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Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

Junior Site

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**NEWSLETTER : Friday 29th November/ Autumn Term: Issue: 6****Head Teacher's Corner**Dates for
the Diary:

Dear Families,

It has been a busy and productive few weeks here at school, and I am pleased with how the children have immersed themselves into their learning. This week, children in Year 5 and 6 took part in workshops from the Luton All Womens Centre. The focus for these workshops was for everyone to gain a better understanding of why girls and boys are viewed and treated differently, to learn how this impacts on society especially girls and women and to give children the information they need to encourage change. All of the children engaged really well and shared their viewpoints. Similar workshops were delivered to staff and parents on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents that attended this, we hope you found it as useful as we did. If you would like further information, please contact our Family Workers.

While we have had good learning happening in classrooms, I would like to inform you of an issue that has been observed over the last few weeks regarding the use of toilets by some children in KS2. Unfortunately, there has been a lack of respect for the school toilets, with some children in Years 3 to 6 using the facilities inappropriately. Specifically, some children have been leaving urine and faeces on the toilet seats and floor, which is not only unpleasant but also creates an unhygienic environment for others to use.

As a school, we take pride in maintaining a clean and respectful environment for all children. It is essential that we all work together to promote responsibility and respect for our shared spaces. To address this concern, we have implemented a new timetable to manage toilet use during school hours more effectively. The new system will ensure that children use the toilets at designated times to avoid any further instances of misuse. We trust that this approach will help encourage children to be more mindful and respectful of the facilities.

We kindly ask that you speak with your child about the importance of using the toilets respectfully and following the rules we have put in place. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a clean, safe, and positive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Best wishes

Mrs R Nisar
Headteacher**Scholastic Book Fair**

Please visit the Scholastic Book Fair which is in school until Tues 3rd December.
Cash only payments.

Don't forget the Reading Cafe at the Infant Site- every Thursday morning in your child's class!



Tuesday 3rd December
Cinderella Pantomime for Year 1-6. KS1 children to be dropped at the Junior Site

FIRE PIT event for Year 4
(3.30-4.30pm)

Wednesday 4th December
Year 5 Girls Futsal event at Inspire

Thursday 5th December
Year 6 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

25 children from Year 5 visiting Chalfney High School for Boys for a Music Performance

Friday 6th December
Santa's Grotto- Infant Site only

Monday 9th December
Year 5 and 6 School Councillors attending a School Council Conference

Tuesday 10th December
Parent Coffee Morning- Infant Site

FIRE PIT event for Year 5
(3.30-4.30pm)

Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Gift Shop

Thursday 12th December
Year 5 Ukulele Concert for Parents

Christmas Lunch- Infant Site
FIRE PIT event for Year 3
(3.30-4.30pm)

Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch- Junior Site

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SCHOOL
2024 - 2025

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.



Our whole school attendance target is 96%

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week. Attendance for the last two weeks:

Class	Attendance WB 18.11.24	Attendance WB 25.11.24	Class	Attendance WB 18.11.24	Attendance WB 25.11.24	Class	Attendance WB 18.11.24	Attendance WB 25.11.24
Wrens	90.8%	90.6%	Badgers	95.8%	94.6%	Ash	96.2%	94.2%
Swifts	94.2%	83.8%	Hedgehogs	98.8%	95.1%	Ivy	97.7%	98.3%
Robins	96.7%	84.4%	Chestnuts	96.9%	96.6%	Cedar	96.7%	96.7%
Dragonflies	93.9%	97%	Acorns	94.8%	95.5%	Kestrels	94.8%	98.5%
Ladybirds	95.5%	97.9%	Pinecones	97.2%	97.9%	Kites	96.8%	97.1%
Butterflies	92%	91.7%	Beech	96.5%	98.1%	Eagles	95.4%	96.1%
Squirrels	95%	95.8%	Oak	92.1%	93.1%			



Our Class H.E.R.O's for Week ending 22.11.24 and 29.11.24

are:

Infant Site: Ladybirds & Ivy

Junior Site: Hedgehogs & Kestrels

STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our STARS for the week ending 22.11.24 and 29.11.24

