



LAWN MANOR
ACADEMY



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Friday 27th January 2023

A message from the Headteacher:

It has been another busy week here at LMA and I was thrilled to see so many pupils with their parents for the Year 9 Options Evening last night. This has been the first time that we have been able to host this event in person since 2019 and it was a very successful and informative evening.

Yesterday, I sent you a very important letter about the planned industrial action by the NEU on Wednesday 1st February. Please ensure that you have read this as the school will be closed for most pupils on this day. There are more strikes planned over the next few weeks and I will keep you updated regarding possible disruption for each one.

After today's edition of the newsletter, we will be halting production of this for a few weeks and we will be re-launching in March. We will of course keep you updated with information as necessary via email and the new Arbor Portal in addition to social media where we regularly post key events that are happening in the school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sandra Muir
Headteacher

Contact details

As a school, it's imperative that we have your correct contact details. At this current time, it has shown us that a lot of contact details have not been updated. We send a lot of information out via our text and email service which you could be missing out on.

Please inform the school if you move house, change contact number or have a change of email address. You can change your details via the Arbor App:

<https://login.arbor.sc>

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Dates for your diary

1st February 2023 – School closed – Email has been sent home

7th February 2023 – 3rd PD Day

10th February 2023 – School closed – Inset day

13th – 17th February 2023 – School closed half term

17th March 2023 – 4th PD Day

23rd March 2023 – Year 9 Parents Evening

19th April 2023 - 5th PD Day

4th May 2023 – Year 8 Parents Evening

18th May 2023 – Year 10 Parents Evening

22 June 2023 – Year 7 Parents Evening

6th July 2023 – 6th PD Day

Student Council calendar dates:

Term 4: Friday 10th March 2023

Term 5: Friday 5th May 2023

Term 6: Friday 23rd June 2023

More information will be released prior to each event.

Please find included in this newsletter term dates 2022/23 and 2023/24 – you can also find these on our website.

Family Cook Along

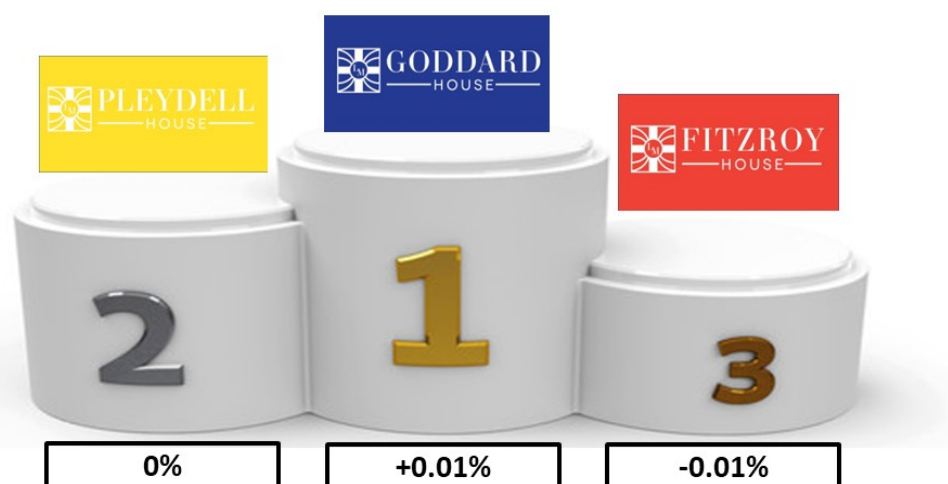


The next Lawn Manor Academy Family Cook Along will take place on Saturday 4th February 9am – 12pm. The theme will be based around creating the perfect romantic Valentines Day meal – homemade pasta with a choice of 3 sauces, tear and share bread and a decadent dessert of Tiramisu. If you are interested in booking a place for you and your child on this session, please fill in this form:

<https://bit.ly/LMAValentinesCooking>



Best House of the Week Attendance Improvement (Week A: 27/01/2023)



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

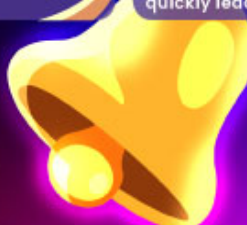
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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