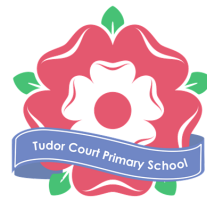


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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to share with you what has been happening in school over the past few weeks and what we have to look forward to.

Our talented choir has been spreading holiday cheer with their renditions of Christmas songs at Lakeside Shopping Centre. Their performance not only showcased their musical abilities but also represented our school admirably in the wider community. I know that the parents in attendance were incredibly proud and we received a number of compliments from members of the public as they stopped to listen to the children sing. Thank you to Mrs Waller for all her hard work preparing the children. The choir will be performing again tonight as part of the FTCA Christmas Bazaar.

Over the past three weeks, we had the pleasure of conducting tours for prospective parents considering Tudor Court for their children's school in 2025. I must commend our exceptional prefects - Laila, Noah, Zach, Evie, Sydney, and Adam - who served as tour guides. Their knowledge, enthusiasm, and professionalism garnered numerous positive comments from our visitors, truly exemplifying the caliber of pupils we nurture at Tudor Court.

Our Year 6 children are eagerly anticipating their upcoming educational visit to Kew Gardens next week. This trip forms an integral part of their Cycle 2 learning, providing them with invaluable hands-on experiences to complement their classroom learning.

On the sporting front, our pupils have been actively participating in various inter-school competitions, representing our school with distinction in Cross Country, Basketball, and Football. The children's dedication and sportsmanship are a source of pride and it is lovely to see a range of boys and girls representing the school with such enthusiasm.

This is always an exciting time to be working in a primary school. Rehearsals are taking place across the school and I am excited to see the children perform to their parents over the next couple of weeks. As we embrace the festive spirit, I would like to remind you that our much-anticipated Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for tonight. In preparation for this event, today is a non-uniform day, allowing pupils to express their individuality while contributing to our festive preparations.

Looking ahead to the final week of term, we will be serving our traditional Christmas dinner. To enhance the festive atmosphere, pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school uniform from next week onwards, should they wish to do so, rather than waiting until the day of the Christmas dinner.

Finally, congratulations to our winners Harley and Jack who chose the name for our eagerly awaited wraparound provision. Both boys had suggested Tudor's Treasures, which was voted as the preferred name by the staff who will be running the new provision. We will have an official opening ceremony of Tudor's Treasures once it is up and running.

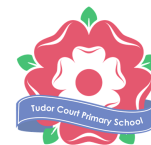
I look forward to seeing many of you later at the Bazaar.

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 25th November:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	93.7%	5th
1	7	Mrs Waller	97.2%	4th
2	9	Ms Routley	96.7%	5th
3	13	Mrs Leach	97.3%	4th
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	99.0%	5th
5	20	Mr Cole	95.7%	1st
6	24	Miss Kirby	98.3%	6th

Week Beginning 2nd December:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	5	Mrs Tindale / Mrs Tighe	93.3%	2nd
1	6	Mrs Tedder	99%	6th
2	11	Mrs Payne	100%	3rd
3	13	Mrs Leach	97.7%	3rd
4	16	Mrs Field	100%	3rd
5	20	Mr Cole	97.5%	2nd
6	24	Miss Kirby / Mrs Burgess	98.0%	7th



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 25th November:

Year	Name
1	Raani P
2	Alexandros L
4	Class 16
5	Mason S

Week Beginning 2nd December:

Year	Name
1	Hallie B
4	Olivia P
5	Darcie R, Iris-Blossom H, Arabella D
6	Laila G



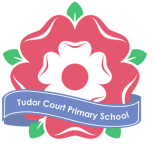
Reach More Parents App

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....



Name our Club Winners!

Congratulations to Harley - class 7 and Jack - class 24 who were the winners of the 'Name our Club' competition. Both Harley and Jack chose Tudor Treasures and this was the voted favourite.

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered this competition, there really were some amazing names and it was very hard to choose just one.



Text

In November, Mark represented Tudor Court at the British School Judo competition in London, where he won a Gold medal.

Mark also represented Tudor Court again at the British School Judo competition - Northern County where he won a Silver Medal.

Winning a medal at a regional school competition qualifies Mark to enter the British School Championships in March 2025.



Thurrock Foodbank

Tudor Court have been awarded a Bronze Certificate from Thurrock Foodbank in response to our harvest appeal. Our donation weighed in at a wonderful 220.6kgs.

Thurrock Foodbank would like to pass their thanks on to all the staff, parents and pupils for their kindness.

Our certificate can be seen at the end of the newsletter.



Book Fair Success

We would like to send thanks to everyone who attended and purchased a book at the Book Fair and thank you to all the staff who came along and supported us during the event.

It was another successful event and we are now able to secure free books for our school all thanks to the money raised through the books sold.



Congratulations You are now a Bronze Donator to



Thurrock
Foodbank

Together with Trussell

Awarded to

Tudor Court Primary School

**12th
November
2024**



What Parents Need to Know about Snapchat

As one of the most popular messaging apps available, Snapchat sees an enormous amount of usage across the globe with a significant number of those utilising the platform being under 18. For that reason it is important to understand the potential risks to younger users when spending time on this app.



Of course, it can be difficult to identify every hazard associated with the platform, let alone what can be done to mitigate these concerns. The below guide lays out the key online safety risks of Snapchat, as well as how to safeguard young people while they use the app.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

SNAP STREAK 97 DAYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'Snap Maps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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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