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
			Ruhaina Fowzan Nicholas Nusayba	Rabail Aliza Ashal Laraib	Maliha Anna Noor Nawal	Ahaan Adnan Amina Eshal	Ameera Kosi Whole Class
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Vanessa Abdullah Abiha Harlen	Aiyla Haze Rafay M Eva M	Rayyan Waniya Ayman Raaziya	Abdullah Kanisca Khadijah Salim	Lena Hussnain Dawid Halimah	Kashan Maham Ahmed Blessing	Taha Aarisha Muqet Desiree	Aliya Nicolas Murtaza Zakariya
		Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles		
		Adam Obaid Zarwa	Aroush Bilal Eesa Adams	Eshaan Suhaan Hiba Noor	Martyna Sami Zahra Sufyaan		



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Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

OPRAH WINFREY



Our Value for Autumn 2 is



This week we have been learning about HUMILITY. Humility is the opposite of pride. It's not about bragging or showing off.

A humble person doesn't think they're better than others.

Instead, they're confident but kind. They value others and are always willing to learn from them.

They know that no one is perfect, and that everyone has something to offer.

A humble person will::

Listen to others: We are open to what they have to say.

Help each other: We support our friends and classmates.

Appreciate others' strengths: We recognise that everyone has talents, and we celebrate them.

Learn from our mistakes: A humble person isn't afraid to admit when they're wrong, because they know it's part of growing.

Around our School



During the Christmas holidays, we will be asking children to design posters showing key ideas and images all to do with the environment.

To help you get ahead, you could research some ideas and imagery to use when the competition goes live!



Family Workers Corner



We all have times when we need some parenting support. With My Family Coach, you get all the help you need. Our help and ideas cover every stage of your child's development. We'll support you through the tough times, inspire you with new ideas, and share practical tips to make parenting that little bit easier.

<https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Starting School in September 2025

If you have a child that is due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), the online application is now open on the Luton Borough Council's Website. Applications must be made by 15th January 2025. Please spread the word amongst the community for parents who have children of school age next year. Please note, our admissions are through

Luton Borough Council and therefore forms cannot be submitted to the school.

Please refer to the starting school guide which can be found on our website:

<https://foxdell.secure-primarysite.net/transition-to-high-school/>

Elf on the Shelf

We are expecting a very special visitor to arrive next week!



You can follow Elfie's adventures on X/Twitter - @foxdellprimary
Keep your eyes peeled as you may spot him around school too!

Around our School

Year R



In our Literacy learning, the children in Reception have been creating shopping lists for the Little Red Hen. They have been using their phonics knowledge to sound out each item of food they wanted to add to their lists.

In Maths, we have been focusing on finding one less than a number. The children have been able to do this by singing nursery rhymes and using fives frames to show one less using physical objects.

In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development lessons, we have been thinking about places that are special to us. We have spoken about why our homes are special places and the children created homes for our class teddies to feel safe.



Year 1

In Design and Technology, the children have demonstrated an amazing understanding and knowledge of fruits and vegetables. They can identify lots of different types. We have learnt where they come from and how they grow.

In preparation to make our own smoothies, we have practised cutting, slicing and juicing different fruits.



Year 2

Firstly, I would like to say a big 'Well done!' to all the children in Year 2 for working very hard during our assessment week.

We applied our creative thinking skills in Design and Technology and made a chair out of paper; we tested the strength and stability by sitting on the chair. We compared our first attempt by having another go and used paper cylinders to construct a chair for a teddy bear.

In geography, we have been exploring polar regions, North and South poles and discussing how climate can differ depending on the location. We looked at compass direction and learnt about the Equator.

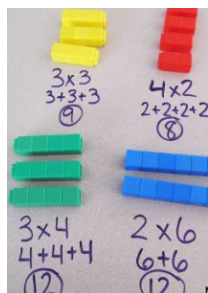


Around our School

Year 3

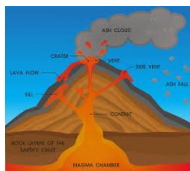
It has been a very busy few weeks in year 3.

In maths, we have been revising using arrays to work out multiplications.



In geography, we have been learning all about volcanoes.

We have learnt how volcanoes are formed, their structure, and fascinating facts about famous volcanic eruptions across history.



