

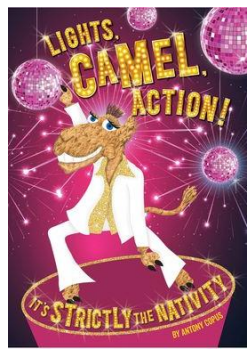
# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

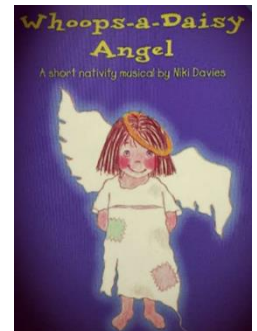
8<sup>th</sup> December 2023



I have had a fantastic week watching all of the children's performances and am very proud of the talent we have here at North Walkden. It is always extra special to be able to share these moments with parents and carers and as much as the children love to have you come and watch we also appreciate the effort you all make to take time out of your busy schedules. I



thought our Early Years children did incredibly well in front of so many people and I'm sure many tears were shed (parents not just children!). I would also like to say a big WELLDONE to our KS1 children who did an amazing performance of Lights, Camel, Action! I think we have some budding actors amongst them so watch this space.....



I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff too who work very hard to make these productions happen, from props to costumes and the general planning - they have done a tremendous job. Thank you also to parents for providing costumes and helping the children learn their lines at home.

We have also had lots of Christmas activities happening throughout the week, I'm sure your fridge doors must be full of pieces of art by now. Today we all had full stomachs after our Christmas dinner whilst listening to festive songs and pulling our crackers!

I am excited to hear the KS2 children sing next week as they will be performing their class songs in our Christmas concert. I look forward to welcoming you all back into school for this event.

**Christmas Hampers:** Thank you to everyone for your kind donations, we have been able to create **SEVEN** amazing hampers for you to win! You can see them on our Facebook page. If you want a chance to win please buy your raffle ticket before next Thursday. The school council will draw the winner next Thursday morning.



**Attendance Challenge:** All children that had 100% attendance last week will receive a FREE raffle ticket next Monday so will have another chance at winning!! Well done for such fantastic attendance.

**PE Days and Swimming:** Please note the days below for PE and swimming. On these days children should come to school in their PE kits.

Reception – PE on FRIDAY

Year 1 – PE on Tuesday

Year 2 – PE on Tuesday

Year 3 – PE on Monday

Year 4 – PE on Monday / Swimming on Thursday from 16.11.23 – 18.01.24

Year 5 – PE on Wednesday / Swimming on Thursday from 25.01.24 – 21.03.24

Year 6 - PE on Wednesday





## After School Clubs

**After school clubs:** Next term the after school clubs will change again. The clubs currently running all finished this week. The clubs for next term are as follows. You will have received a message on school spider which was sent on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to advise booking was open. Booking closes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you were able to complete the survey then your child will have a place on the club so please make a note of the dates on your calendar. All clubs finish at 4pm and children must be collected.

Day	Club	Year
MONDAY	HANDBALL	Y3 AND Y4
MONDAY	MATHS IS FUN	Y1
MONDAY	TIMESTABLE CLUB – SPECIFIC CHILDREN	Y2
TUESDAY	ARTS & CRAFTS	Y3
TUESDAY	TIMESTABLES	Y4
TUESDAY	NETBALL	Y1 / Y2
TUESDAY	JAPANESE ART	Y5
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL	Y5 AND Y6

### Y6 Roving Reporters Bulletin

Events leading up to Christmas

Throughout the coming week, each class will be doing a variety of different Christmas activities. KS2 children will also be performing a play for the whole school, including parents.

There was a Christmas activity day last week, and each class made a variety of different things including Christmas cards.



**Reindeer food:** In last week's Christmas craft day Year 6 made 50 bags of reindeer food for children to sprinkle on Christmas Eve. These will be available for 50p from next week. Year 6 will come round the classes each morning for you to purchase if you would like one. Be quick, once they are gone they are gone!!!

**Diary dates:** Please take a look at the diary dates below, we have added all of the spring term activities on so please make a note of all the dates relevant to your child.

**Place2Be Parenting Smart:** Please see the attached poster with information on the FREE online course that is designed to support parents with helpful parenting advice in building stronger relationships and dealing with difficult situations.

