



EVERY CHILD CAN ACHIEVE

Luddenham News

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Team Work!

One of the activities we did this week was to come together not only as a whole school, but in house teams, to create a whole school mural in rainbow of colours on the topic of positivity linked to Mental Health Awareness week.

The children worked together brilliantly to design a part of the playground with their ideas and thoughts about positive mental health.

You will see from the images below, sunshine, rainbows and hearts alongside messages such as Happy Life is for Every Life. This was completely the children's ideas and we loved it. Some children may have got a bit chalked themselves, but that's just the sign of a busy and enjoyable day!



We're also super proud of a group of our children who were brave enough to share the strategies they have been learning with the emotional wellbeing team. They explained to the children what works for them in the hope that by showing them the actions they use, it might help someone else. Thank you so much to this group for having the courage in front of the whole school.



We would also like to thank the Emotional Wellbeing Team for providing an assembly about belonging this week too.



Thank you!

One of our parents very kindly donated some brand-new books to us this week. There are some amazing titles which have been split between our library and reading books. Thank you so much for this generous donation – We know lots of our children will enjoy these.



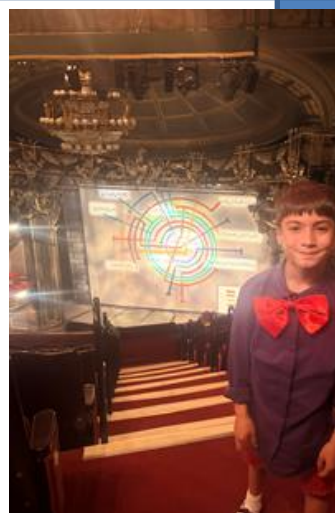
Superstar Corner

Let us celebrate together your achievements outside of school this past week. Don't forget to send in your photos.



Congratulations, you showed excellent perseverance to pass your grade 2 in roller skating.

Well done!



At the weekend you performed in your very first West End Show in London at His Majesty's Theatre. You appeared in one scene during the first act and another scene in the second act. You played the role of a Guard and was also part of the ensemble in the PQA production, *Across the Line*.

You impressed the audience with your fantastic dance choreography and wonderful singing throughout the performance. Everyone is very proud of your hard work and achievement in performing on a famous West End stage for the very first time!

Well done!

Colour Run Logistics/ Reminders

- No parking on site or in the lane please – park close by and walk in e.g., Oare Country Park
- Gates Open at 12.00pm and shut at 12.30pm sharp (staff will be involved in the event) – This is through the small blue gate at the front of the school where children come in during the morning. You follow the path around to the playground.
- Picnic and play from 12.00-1.00pm (no playing on obstacles) Please supervise younger siblings if you are bringing them as we are not responsible for them.
- No access to leave/enter site freely so please plan to stay on site for the duration of the event.
- Remember no smoking or vaping on site – this will need to be AFTER the event
- Children will go in at 1.00pm and register, visit the toilet, change their t-shirts and collect their belongings. They will bring all things outside as no one should be entering the building once coloured in paint!
- During the event, please watch your child from the playground side of the field and to the right.
- The children will sit in classes at the back of the field and to the left so please avoid setting up your picnics there or be ready to move at 1.00pm.
- Best time to speak to /see them is when they are on the playground eating their ice cream after they have run, but once they have finished, they will go back to watching on the field.
- When everyone has run, we will do gunge the teacher.
- When this has finished then the event has ended and you will be able to collect your child. Please allow them time to go and collect their belongings and let their class teacher/adult know you are taking them.
- You exit the way you came in. If you need to wait for someone to get a car, stay on the front garden area to avoid being near the road.

If your child needs the toilet during the event – we will take them.

If you have a younger sibling needs the toilet during the event – please use the disabled toilet (not the children's toilets) or if it's just adults then the staff toilet is fine. (Children are not allowed in the Staff toilets)

We love this event at Luddenham and it only works if everyone does their bit, so please take note of the above and work with us to make this event as successful and as enjoyable as can be. Thank you.

Also, a huge thank you to the LSFA team for organising this event! It's going to be fabulous.

LSFA News

THE FUN COLOUR RUN IS NEXT WEEK!