Year 4

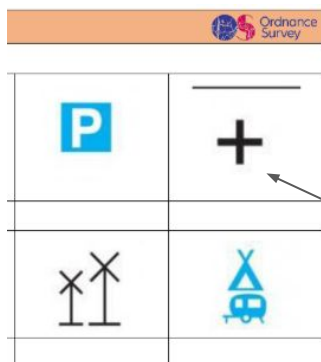
In science, the children are learning about living things and their habitats. Throughout this unit, they have explored the different environments where plants and animals thrive. To deepen their understanding, the children have had the opportunity to create their own habitats. Using their creativity and knowledge, they have designed and built habitats for various animals. It has been wonderful to see their ideas come to life!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy few weeks!

Along with the rest of the school, we have been celebrating all our learning during assessment week. This has helped us identify our strengths and areas we need to focus on in Spring Term.



LUTON
ALL WOMEN'S
CENTRE

We have also been on a local area walk as part of our Geography unit. We used a map to plan our route and Ordnance Survey symbols to plot key locations along the way. This week we also learnt about the dangers facing women and how we can help change the future through our language and actions.

Year 6

Year 6 have been very busy these last 2 weeks preparing for their first set of mock SATs.

Pupils have worked extremely hard during the assessments to show their understanding in reading, grammar and maths.

Pupils in year 6 also enjoyed making smores around a campfire as part of the light detectives event.



Around our School

Year 3 visit to the Gurdwara

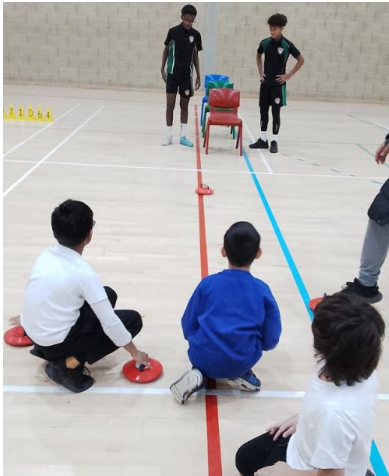
On Thursday, all of Year 3 visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara on Dallow Road as part of their learning in RE. The children learned about the key features of the Gurdwara, including the prayer hall and the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture. They also found out about the Langar, where everyone is served a meal regardless of background.



Around our School

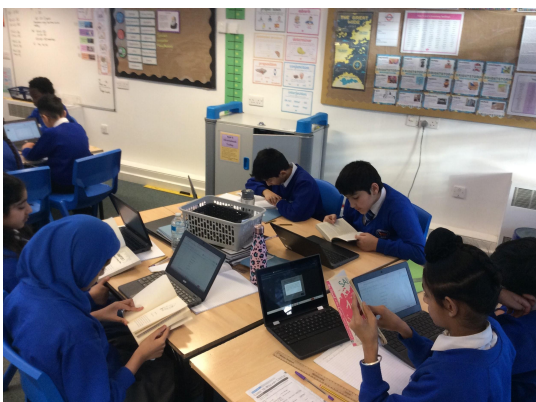
Sportability Event- 27.11.24

On Wednesday 27th November, 8 children from across Key Stage 1 and Key 2 attended a Sportability Event at Inspire. The children took part in a range of activities including Goalball, Gol, Kurling and Table Cricket. The children did an amazing job of representing Foxdell Primary School!



DROP EVERYTHING AND READ D.E.A.R

Every afternoon during our Assessment Week, there was pin-drop silence everywhere, as we all stopped what we were doing and read our books! A special bell signaled the time to sit back and enjoy taking some time out to relax with a book. All the adults joined in too!



