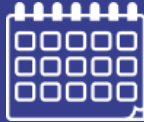




Dates for Your

DIARY



School Events

PTA Coffee Morning: 26th September 2024

Wear red: Show Racism the Red Card: 18th October 2024

Year 6 SATS meeting for parents: 21st October 2024

SEND Coffee Morning for Parents: 24th October 2024

Kingsmoor's Carnival: 25th October

Half term (school closed) - 28th October—1st November 2024

Children return to school—4th November 2024

Year 6 parents:



Communication has been sent out to all Year 6 parents regarding admissions for secondary schools. The statutory national closing date for applications is

31 October 2024.

Applications can be made online via

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Head of Academy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer, filled with fun and family time. We are excited to have our classrooms buzzing with learning and laughter again!

This year promises to be full of exciting opportunities for growth, discovery, and connection. Our dedicated teachers have been hard at work preparing engaging lessons and activities that will inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning in each of our pupils. We are committed to creating a warm and nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported.

We have already had many fun events which the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed including iRock lessons, Roald Dahl day, Swimming for Year 6 Australia, Break the Rules day, Meet the Teacher sessions and our Year 3 and 4 football team took part in a Football tournament where they won 1 and drew 2 games. Years 5 and 6 took part in NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops and the whole school have watched The Jungle Book production which was fantastic! Thank you to our extremely hard-working PTA who organised this and the Wonka tickets. I look forward to sharing hot chocolate with some of the lucky winners!

We encourage families to stay involved, whether through school events, or simply talking to your child about their school day. Together, we can ensure a successful year for all.

Let's make this a year to remember, full of new experiences, friendships, and learning!

Warm regards,

Mrs Angie Skinner

Head of Academy

The Kingsmoor Way

The children continue to follow
'The Kingsmoor Way' around
the academy.



SLANT

In class and in assemblies, children are showing super behaviour for learning.

Good listeners

S.L.A.N.T

Sit up tall

Look and listen carefully

Ask and answer questions

Nod and smile

Track the speaker

Happy Roald Dahl DAY

September 13

The children wore fantastic costumes to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. They have also been writing playscripts, stories and character descriptions based upon many of Roald Dahls' books. Thank you to the PTA for providing the Golden tickets which offered some fantastic prize!



NSPCC

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.



AOIFE: During the NSPCC workshop, we learnt about the different types of abuse and that the NSPCC are always happy and there to help at any time.

RILEY: We learnt that we can speak out against abuse and we learnt about the rights children have. We also know the number to call when we need help which is 08001111

Thank you to the PTA for donating money from school fundraisers, to provide the children with the opportunity to watch a production of 'The Jungle Book'.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show!



Attendance

Year 1 Ghana: 96%

Year 1 Italy: 96%

Year 2 Poland: 97%

Year 2 Egypt: 98%

Year 3 Cuba: 99%

Year 3 India: 97%

Year 4 China: 95%

Year 4 Brazil: 98%

Year 5 Japan: 96%

Year 6 Kenya: 94%

Year 6 Australia: 96%



Safeguarding

Information from the National College:

The social media network formerly known as Twitter has undergone numerous alterations since its change of ownership and rebranding as X – and many of these recent developments have proved controversial. With any user now simply able to pay a fee for account verification, for example, the once-reliable ‘blue tick’ system has become largely meaningless.

It’s just one of several changes that have set the social media giant on what many consider a concerning path in online safety terms. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides a run-down of the most significant tweaks made to X; their potential safeguarding implications; and how to help ensure young people minimise the risks while they continue to use the service.

We remind our children to be SMART online

Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

Safe

S

Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.



Meet

M

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.



Accept

A

Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.



Reliable

R

Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.



Tell

T

Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.



Be careful what you share online!

Stop and think before you share information online.
Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!



Health Information

Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine toothed comb. This is called detection combing. Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

You don't usually need to see your GP. The main treatments are:

lotions or sprays that kill head lice –these can be very effective, but some aren't suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding women, or for children under two.

Removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive, but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly. A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available if you're not sure which is best for you or your child.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong - more comparable to a cartoon or anime style - but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

FREE TRIAL

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

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