



# Monksdown Mail

## Where Children Come First

Friday 23rd September



Our school's  
Designated  
Safeguarding  
Leads :

Mrs Price, Mrs Stewart

Dear Families of Monksdown ,

Last weekend was one of sadness and celebration marking the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II to our country and the Commonwealth. Those of you who watched the funeral either in person or on television will have been moved by the event and occasion.

The new school year is now well underway and the children are settled in their classes and roles of responsibility.

As you are aware we have a House System in school. One of the main strengths of this method is that it gives children a sense of belonging. It allows children of all ages the opportunity to work together for the same aim.

The Houses are named after the fabulous theatres that we have here in Liverpool .

Empire - Blue

Royal Court - Red

Epstein - Yellow

Playhouse - Green .

You will see your child wearing a badge to match the colour of their House.

I am very pleased to introduce our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains who will represent the Four Houses. We have a whole school approach to listening to the views of all members of the school community. This year we are placing even more emphasis on the "Voice of the Child". The children offer a unique opinion of how things are from their perspective and experience.

I look forward to hearing the children's ideas and wishes and seeing the impact this has in school.



## Our Stars!

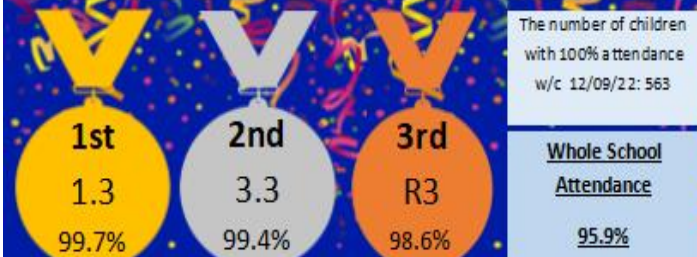
- ★ NAM: **Lillie Murphy**
- ★ NPM: **Vicky Chen**
- ★ R.1: **Erin Giles**
- ★ R.2: **Lucas Devine**
- ★ R.3: **Isaac Kelly**
- ★ 1.1: **Noah Farron**
- ★ 1.2: **Thomas Bates**
- ★ 1.3: **Sam Griffin**
- ★ 2.1: **Quinton Yip**
- ★ 2.2: **Yara Jabakhanji**
- ★ 2.3: **James Gardner**
- ★ 3.1: **Lexi Jervis-Woods**
- ★ 3.2: **Addisyn Webster**
- ★ 3.3: **Logan Lawrence**
- ★ 4.1: **Summer Conway**
- ★ 4.2: **Glory Babalola**
- ★ 4.3: **Ben Zhen**
- ★ 5.1: **Jessica Hajas**
- ★ 5.2: **Charlie McCreadie**
- ★ 5.3: **Hana Tariq**
- ★ 6.1: **Kornelia Gorczynska**
- ★ 6.2: **Matthew Powell**
- ★ 6.3: **Maja Chrostek**

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please join us on the Key Stage 2 playground on Thursday morning, 29th September to support this very worthy cause.



## Awesome Attendance!



Monty Mouse has been awarded to 1.3, 3.3 and R3. Well done!

## Parents of Years 5 and 6 Pupils

We would be delighted if you could join us for the launch of our careers and raising aspirations programme .

**Date: Friday 30th September 2022**

**Time: 9:15 am**

**Where: KS2 Hall Monksdown Primary School**

After an initial assembly delivered by a variety of people from various professions , pupil and parents/ carers will have opportunity to take part in a careers carousel where they can experience skills needed for specific jobs and ask any questions .

This is in conjunction with Positive Futures and Cobalt Housing Association - making a difference for future generations .



## Sporting News

A fabulous couple of weeks for our football teams. The boys qualified for the Liverpool Schools FA Plate final. This will take place next Friday at LFC Academy vs St Paschals Babylon.



The girls narrowly missed out on the final but finished 2nd in their group after winning two of their games 5-0!! How fantastic is that!

We are very proud of all the children who represent the school at events. Keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks for more football along with the resumption of the cross country league.



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health  
See what illnesses are going around  
Secure system, all communications encrypted



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## Monksdown Pantry - Coming Soon....

I am excited to share with you that shortly Monksdown will be opening our very own Food Pantry . We realise the impact the cost of living crisis will have on our families and wanted to find a way of supporting. With that in mind, we are asking if you would kindly donate your Harvest gifts to our pantry this year .

We are asking for non perishable items and dried foods only e.g.:

Canned Vegetables	Canned Fish
Canned Fruit	Canned and Packet Soups
Canned Beans	Pasta
Rice	Jars of Pasta Sauce



Please send items in with your child. Thank you

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th September - Bikeability starts for Year 5

Wednesday 28th September - Year 5 Online Safety Talk Merseyside Police

Wednesday 28th September Road Rally Championships at Wavertree 3.15pm—6.00pm

Thursday 29th September- MacMillan Coffee Morning before school for parents/carers

Friday 30th September - 9.15 am Year 5/6 Job Junction Careers Morning

Tuesday 4th October - Cross Country Race at Newsham Park 3.30pm-5.30 pm

Week Commencing Monday 10th October - Year 6 Gang Prevention Workshops

Monday 10th October—Harvest Festival Service

Monday 17th October - Parent/ Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 18th October - Parent / Carer Evening 3.15pm-6.00pm

Friday 21st October 2.00pm School Closes for Half Term

Wednesday 2nd November—Flu Immunisations

## Guides and Brownies - St John Bosco Arts College



The 8th Kirkby (Queen of Martyrs) Guides and Brownies would love to welcome new members to their community.

Currently thinking of reopening our Rainbow Unit for Girls aged 5 to 7.

Spaces in our Brownie Unit for Girls aged 7 to 10.

Being a member of the Girl Guiding UK family allows Girls to learn new skills, explore their world and socialise through a range of challenges, activities, adventures and games. If you are interested in becoming either a Rainbow or a Brownie please contact: [8thkirkbyguides@gmail.com](mailto:8thkirkbyguides@gmail.com)



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# REDDIT

R/FUNNY

R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

13+

R/MEME

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

### MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW ('not safe for work') can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

### HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

### FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

### GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

### 'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

### NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of usernames. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blocks out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Reminding them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

### RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction; instead, report the comment to Reddit support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

### AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at Boyberaware, she has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



<https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/parents-and-carers/parents-and-carers>



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# STARTING WELL

## Dads' Club

**The last Saturday of every month**

10.00am - 11.30am

Utting Avenue East, L11 1DQ

Everton in the Community's **Starting Well** programme is here to offer support to Children aged four and under and their dads in the Liverpool region.

We are pleased to tell you about our new Dad's group which will be running on the last Saturday of every month from Clubmoor Children's Centre.

There will be activities and play equipment to entertain your little ones as well as snacks and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please email  
[andrew.cousins@evertonfc.com](mailto:andrew.cousins@evertonfc.com)  
or scan the QR code with  
your phone to register.



**24th September 2022**

**29th October 2022**

**26th November 2022**

**28th January 2023**

**25th February 2023**

# Attendance Matters

At Monksdown Primary School we recognise the clear link between good attendance and punctuality and the achievement and success of our pupils. Our pupils need to attend regularly and be on time in order to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available. We take a proactive approach to improving the attendance of individual pupils whose attendance falls behind.

All our staff are working really hard to improve the attendance and punctuality of our pupils and throughout the year we will be celebrating our successes. All our incentives have been decided by the pupils for the pupils.



Meet Monty the Monksdown Mouse

Monty will visit the highest attending **three** classes each week and bringing with him some chocolate mice (gluten free options also available).

Each term Pupils with **97% attendance** or higher will be awarded a certificate.

Every term any pupil with **100% attendance** will be placed in a draw with the chance of winning a **family experience voucher** and awarded a certificate. There is one prize per Key Stage.



Pupils with **100% attendance at the end of the school year** will receive a book and a certificate as well as being entered into the draw to win a voucher. There is one prize per Key Stage.

Throughout the year we will be launching our **Ten-Day Challenges**. Any pupil who attends on time every day for the ten-day period will receive a **certificate** and the chance to win a **prize in the draw**.

Any class who achieve **100% attendance** for the week will be rewarded with a special treat arranged by their teacher. Treats including extra playtime, stationery ,mentor fun and games session, special breakfast in class.

Each term pupils with **improved attendance** will be rewarded with a **special breakfast** in "The Hive" and a certificate.

Our **Year 6 Attendance Champions** will be making sure all classroom and school attendance and punctuality boards display the latest data and feed back regularly to our school attendance team to see how everything is progressing.

We just need our pupils to:

**BE HERE! ON TIME ! EACH DAY!**



**Monksdown Primary School :  
School Uniform Donation**



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
UNIFORM DONATIONS!**



**PLEASE BRING IN ANY ITEMS OF  
YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORMS TO THE  
HIVE**

## Clothes 4 the Community

**FREE, good quality second hand clothes  
for babies and kids age 0-11 years**



**All welcome!**

**Fridays 9-10, term time only**

**Bethel Church, Green Lane, L13 7EA.**



# We want your boots!

Join our mission to rehome at least one million pairs of quality football boots across the UK, to stop them ending up in landfill. There's no better time to take part in football's biggest environmental movement – Football Rebooted.



**Asda**

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Children aged 16 and under can get a hot or cold meal for £1 at any time of day in Asda cafés across the UK, 7 days a week, with no minimum adult spend. Asda are extending this offer to the end of 2022.

**Morrisons**

  
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Morrisons are offering a free meal for 1 child under 16 when buying an adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over at in-store cafés.

**Sainsbury's**

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Sainsbury's have introduced budget-friendly meal ideas to feed a family of four for less than £5. The recipes are available on the [Recipe Scrapbook at Sainsburys.co.uk](https://www.sainsbury.co.uk/recipe-scrapbook).



## Year 6

You can apply online for a Secondary Year 7 place for schools if you live in Liverpool. If you live outside Liverpool and want to apply for a school here, you must apply through the education authority where you live.

Once you have created an online applications account, you can apply for up to five schools for Secondary Year 7.

Some schools (mainly faith schools) also ask you to complete additional paper forms that must be sent directly to them.

Please visit [Liverpool City Council.Gov.UK](http://LiverpoolCityCouncil.Gov.UK) - school admissions where you will be guided through the process.

I would recommend you visit school websites and attend any open days available. Some may be virtual, but will give you a taste of the opportunities on offer for your child. Choosing a secondary school is a really important decision. Should any of you need further support please contact Mrs Stewart who will be happy to assist.

**All forms must be submitted by Monday 31st October, 2022.**



## Year 6 Open Event

Date of Event: 28th September 2022

We are excited to welcome a new cohort of Year 7s into our school in 2023.

We know that choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you and your child will make. That is why we would love to meet with you face-to-face and show you our learning environment and what you can expect from an education at Dixons Fazakerley Academy.

Please join us on **Wednesday 28 September from 4pm.**

Dixons Fazakerley has been on a journey of improvement since joining the trust and we would love the opportunity to tell you more about us and what we can offer our Year 7 students next year.