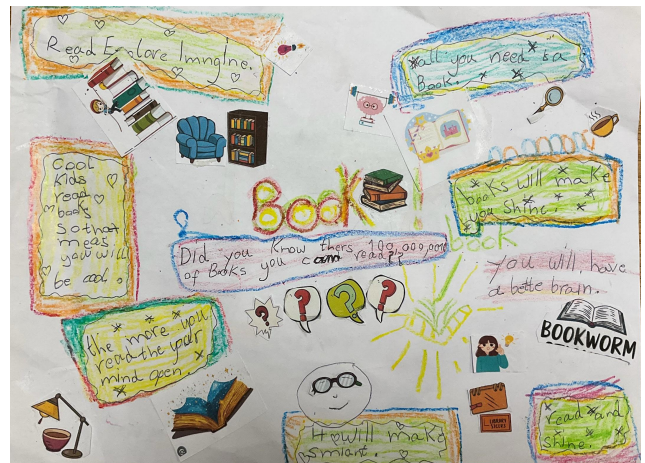
Around our School

Reading Poster Competition

We are excited to share the winning entries of our reading poster competition, where children were tasked with encouraging children their age to read more. Judges looked for creativity, effort and how persuasive the poster was. All winners win a £5 book fair voucher to spend at the book fair by Tuesday 3rd December. Well done to all those who worked hard on their entries and congratulations to our winners!



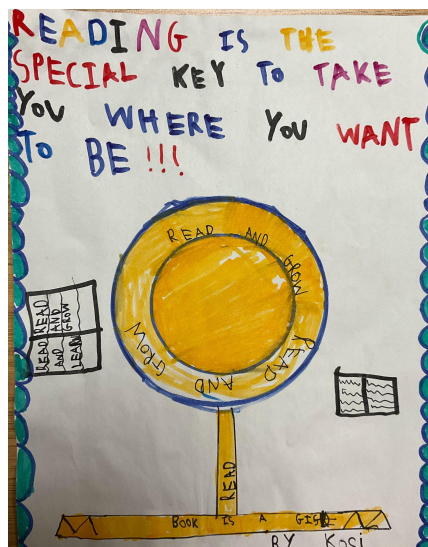
Anastasia & Patricia - Butterflies



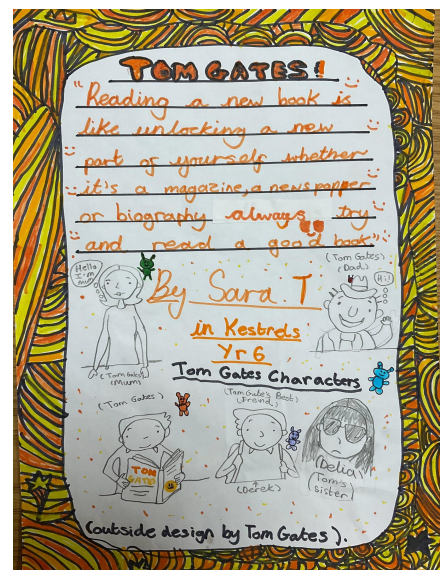
Sarah - Badgers



Ethan - Butterflies



Kosi - Squirrels



Sara T - Kestrels

Around our School

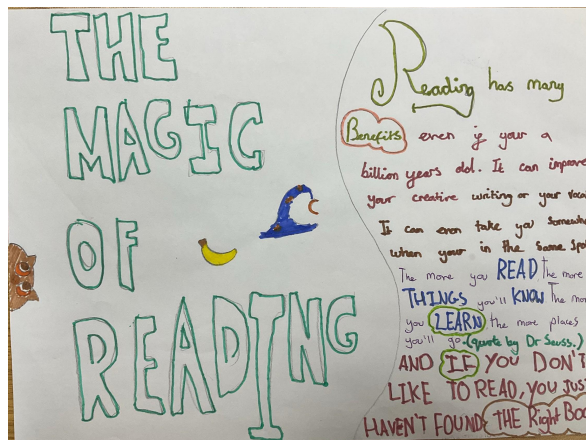
Reading Poster Competition

Here are some of the reasons our winners gave to encourage children to read more!