★ This is a SPONSORED event and this is how we raise the majority of our funds ★

This year we are raising money to support our school minibus, which is so valuable for trips, swimming and activities 🚌

👉 Please set up your child's sponsorship page here:

<https://superkind.org/campaign/luddenham-school-friends-association-the-lsfas-fun-colour-run>



- ✓ Click Join this Campaign
- ✓ Create/approve your account
- ✓ Set up your page & share with friends & family

Or, if it's easier, you can simply click the link and donate directly without creating a page 👍

💛 Please don't forget to get your sponsorships in – every donation really does make a difference! 💛

We can't wait for a fun, colourful day! 🌈

🌈 🗳️ 💧 **GUNGE A TEACHER IS BACK!** 💧 🗳️ 🌈

As a quick reminder... don't forget to grab your tickets for the chance for your child to gunge a teacher at this year's LSFA Fun Colour Run! 🎉 😊

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers:

Mr Wickham, Mr Mclanaghan, Mr Hadlow, Mr Boorman, Miss Case and Mrs Mealing 🙌

📄 Tickets are 50p each and can be purchased via Gateway.

Each teacher has their own raffle option, so you can choose who you'd like to enter for! Two winners per teacher will be drawn to take part in the gunging on the day of the Colour Run 🌈 🗳️

All money raised will go towards supporting our valuable school minibus, helping fund trips, swimming and activities for the children 🚌 💛

Let's make it the messiest ending to the Colour Run yet! 🎉

🎉 **LSFA: Where your money goes update** 🎉

Thanks to all our fundraising efforts this year so far the LSFA has been able to continue investing in resources for OPAL Play for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes.

More recently we have purchased:

- 🏀 Small football goals for the field
- 🏀 Soft balls for ball play and cones to mark out the ball game areas
- 💧 A water play bundle for the water play area
- 🚰 A water butt so children can access water for play at all times

🤸 Gymnastics mats for children to practise gymnastics, movement and imaginative play
You have probably already seen many of these being used during OPAL lunchtimes or when visiting the school! It has been lovely seeing the children enjoying and making such great use of the equipment.

This is exactly where the money raised through LSFA events goes.. back into enriching the children's play experiences and helping to make break and lunchtimes even more active, creative and engaging for everyone.

We now put aside a dedicated portion of LSFA fundraising each year specifically for OPAL Play, so we can continue refreshing resources, adding new equipment and keeping OPAL Play growing for the children.

Thank you again to everyone who supports our events and fundraising — it really does make a difference 💛

Monday 18th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Friday 19th – Saturday 20th June

Monday 22nd June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

Monday 29th June

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

Tuesday 21st July

Y6 Share the Learning 2:45pm

Y2 Share the Learning 2:45pm (note year group switch)

YR Share the Learning 2:45pm (note year group switch)

LSFA Colour Run from 12.00pm

END OF TERM

START OF TERM

Class Photos

Y6 pupils' event at Davington School - All day

Year 3 School Trip – Maidstone museum

Y1 School Trip - Otterden

Y6 Residential at Grosvenor Hall, Ashford – Drop-off 12:00; Pick-up 14:00

Y6 Potions Workshop and activities at school

Y6 Activity Day and camping at school overnight – Pick-up Saturday 09:30am

Y6 Drama Workshop (in-school) – All day

Sports Day Timings TBC

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

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Y3 Share the Learning 2:45pm

Y6 Transition Day secondary schools

Transition Afternoon – Classes will meet their new teachers

KS2 Swimming Gala Morning drop-off will be at Faversham Pools, parents may watch.

Year 5 Share the Learning 2:45 pm

Y4 Share the Learning 2:45pm.

Y6 Production Evening Performance – 17:30

iRock Concert 09:15-10:15am

Y6 Production Daytime Performance 09:30

Y6 Leavers' Party – 18:00 – 20:00*

Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 13:30*



'National Year of Reading' ELMER CRAFT

Celebrating uniqueness with Elmer!

Join us in this fun, practical workshop for parents and carers with their children aged 4-11 years, where family creativity and individuality shine. Share the stories of Elmer and make a colourful model to take home. You will need to bring a clean, plastic 1 pint milk carton please to make your Elmer.

Where:

Faversham Library,
Newton Road,
Faversham Kent,
ME13 8DY

Date:

Tuesday 26th May

Time:

12:30-2:30pm

To book a place please scan the QR code and enrol:



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches intimacy level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

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.



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