

W E E K L Y

NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 1 – WEEK 1

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a lovely holiday, and are looking forward to another fantastic term here at Magdalen Court School.

Hopefully you all got a chance to check out our ‘welcome back’ newsletter, with updated details of all our new staff and a sneak peek at our new classrooms.

These are all up and running now, alongside our VR room and Active Wall. The learners have been enjoying opportunities to try out these new technologies this week and it’s been great to see their enthusiasm!

Headteacher's Award



This week the Headteacher’s
Award goes to
Louie B
for making a brilliant start to
this year!

HIGHLIGHTING UNIFORM

Now that learners are in their new classes, we want to start as we mean to go on in terms of uniform standards. Here is a reminder for new parents & carers!

- Plain black, navy or dark grey trousers/shorts/skirt - jogging bottoms or leggings are acceptable, but must be unbranded
- Plain white t-shirt or shirt - no crop/revealing tops please
- Black, navy or dark grey jumper/cardigan - no hoodies please
- Black trainers or shoes

Please ensure that your child's uniform follows these guidelines and is suitable - shorts and skirts should be an appropriate length (not too short please!).

Learners are expected to be in uniform for Outdoor Ed days, as they participate in normal lessons before departing. We suggest that an old set of uniform is used for these days.

Please also note that crocs are not appropriate for PE or Outdoor Ed, so if your child is timetabled for either of those activities, please ensure they wear appropriate footwear on those days.

Jewellery should be limited to stud earrings and subtle neck chains, which it should be possible to tuck into a top or sweatshirt for physical activities. Heavy chain necklaces are not permitted.

NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

It is important that we have up to date medical information for all learners - if there are any changes to medication, please pass details to the school office as soon as possible.

Any absence should be reported to the school office by phone on 01392 494919 or email to office@magdalencourt.org. Please do this every day that your child is absent, and in addition to any DoJo communication with teachers.

Thank you!

It's been an incredible first week back, welcoming learning into Food Tech once again. I have been very impressed with how learners new and old have settled back into routine in lessons and have produced fantastic food this week. Many groups are following a breakfast and brunch topic which is perfect to practice at home this weekend!

Hawthorn and Sycamore have prepared a Welsh Rarebit this week after completing some health & safety routines colouring and key words sheet. Laurel class completed pancake taste testing and some golden rules in the kitchen for their theory task. Year 7's Aspen and Larch class prepared bacon rolls and recapped H&S rules and walked through their Food Tech routines ready for the term ahead. Year 8 classes, Oak and Juniper completed some Safety Rules in their exercise books before preparing a breakfast omelette with cheese, peas, onion and a bit of chopped up ham, scrumptious. Classes Beech, Ash, Elm, Rosewood and Palm have started the BTEC Level 1 Home Cooking Skills curriculum and made dippy eggs. Hazel and Maple class have started the BTEC Level 2 Home Cooking Skills and are also making breakfast recipes this term starting with poached eggs this week. Year 11/post 16 classes are making soups, stews and learning about seasonal vegetables this term and started off with a delicious beef stew.

Next week, Hawthorn and Sycamore will make Croque Monsieur. Laurel will prepare a simple pancake recipe. Aspen and Larch will compare products whilst taste testing a selection of shop bought and homemade breakfast muffins. Juniper and Oak will be preparing mini frittatas. Beech, Ash, Elm, Rosewood and Palm will prepare scrambled egg and review their H&S work from last week. Hazel and Maple class will make French Toast. Lime and Holly class will continue preparing vegetables for a splendid vegetarian lentil stew.





Our Values Stars of the Week

MAGDALEN
COURT SCHOOL



**Respect
&
Resilience**

**Health
&
Happiness**

**Kindness
&
Independence**

The value this term is **respect** and we've seen some great examples of this quality in school this week.

Hawthorn

Riley Mc for showing respect to our new classroom and our new peers

Sycamore

Lukas V for showing respect to others' boundaries

Laurel

Benji for settling in so well and being polite in class

Oak Class

Jacob M for working so hard to learn and follow the school's rules and routines since joining the school

Juniper

Evan M for showing respect by following instructions well

Elm

Poppy G for welcoming change and consistently trying all tasks

Aspen

Louis B for commitment to treat others with respect

Larch

Riley C for being respectful to all his peers this week



Holly

Anna for being polite and respectful at all times

Maple

Romeo for excellent manners and friendly attitude throughout the week

Lime

Arthur for showing respect in school

Hazel

Eboni for brilliant attitude to their studies this week

Palm

Rosie for showing great respect by looking out for her peers and being an excellent role model

Beech

Ashley R for engaging in the therapy room session with respect

Ash

Kellan for consistently using his manners to everyone around him

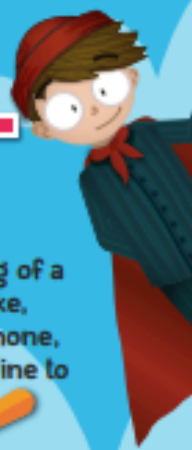
Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus is on iPads. On the next page you'll find a guide with helpful information and advice to support parents and carers with these devices.

If you would like any support with any of our safeguarding topics, please reach out to Jane.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