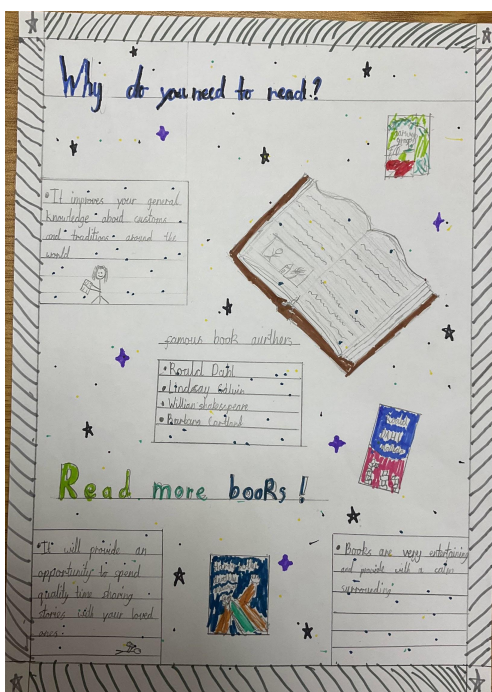
"It can improve your creative writing and vocab."

"It improves your general knowledge about customs and traditions around the world."

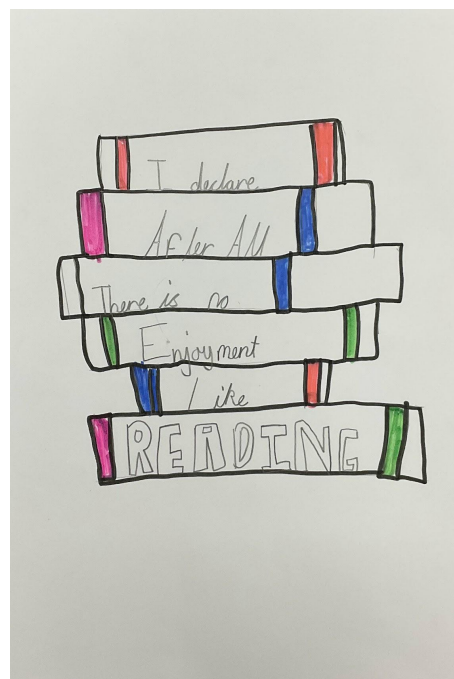
"Open a book. Grow your mind."



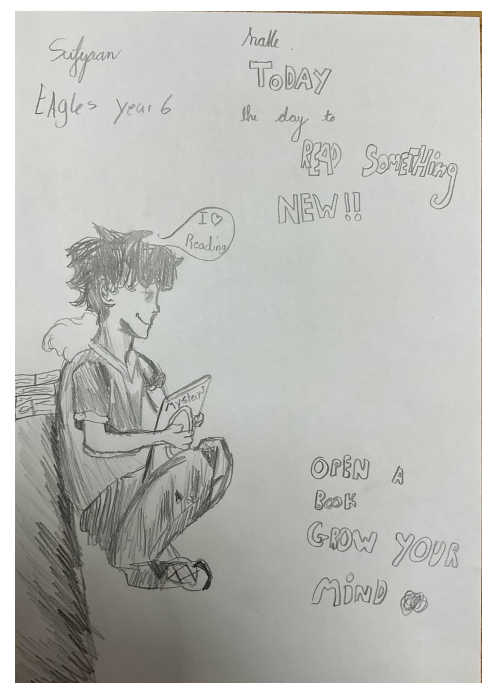
Muhammad Bin-Rana - Kites



Zara A-Kites



Ajwa- Eagles



Sufyan-Eagles



ONLINE SAFETY CORNER



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

SNAP STREAK

97
DAYS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



What to expect when attending a SWAN meeting



Who hosts the meeting?

The meeting is hosted by The Autism Spectrum Team, we are education Advisors for schools and settings across Luton. We aim to have at least one Early Years/KS1 Advisor and one Primary/Secondary Advisory Teacher attend each meeting.

Our team:



What happens in a meeting?

On arrival to Hillborough Junior School please make your way to the training huts at the end of the playground and follow the SWAN signs. Please sign in on arrival, help yourself to a hot drink and make yourself comfortable.

The meeting starts with introductions from the team and all attendees, it is up to you how much or how little you would like to share. You might want to say your name and share something about your family, e.g. "My name is Sam and I am the parent of an eight year old autistic daughter."

The meeting then opens up to questions or topics attendees want to discuss. All participants are invited to contribute with questions or advice for each other. You can email a topic request or question in advance to add to the agenda, or use the comment cards if you like, though this is not essential.