**Beano and Place2Be join forces to support children's mental health:** Dennis, Gnasher, Minnie and all of Beantown will help children build better mental health through a new partnership, between top children's comic **Beano** and Place2Be. This partnership brings together Beano's 85 years of expertise in engaging children and Place2Be's 30 years of expertise in delivering effective mental health support within school communities. Together we can work to support children's mental wellbeing across the UK.



NHS data shows that 1 in 5 children and young people in England have a probable mental health problem. Without the right support, many continue to have these problems into adulthood. Through this partnership, Beano and Place2Be will provide children and families with advice on how to look after their own mental health. The partnership will also provide advice on where to turn if they need additional support.

To kickstart the partnership, Beano and Place2Be have created a [‘Top tips for children’ resource](#) for Children’s Mental Health Week 2024 – the national initiative run by Place2Be. This resource features much-loved Beano characters and advice (written by primary age children, for primary age children) on looking after your mental health.

**Christmas Events:** Polite reminder – please make your contribution for the events below on The Evolve Hub as soon as possible. Many thanks

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CLASS	CONTRIBUTION
MONDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE	12.00	ALL CLASSES	£1 PER TICKET £5 FOR 6 £10 FOR 12
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHILDREN CAN BRING A BLANKET AND A PILLOW TO GET COMFY	1-3.00	KEY STAGE 2	£2.00
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1.30-3.00	KEY STAGE 1	£2.00
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	12-4.00	KEY STAGE 2	£20
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1-3.00	EYFS	£2.00

**Punctuality and Attendance**

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

**Last week’s attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%**

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	95	91.35	95.1	<b>96.67</b>	95.95	91.89	94.67	91.55	94.04
Late arrivals	6	2	1	4	7	2	8	4	34

**Online Safety:** We have some helpful advice below about Among Us and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

*"The industry, as far as we can see as families, are grooming the next generation with a whole set of online games and these are aimed at 7, 8, 9 year olds - that's the next generation who are going to be their income generators" - Liz Ritchie, Gambling With Lives*

The digital world that we live in can be a minefield for families and parents/carers. The way in which children 'game' now is completely different to how modern day parents and carers would have experienced. The 'monetization' of gaming is at the forefront of research and there are increasing concerns surrounding online gaming and the subsequent links this has with underage gambling.



# From ONLINE GAMING to ONLINE GAMBLING

## Recognising the Signs



### 10 Signs for Parents to Look For:

Disordered gambling is sometimes referred to as the 'silent killer'. Unlike drug or alcohol addictions the signs are sometimes harder to spot and if not dealt with at an early age can have a devastating effect on both the gambler and their families later on in life.

- 1 EXCESSIVE USE OF DEVICES**  
This can lead to increased isolated behaviour and lying about the amount of time spent online.
- 2 SPENDING MONEY ONLINE WITHOUT PERMISSION**  
If a child is willing to spend money online (irrevocably on a parent's card) without permission then this should act as an early warning sign to parents to ensure that there are some barriers and parental controls in place.
- 3 CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR**  
Children may become moody, aggressive or argumentative particularly during or shortly after periods of online gaming.
- 4 A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL**  
Children may display an obvious change in attitude to learning and a more negative view of school.
- 5 DISENGAGED WITH FAMILY LIFE**  
Children start to prefer spending time alone online rather than engage in normal family activities.
- 6 COMPULSIVE EATING**  
This includes both eating the wrong types of food excessively and not eating healthily.
- 7 IMPATIENT**  
Children might not be prepared to wait for anything (mirrored in excessive online game play and in app purchases) and nothing is ever good enough.
- 8 'THE LOOK'**  
Compulsive gamblers are often said to look zoned out, have a greyness, look ill, experience a loss of weight and stop taking pride in their appearance. The same can be said of those who are starting to develop a gaming addiction.
- 9 OBSESSIVE BEHAVIOUR**  
Children who demonstrate obsessive behaviour in everyday life are often reported to be 'at risk' of developing an online gaming disorder.
- 10 DISHONESTY**  
This could include starting to tell lies and in the more extreme cases even stealing things.

### 10 Top Tips for Parents:

If you think that your child may be at risk of developing a gaming addiction then there are a series of measures that you can put in place. This is by no means an exhaustive list but just some strategies that could ensure a potential situation does not escalate.

