



# Newsletter

## Friday 30th June 2023

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Early Years kicked off Sports Day Season in style last week followed by Key Stage 1 this week and the weather held out on both days - phew! Congratulations to all the children for their fabulous effort and teamwork, they have made staff and parents very proud. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting the event and especially to those who got involved in the parents' race!



### Year 6 Business Enterprise

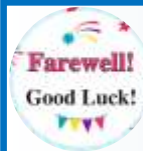
The Year 6 Business Enterprise has reached its final stage today - MARKET DAY! The children have worked so hard on their projects. After agreeing on their initial idea they had to work out costs, pitch it to the 'Business Angels', order the materials, make and advertise their product. The whole school was a hub of excitement as children brought in their pocket money to buy their favourite items. Which company will make the most profit.....watch this space - we will announce the winner in the next edition!

Special thanks to the Business Angels who gave up their valuable time to listen to the pitches and to Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Lord in the school office for processing the orders.



On Wednesday evening we held a special music evening for parents/carers, whose children receive music tuition within school. This was an opportunity for the children and tutors to show how much they have progressed over the year. For many children, this was the first time they've performed for an audience and although some nerves had kicked in before the show started as soon as they started playing they were forgotten and it was a joy to listen to them play.

Very well done to all the children that performed and thank you to parents and carers for your support and for Mr Sumner for organising the evening.



### Farewell and Good Luck

As we come to the end of this year we will be saying farewell and good luck to Ms Garvey and Mrs Robinson.

After much deliberation, Ms Garvey has finally made the decision to move to an international school in Dubai with her family. She will be sorely missed and has been a brilliant and committed part of the Brookburn Team. We wish her all the best in the sunshine.

Mrs Robinson has been at Brookburn for almost 11 years and in that time, life has certainly changed with juggling work and being a busy mum of three young children. She is looking forward to being closer to home and I know you will join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

You may also have noticed that Ms Kingsford's bump is getting bigger! She will be starting her maternity leave at the start of September so we may be lucky enough to say hello to her at the start of the year but just in case we wish her all the best now.

*Jen Holden*  
Head of School

Year 4 children have been busy in design technology lessons, designing and making slingshot cars for our mechanical systems project.

The chassis has been built and now it's time for the aerodynamic body to be assembled.

*Ms Faulder*





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**COMING UP NEXT!**

**Weekly Monday**

Woodwind Lessons  
Steel Pan Lessons  
Guitar Lessons

**Wednesday**

Strings Lessons  
Y4 Swimming Lessons

**Special Events**

**Monday 3rd July**

Class 5B Peterloo Trip

**Tuesday 4th July**

Y3/4 Sports Day - 2pm start

**Thursday 6th July**

Year 1 visit to the River Mersey

**Friday 7th July**

Big Comedy Show - 3.30-4.30pm

**Tuesday 11th July**

Y5/6 Sports Day - 2pm start

Year 2 Visit to Fletcher Moss Gardens

**Friday 14th July**

Brookfest - Summer Fundraising Event  
3.30pm - 6pm

**Monday 17th July**

Class 5A Peterloo Trip

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

Attention Year 6 parents!

The Year 6 production - Alice in Wonderland - will be performed for you on:

Tuesday 18th July at 10 am.

Thank you for your support, in advance, in helping them learn lines, songs and sorting costumes.

Don't be late for this very important date, get there before the White Rabbit!

Thank you,

The Year 6 Team

**Safe Over Summer**

As we look forward to school holidays, we recognise that some children, young people and families may be finding things tough right now.

We want you to know where you can go to get some ideas to help with your wellbeing, or get advice, support, or help at this time. If your child tells you they are struggling with their mental health or if you suspect this, you should always contact your GP for advice.

**Supporting Parents Helpfinder** (Young Minds)

Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder' By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

**Kooth** - online emotional and mental health support ages 11-18 <https://www.kooth.com/>

**Samaritans** 116 123 jo@samaritans.org

**Barnados Boloh** – Helpline and webchat for 11+ for Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority children and young people 0800 1512605 <https://helpline.barnados.org.uk/>

**Shout** – for anyone in crisis at anytime Txt 85258

**MoodSwings** Helpline staffed from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday - 0161 832 3736

info@moodswings.org.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/Moodswings-289363603529/>

**Anna Freud Centre**

For adoptive parents, special guardians and foster parents <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/adoptive-parents-special-guardians-and-foster-carers/>

For parents and carers

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/resources/>

**Childline** <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/>  
0800 1111

**Report online abuse**

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

**MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL** **NHS**

**Important information for parents and carers from Manchester's public health team**

### Measles

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases in the world. This means it is easy to catch and easy to spread.

People can be very ill or even die from it.

If you get measles when you are pregnant, it can harm your baby.

But there is a safe vaccination that can protect you. This leaflet tells you about it.

**How Measles spreads**  
It spreads in the air when someone coughs or sneezes.

**What are the symptoms?**  
High temperature and skin rashes.

**What problems can Measles cause?**  
Adults, and babies (under 12 months) are more likely to have other problems with it.

In some cases Measles can cause chest infections, fits, swelling of the brain and brain damage.

Children may have to go to bed for about 5 days and miss about 10 days of school.

**Vaccine**  
You will be asked by school or your Doctor to have your child vaccinated. Please give your permission.

The vaccine is called an MMR jab. It protects your child from Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Your NHS states there is NO link between this vaccine and autism.

The vaccine is used all over the World and is as safe as any other.

Contact your GP if you have any questions or concerns.

Find out more at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to send an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, blogs and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

**PETS**

# AMINO

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'. It was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals - but even that can create plenty of hazards.

**MUSIC**

### MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place - increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

### UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

### INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

**COMICS & COSPLAY**

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a battery of customization options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubbles or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

### REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics - such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

### MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become informed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

### STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well-moderated and full of friends and conversations about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

### MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having - and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

### Meet Our Expert

Head of Online Safety in Chief of getting and reports the information sent via the app to the governing bodies and the police. A regular user of the app, he is able to help you with any questions you have about the app's content, settings, and how to report any concerns. He will also be able to help you with any questions you have about the app's content, settings, and how to report any concerns.




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