Examples of discussion topics:

- School placement and support, such as Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)
- After school and holiday clubs/activities
- Sleep, toileting and sensory needs, e.g. food, noise, clothing.
- Distressed behaviours

We sometimes have special guests from local organisations join the meeting to talk about the services they offer, we will notify you in advance if we are expecting a special guest to attend.

How do I join?

Email SENS.Training1@luton.gov.uk and ask to sign up to the parent support group mailing list.

You will receive a notification for the next SWAN meeting date. There is no need to book a place at the meetings, simply turn up for a warm welcome, hot drink and supportive discussion.

SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



SEN EXPRESSIVE ARTS CLUB

**Drama, Movement, Music
and More!**

**Once a week for 6 weeks per half
term.**

**30 minute sessions
For Key Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4**

**Thursdays in Term Time at
Luton Irish Forum, Luton LU2**

**Please complete a form at:
www.ngyt.co.uk/signup**

**We will then be in touch with further
information and to book your young
person's place.**

**SCAN FOR MORE
INFO & FORM**



SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



EPIC Luton Parent Carer Forum (PCF) is offering **FREE tickets** to parents and carers for a magical, sensory-friendly Christmas adventure with Robin Hood!

This special relaxed performance is designed for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), offering a comfortable and inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the excitement of panto.

Expect plenty of laughs, festive cheer, and thrilling moments with reduced sound levels, gentle lighting, and a more relaxed atmosphere, this show ensures that all families can experience the joy of theatre at a pace that suits them.

It's a perfect way to celebrate the season together, so come along for an unforgettable, accessible holiday experience!

This event is exclusively for families with a child or young person with additional needs/ SEND, aged 0-25 years (including those with no formal diagnosis or awaiting a diagnosis).

You must be a registered member of EPIC Luton PCF to attend.

Please register if you're not currently a member but meet the eligibility criteria.

Existing members: MUST also update their details on our Membership Form.

[Click Here: Membership Form \[https://forms.office.com/e/W4HNNkNpHg\]](https://forms.office.com/e/W4HNNkNpHg)

Date: Saturday 7th December 2024

Time: Prompt Start 11:00am (can arrive after 10:30am)

Location: Luton Library Theatre

Tickets are limited so will be issued on a first come first served basis.
To request your tickets, please complete our booking form.

[Click Here: Booking Form \[https://forms.office.com/e/rYtJVW4ze7\]](https://forms.office.com/e/rYtJVW4ze7)

*Closing date Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 12:00pm
[To avoid overbooking or any disappointments, booking form may be closed early.]

***Please note: Families on free school meals don't automatically qualify.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch on
contactus@epiclutonpcf.org

SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



Come And Chit Chai With Us

**Does your child or young person
have Special Educational Needs
and/ or Disabilities?**

Are they waiting to be assessed?

We warmly invite you to join our friendly coffee morning sessions, held once a month on a Wednesday.

- You will have the opportunity to speak openly in a non judgemental and safe environment with other parent and carers with similar lived experiences.
- You will have the opportunity to recommend professionals/ organisations for our upcoming collaborative events.

We'd be delighted to have you join us. Your thoughts, feedback, and contributions are highly valued.

We kindly ask that children under 5 be supervised by a parent or carer at all times.

Advance booking is required: Max limit of 20 participants.

[Booking Form](https://forms.office.com/e/uSSmLY5LP7) (<https://forms.office.com/e/uSSmLY5LP7>)

For any enquiries email: contactus@epiclutonpcf.org



11th December 2024
15th January 2025
12th February 2025
12th March 2025



10:00am - 11:30am



Lewsey Community Centre,
Landrace Road,
Luton, LU4 0SW

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LUTON



FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT: STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ST THOMAS' ROAD, LUTON, LU2 7UX

STARTING: WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2025

Wednesdays:	Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1.....	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....	6.00pm-7.00pm
	Group 3: School Years 4, 5 & 6	7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 24 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2025. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an indoor course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £8 per week; payment is made in 2 simple instalments, with the first payment of £48 for the first 6 weeks due on week 1. (Second payment will not be due until week 7 which will cover the second half of the course). **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.** Mark Frith (course co-ordinator) www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

STOPSLEY + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)

and receive confirmation by text to: 07827 322780