

Kew Woods News

Friday 6th October, 2023



Business Name

Well done to our House Captains

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Please visit our website:
www.kewwoodprimary.co.uk

ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 93.5% which is above national average. Well done to class 5W who had the highest attendance at 99%

Dates:

October

9th—18th—Y5 bikeability

13th—RW assembly

20th—RK assembly

20th—Y6 musical auditions



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Please remember to vote!

Tesco Stronger Starts

We are excited to share that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts as been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.

Our project is to develop our Forest School for the use of all the children at Kew Woods. To promote self-esteem, creativity, confidence and independence.

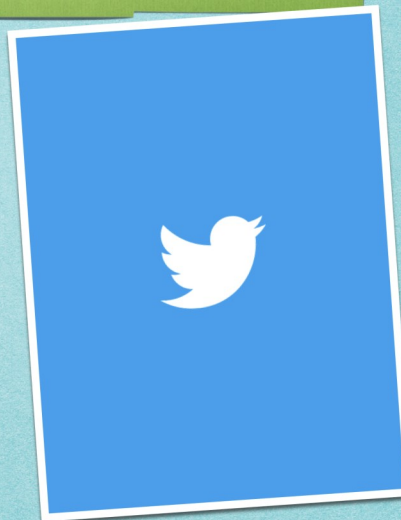
The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500. **PLEASE GET VOTING!**

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting for our project.

Churchtown Express	PR9 8PD
Birkdale Southport Express	PR8 4NX
Southport Extra	PR8 5JH
Chapel St Southport	PR8 1BZ
Southport Eastbank St Express	PR8 1ES
Ainsdale Station Rd Express	PR8 3HW

NEW Class Twitter Accounts

- ▶ Follow your children's classes at:
- ▶ Nursery @nurserykew
- ▶ Reception @receptionkew
- ▶ Year 1 @Y1Kew
- ▶ Year 2 @Y2Kew
- ▶ Year 3 @Y3Kew
- ▶ Year 4 @Y4Kew
- ▶ Year 5 @Y5Kew
- ▶ Year 6 @Y6_Kew



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Arlo	RK
Willow	RW
Yasmin	1K
Wyatt	1W
Ellie	2K
Ariella W	2W
Alyssa	3K
Rose	3W
Perrie	4K
Jake	4W
Oliver	5K
Tom	5W
Noah	6K
Sarah	6W

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Nursery helped make Harvest Jelly. They passed around a jelly cube and talked about what they could see, feel and smell. After, Miss Bacha added hot water to the jelly cubes.

The children watched and talked about how the cubes changed from being solid to liquid. Miss Tapia then added some vegetables and put the jelly in the freezer. The children predicted the jelly would be cold and sticky!



PIC•COLLAGE

4.10.2023



Spotting signs of Autumn



PIC•COLLAGE

On Monday night the B Team had their 1st match night at Larkfield.

We won all our matches beating Farnborough C 4-1, Norwood C 1-0 and Birkdale B 1-0.

The team showed great resilience and amazing teamwork in all of their matches. Well done!



Joshua passed his first proficiency award at
Gymnastics and received his level 8 certificate.

Well done!



Hickory's Reward

4W really enjoyed their treat to Hickory's for breakfast.

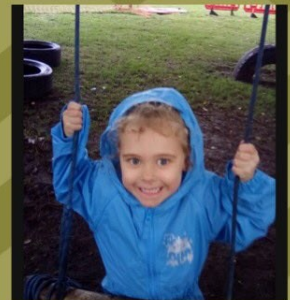
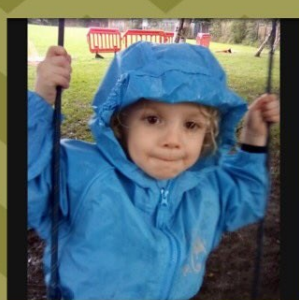
The children had lots of popcorn and pancakes with maple syrup.

They also got to enjoy the cinema room.





Reception enjoyed
our first Forest
School session this
week.



Forest School Fun!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 50 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord, a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially gruffer elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

David Coleman is Editor in Chief of gaming at news outlet G4Gamer and has written in the gaming media for several years. A regular visitor to the app store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. With many years' experience, his articles have been published on UK, and also in the US, for IGN and TechRadar.



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Forest School Fun!



Y2 linking Science with computing, matching the animals to their habitats using the Blue Bot commands!



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School-Home Support

Come and work with us!

Are you passionate about education?
Do you want a job that makes a real difference?

Are you looking for a flexible role?

Southport Learning Trust are joining forces with national education charity,
School Home Support. We are recruiting and looking for 2 family support
workers to work with young people and their families across our trust schools.

To find out more visit shs.org.uk and scroll down to work with us or check Kew
Woods website in the latest news section under vacancies.

For an informal discussion about the role contact Danielle Myerscough, Regional
Co-ordinator - 07811 990 925



**October Half-Term Sports Camp at Our Lady of
Lourdes Primary School, Birkdale
drop off at 9am and pick up at 3pm**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Community Multi Sports Coaching are delighted to announce our October half term sports camp. The cost for the full week is £50 or £15 per day.

Camp 1: Multi Sports 23rd October - 27th October at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Birkdale, PR8 4LT - enter via big gate on Grantham Road. £50 full week, £15 per day

To reserve a place please send a text to 07725189965 stating your child's name, OLOL camp, days that you want to attend and your child's school and current year group.

If you require any further information please give me a call on 07725189965. **A confirmation text will be sent once payment is received.**

Please bring the following:

- Suitable Footwear/Clothing to play on the playground or in the school hall.
- Packed lunch and drinks
- Completed reply slip below to give to our coaches

Kind Regards,

Neil
Community Multi
Sports Coaching Ltd

Name..... Age.....

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 1

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 2

Any medical condition to be aware of?

Signed.....Date.....
