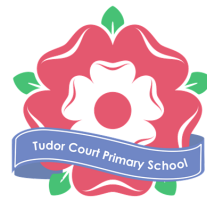


# Tudor Court Newsletter



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school since returning from the October half term. Our children have been engaging in an array of educational experiences, broadening their learning and deepening their understanding of the topics being taught.

Year 6 pupils recently embarked on an enlightening trip to the Lincolnsfield Centre, while our Year 2 cohort explored the fascinating Ragged School Museum. These trips provide invaluable opportunities for our children to connect classroom learning with real-world contexts, fostering a deeper appreciation for history and society.

On Monday, it was great to see so many children and staff dressed in red as we mark Armistice Day, raising money for the Royal British Legion and on Tuesday lots of children and staff joined in wearing odd socks as part of Friendship Week, which this year is focusing on respect.

Yesterday, our Year 3 pupils were transported back in time with an immersive Stone Age Experience held within our school grounds. Such interactive learning experiences ignite curiosity and bring history to life in a tangible and memorable way.

I am consistently impressed by the standard of work being produced across our school. From exemplary writing to stunning artwork and advanced computer skills, our pupils continue to display their talents and dedication to learning.

Two of our pupils have already earned five Head Teacher Awards since September. They have been presented with the newly designed bookmarks and I am looking forward to handing out many more bookmarks over the coming weeks.

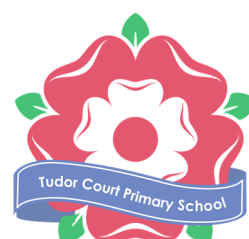
We were pleased to welcome Jen Craft, the new MP for Thurrock, to Tudor Court today. This visit provided an excellent opportunity to showcase our fantastic school and to discuss critical issues affecting education. I took the opportunity to address the challenges schools face due to prolonged underfunding and raised concerns about road safety and parking issues in the vicinity of our school.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you of some important dates and notices. Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on Friday, 6th December, which will also be a non-uniform day for pupils. The Friends of Tudor Court Association (FTCA) recently met to plan this event, and I can assure you it promises to be a great occasion. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon and further information about the raffle tickets can be found in the newsletter. Dates for the KS2 discos in January have also been confirmed and will be sent out shortly.

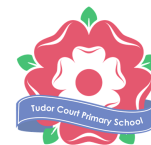
Have a great weekend

*Phil Kyriacou*

**Head Teacher**



# Congratulations....



## Attendance Trophy Awards

Well done to all of the classes who have won the Attendance Trophy!! Keep up the good work!

### Week Beginning 18th October:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	95.3%	2nd
I	6	Mrs Tedder	98.0%	3rd
2	9	Ms Routley	97.0%	4th
3	13	Mrs Leach	98.7%	3rd
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	98.7%	3rd
5	19	Mrs Long	96.9%	3rd
6	24	Miss Kirby	97.0%	3rd

### Week Beginning 4th November:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	97.9%	3rd
I	6	Mrs Tedder	100%	4th
2	11	Mrs Payne	98.1%	1st
3	14	Mrs Amin	97.4%	3rd
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	97.9%	4th
5	19	Mrs Long	99.1%	4th
6	24	Miss Kirby / Mrs Burgess	99.2%	4th



## Sports Certificates and Trophies

Congratulations to the children who have been awarded a sports award certificate and trophy, as nominated by Miss Woodford:

### Week Beginning 18th October:

Year	Name
I	Albie P
2	Jayden E
3	Sonny J
4	Sky C

### Week Beginning 4th November:

Year	Name
I	Amelia S
2	Noah L
3	Thomas B
4	Yara I



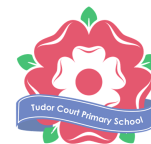
## Reach More Parents App

Please download the reach more parents app to keep up to date with all our school information. We use this app for all our communications including school letters, medical messages, reminders, calendar events etc

We also now use this for all school payments including school meals and trips.

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# News & Information....



## Meadow S - Class 13



In September this year, Meadow started working hard in a Production at the Thameside Theatre for the show TINKERBELL.

Meadow is playing a part of a lost kid and does lots of singing and dancing throughout the show.

Meadow performed in her first show with an audience at the beginning of November and will also feature in further performances.

Good luck Meadow!

## Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 10th November, a group of children represented our school community by laying a poppy wreath at the Chafford Hundred Remembrance Day service. It was a very special occasion and we were proud of the pupils for representing the school at a local community event.

Thank you to Kiara (cl 18), Aidan (cl 13), Estelle (cl 11) and Jack (cl 9) for being wonderful ambassadors of Tudor Court

The wreath was created by a team of talented artists from Year 4 and 5. Well done to Kitti and Ria (cl 15), Eleonara (cl 18), Jayden (cl 19) and Antonia and Lily (cl 21).



## Boccia Event

On Friday 8th November some of our children took part in a Boccia event at William Edwards School.

All the children had a thoroughly good time and this is what Morgan from class 25 had to say about the event "It was very exciting and invigorating to take part in and I hope more people have the opportunity to join us in the future - it was great fun"



## Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets

Next week the children will be sent home with Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Bazaar.

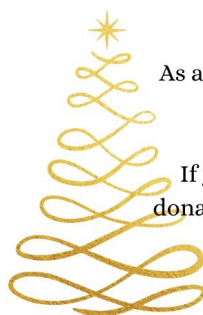
There are many amazing prizes to be won including £250, £100 & £50 of Smyths vouchers.

Remaining tickets should be sent back to your child's class teacher along with the money and stubs of sold tickets by Friday 29th November.

As always we are grateful for prize donations for the Raffle.

If you work for a company that does community donations please email [ftca@outlook.com](mailto:ftca@outlook.com) and we can send you a donation letter.

**Thank you from the F.T.C.A.**





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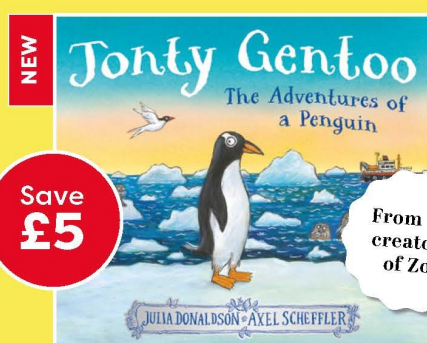
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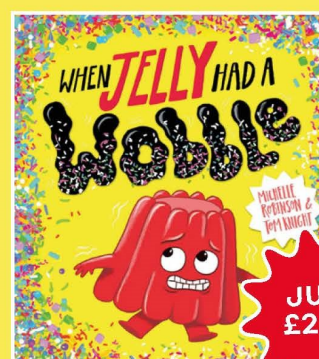
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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

### PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

### DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

### PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

### WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

### FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

### CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

### CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor if more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

### USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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