- 1 BE AWARE**  
Do not fall into the trap that it's just what children do - as parents/carers/families be 'on the same page' and do not be allowed to be played off against one another.
- 2 DO YOUR RESEARCH**  
Although both gaming/gambling addictions are now recognised as a mental disorder, some doctors may not be experts in these areas - families can self-refer to NHS Gaming and Gambling Clinics.
- 3 VISIT THE GP**  
See what help and support is available. Visit [www.gamfam.co.uk](http://www.gamfam.co.uk) and become an expert.
- 4 SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL**  
Have an open and honest conversation. Schools are investing heavily in mental health and can arrange or direct you to the most appropriate support services.
- 5 TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST**  
This applies to school work and in creating a learning environment at home. Find activities and hobbies that create a life away from the screen and be part of it.
- 6 BECOME THE EXPERT**  
Research the game your child is playing - does the game have loot boxes?
- 7 PUT BARRIERS IN PLACE**  
Set up parental controls for all devices (including phones) and set up screen time. Visit the 'Partnership with Parents' section at [www.gamfam.co.uk](http://www.gamfam.co.uk) for further details.
- 8 FINANCIAL CONTROLS**  
Turn off in-app purchases on games and make sure your credit/debit card isn't attached to the console your child is playing on. Do not link your debit/credit cards to your child's device and use a prepaid debit card instead. For example Monzo, Go Henry, Nimbi or speak to your bank for advice.
- 9 DISCUSS LOOT BOXES AND SKIN BETTING**  
Have a conversation about loot boxes and skin betting. Many games can still be played and completed without using loot boxes on the console version but be mindful of the mobile versions.
- 10 DO NOT LEND MONEY FOR GAMBLING**  
Or if you think it will be used for online gaming, without your permission.



The above guidance has been produced by



**School communication:** Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

**Contacting School:** If you wish to contact school then you can email us on [NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk](mailto:NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk) and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

**DIARY DATES:** Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.00	YEARS 1-6 TO WATCH
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA KEY STAGE 1	3.15 -4.00	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.30 APPROX	YEARS R AND KEY STAGE 2 TO WATCH
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS CHURCH EXPERIENCE	1.30PM	YEAR 3 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB	11-1.30	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR PARENTS - TWO SHOWINGS	9.15 & 2.30	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON	1-3.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	12-4.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1.30-3.00	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKET WINNERS DRAW		SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW THE WINNERS
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1-3.00	EYFS
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	<b>2:00PM</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTER VISIT	9-3	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 3 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 3 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 6 SATS MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.20PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	RWI TRAINING DAY	9-4	BC CR

THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 4 LAST SWIMMING LESSON	PM	YEAR 4
THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	YEAR 5 1 <sup>ST</sup> SWIMMING LESSON	1-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY	FRONT ROW MUSIC CONCERT – Y1-Y6 TO WATCH	2.45 – 3PM	PARENTS OF THOSE HAVING MUSIC LESSONS AT LUNCH
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY	FRENCH CELEBRATION DAY	KEY STAGE 2	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN
WK BEG 5 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	ALL WEEK	ALL CLASSES
TUESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SAFER INTERNET DAY	9-3	ALL CLASSES
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	RECEPTION CLASS VALENTINES WORKSHOP	9-9.45	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	EYFS VALENTINES DISCO	2.15-3PM	EYFS
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	KEY STAGE 1 VALENTINES DISCO	3.30-4.30PM	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	END OF TERM SINGING SHOWCASE	1.15PM	YEARS 1-6
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS	9AM	ALL PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	ZUMBA DAY	9-3	YEARS 1-6 ON A ROTA
FRIDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
MONDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY	SCHOOL RE OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 6 – CRUCIAL CREW TRIP	12 – 3PM	YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 6 CONDOVER RESIDENTIAL TRIP	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY	YEAR 6 AB EC TW
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	YEAR 2 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10	YEAR 2 PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY THEME TBC	9-3	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY- READING AND STORIES	9-10	NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	CHOCOLATE DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAYTIME		WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE	2 WEEKS	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING PHONE CALLS	3.45 -5.00	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ALL DATA TO BE PRESENTED TO CR	12PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS EVENING FACE TO FACE	3.30-6.30	WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	YEAR 5 LAST SWIM	1-3	YEAR 5
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RECEPTION EASTER WORKSHOP	9-9.45AN	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE	ALL DAY	EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE DRAW	2PM	
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	COFFEE MORNING	9AM	ALL PARETNS WELCOME
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	KEY STAGE 2 EGG DISPLAY	9-12	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS	2PM	

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton