Teacher conference week
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	All Years	Last day before school closes for Easter break
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	All Years	Children return to school for Summer Term

## Attachments

School calendar for 2022-2023  
National Tennis Association flyer  
Online Safety February Edition for parent's information





## Magdalen Gates Primary School

# Online Safety Newsletter February 2022

## Broadband controls

Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

### Sky:

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

### BT:

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

### Talk Talk:

<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

### Virgin:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

*Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your internet so ensure you set up parental controls on those devices too.*

Further information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>



## Discord

Discord is a social networking app that is used by gamers to **chat to each other**. There can be in app purchases through Discord's premium subscription service. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The Apple App store rates it as 17+.



### How does it work?

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups.

### How can I make it safer?

Discord have created this article, which outlines four steps to creating a safer account, including how to block users.

<https://discord.com/safety/360043857751-Four-steps-to-a-super-safe-account>

### How is it linked to other games?

Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat about the game (**rather than the game's own chat facility**).

### What do I need to be aware of?

We always encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use different apps/websites and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It's important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article, which answers common questions:

- <https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-Answering-parents'-and-educators'-top-questions>

### Further information

- Discord app safety – What parents need to know: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/>
- <https://discord.com/safety>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.  
Current as of the date released 1.02.22.

# Being online

If your child is online (for example playing games, using Snapchat, Instagram etc), then it's important that we talk to our child about **being kind online**, for example only posting positive comments, don't say anything they wouldn't say in real life and treat others as they would expect to be treated.



Your child also needs to be aware that what they see online isn't always the full picture. People only share what they want you to see and images are often filtered. It is also important that your child knows how to block and report any inappropriate behaviour when they see it.

BBC Own It have curated a collection of videos, quizzes, and tips to help make the web a kinder place:  
<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>



## Further information

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/feeling-good-on-social-media/>

# Yubo Social networking

Yubo is a social network, you must be over 13 years of age to join **although the App store rate it as 17+**. Those aged 13 to 18 years old must have parental permission and will join a separate Yubo community that is only for under-18s.

You make 'friends' by swiping right on someone's profile picture and if they do the same on yours then you can chat with them or stream live videos. **Due to the nature of this app, your child may come across content that is not appropriate to them.** Ensure your child knows how to use the app's reporting facilities.

If you follow the app store rating, then really children should not be accessing this app but Yubo have created the following guides to help make it a safer environment for your child. We really would recommend reading them before you allow your child to access this app. If you don't think this app is appropriate for your child, then talk to them and tell them why and what your concerns are.

**Guide for Parents:** <http://parents-guide.yubo.live/>

**Guide for Teens:** <http://teens.yubo.live/>

## Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/yubo/>

## What is your child playing online?

Is your child playing/viewing games through Twitch, Steam, Roblox etc? If so, they may be viewing inappropriate content, for example watching and playing horror survival games. **Make sure that what your child is accessing is age appropriate.**

## Find my phone

Did you know that you can set up location settings on your phone (and for your child) so you can share your location and find out where they are? Talk to your child about why you are setting this up and when and why you will check their location. Find out more using the links below.

### Apple:

<https://www.apple.com/uk/icloud/find-my/> or use this link if you have Family Sharing set up:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201087>

### Android:

<https://support.google.com/android/answer/3265955#zippy=%2Cstep-check-that-find-my-device-is-on> or use this link if you have Family Link set up:

<https://support.google.com/families/answer/7103413?hl=en>

## Don't share passwords

Does your child understand that they should not share their passwords with others? The risks include the other user viewing personal information about your child, they could take control of your child's account by changing the password and then use the account inappropriately or they could spend money from your child's account.

### Learn more here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/new-online-accounts/how-can-keep-my-account-secure/>

## Gaming – has your child been offered gifts?

It has been known for offenders to gift children items (such as loot boxes) whilst playing online games. They may do this to develop trust and a relationship with your child. **This can be part of the grooming process.**

Thinkuknow offer further guidance:

- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/>





# FINDING FUTURE STARS

## FREE TENNIS DAY



**Saturday 26th February 2022**

**1.00 - 4.30pm**

**Sportspark UEA (Indoor)**

**Children aged 4-9**



The day will explore some of the key areas in tennis and create an exciting environment for your child to enjoy.

It is aimed at young players and families who are interested in an opportunity to be involved in a new development pathway in tennis through the National Tennis Association (NTA).

**Sign Up:** <https://nationaltennis.org.uk/aces/>

**Contact us:** [hello@nationaltennis.org.uk](mailto:hello@nationaltennis.org.uk)



This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

**September 2022**

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**November 2022**

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**February 2023**

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**March 2023**

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**April 2023**

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**May 2023**

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**June 2023**

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**July 2023**

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**August 2023**

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils  
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2nd & 5th September, 3rd January, 17th April and 24th July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.