



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

The Royal Primary Newsletter

It's been such a refreshing change to have a cold but dry week, with the sun finally making its welcome appearance! Everywhere I look, signs of spring are popping up, from the trees sprouting new leaves to the lively Welsh spring lambs paying a visit to our school. Today was such a treat for our Year 5 and Year 1 pupils as they got to meet these adorable lambs and even some chickens down on the bottom field. Thank you to Mrs Bates for making all the arrangements.

Wednesday, our Year 1 pupils went on a fantastic trip to Atwell Farm, where they had an absolute blast. Huge thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers who made it possible for them to have such a memorable experience.

There's been quite a buzz around the school lately with the return of Eva Abley, who's here to film her latest program for Sky News and Sky Arts. She's diving into the world of kids with disabilities, and we are very proud that a group of our pupils will be featured in the series. I can't wait to find out when it will be airing!

We also had some exciting open swim events this week for our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. It was great to see so many parents cheering on their children and witnessing the progress they've made in their weekly swimming lessons. Our swimming staff truly go above and beyond, and having our own pool is such a blessing. Swimming is such an essential life skill, and it's wonderful that we can offer these opportunities regularly. The joy and excitement on the children's faces as they swim are simply priceless.

Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the sun!

Mrs Kathy Jefferson
Head of Primary School





Whats on in Wolverhampton

Please click the [LINK](#) for more information

Please could we remind Parents/Carers that the Lost Property office is closed after school. Please e-mail any queries to primaryreception@theroyal.school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Makaton - Sign of the week

#WeTalkMakaton



Diary Dates

- Monday 29th April - YR 4 Fire Safety Workshop
- Tuesday 30th April - Reception & Yr 1 & Dental Survey

Sporting Fixtures

- 1st May U11 Cricket v Hallfield School (A)
- 2nd May Gymnastics KS1

School of Sanctuary



We are partnering with the Local Authority with the goal of achieving recognition as a School of Sanctuary. A School of Sanctuary provides a secure and inviting environment for individuals seeking sanctuary. Embracing inclusivity as a core value, our aim is to actively promote and substantiate our commitment to the School of Sanctuary's three fundamental principles: learn, embed, and share.

Over the summer term we will be engaging in **Refugee Week**. Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Refugee Week 2023 invited people to celebrate what compassion looks like in action and show how arts and culture can help widen our circles of compassion.



Refugee Week will take place from **17th to 23rd June 2024** with the theme of *Our Home*. From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what our *Our Home* means to them.

We believe that a teaching focus on Refugee Week can help children to gain an understanding of issues and vocabulary they may encounter in the news, as well as supporting the celebration of diversity and inclusion in your school.

We will also be holding a charity day for **Aspiring Futures**. Aspiring Futures CIC is an award-winning women-led social enterprise inspiring women to have the confidence, skills and courage to follow their aspirations. Each year we help over 500 women in Wolverhampton to aspire for better through improved confidence, wellbeing and qualifications. Aspiring Futures deliver English classes for families at The Royal every Monday. For more information please call: **07557667609**.

We're excited to announce our upcoming Charity Day on **Friday 24th May 2024**, dedicated to supporting the admirable efforts of Aspiring Futures. This event aims to raise both funds and awareness for the impactful work they've done within our school community throughout the past academic year. We warmly invite all pupils to participate by wearing their own clothes and making a donation through the School Gateway app.



Mrs Kaur's ICT CORNER

Screen Time Take a BREAK!

Structured Daily Time Blocks

Divide the screen time into structured daily blocks, with specific time slots for educational activities, recreational content, and interactive learning.

Weekday vs. Weekend Limits

Establish different screen time limits for weekdays and weekends. During weekdays, prioritize educational content and limit recreational screen time. On weekends, allow for more flexibility.



WEEKEND



Task-Based Allocation

Instead of setting a fixed daily limit, allocate screen time based on completed tasks or assignments.

Parent-Approved Apps and Content

Permit screen time only for pre-approved educational apps and content.

 Any questions contact us
rk@theroyal.school

 More Information
www.theroyalschool.co.uk



ENTER METRO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY DESIGN COMPETITION!



Metro's 25th Anniversary

[Click Here](#) for competition details



Assembly

This week, our community came together to honor a tradition deeply rooted in history and heritage – St. George's Day.

It's a day when we commemorate the patron saint of England, known for his legendary bravery and unwavering faith. As we reflect on the significance of this day, we not only celebrate the valor of St. George but also the enduring spirit of unity and resilience that he represents. St. George's Day falls on the 23rd of April. It's a time when people proudly display the St. George's Cross, symbolising courage, honor, and patriotism.



Attendance Week Commencing 22nd April 2024

Week Beginning 22nd April 2024																				
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at @Cyberware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She 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.



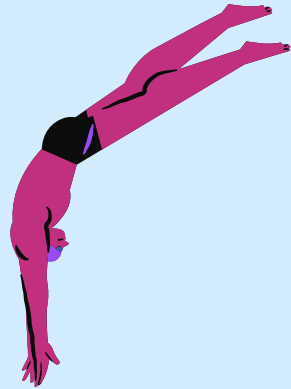
#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps

Year 5 Aquatics

Year 5 children participated in an aquatics event, including diving, swimming, water polo, water safety and artistic swimming at the Commonwealth pool at Sandwell. Well done to all!



Save
THE
Date

IT Parent Workshop
Thursday 2nd May 2:00pm
Primary Hall



**EVENT
POSTPONED**

New date to follow

Year 1

We are thrilled to share the delightful news that today, our Year 1 pupils were treated to a special surprise visit right here at school!

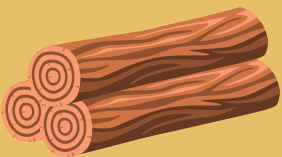


Eva Abley visiting Year 5 children today.



Year 2

At our recent session on dental health, the children in year 2 embarked on an exciting journey into the woods, blending nature with education in an unforgettable way.



Year 2 have been creating their own lighthouses this week as part of our Design and Technology work. The children enjoyed studying different lighthouses from past and present and learning about their properties such as lantern rooms and lightning rods. The children were also intrigued to learn that people used to live in lighthouses! We used circuit equipment from the Senior School to light them up.



Reception - Animal Man

The Animal Man's visit to the reception children on Wednesday was quite the adventure! Bringing along snakes, a lizard, a skunk, and an owl made for an exciting and educational experience. Interacting with such a diverse range of animals was both fascinating and memorable for them. They were full of excitement as they got to see, touch, and learn about each creature up close. Animal encounters like these often leave a lasting impression and spark curiosity about the natural world. The Animal Man provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with wildlife in a hands-on way, fostering a love and appreciation for animals at a young age.

