



Attendance

This week's attendance figures show that we have had another good week of attendance here at Abbey Mead. The table below shows attendance Monday to Thursday

Class	Average(%)
1FI	95.42
1PP	97.56
1SH	91.74
2EB	99.17
2NF	98.33
2SP	95.45
3AA	97.92
3IB	94.58
3SR	99.19
4JA/GH	99.58
4KO	93.39
4KR	100.00
5CC/CH	93.75
5HF	97.50
5MB	95.42
6NK	95.83
6RT/SC	96.67
6ZE	96.67
FMC/CR	92.08
FOL	95.87
FZM	91.25

Well done to 2EB who are our KS1 winners this week and to 4KR for achieving 100% attendance this week.



Safeguarding Survey

As part of our commitment to safeguarding at The Mead Educational Trust, every school has an annual safeguarding audit. As part of this process, we are keen to gather the views of parents and carers. We would appreciate it if you could complete an online survey. The survey can be found by going to this link

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=35575-61898-31287156>

Alternatively, you can scan this QR Code and that will take you directly to the survey.

How to Scan a QR Code

1. Open the QR Code reader /camera on your phone.
2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen.
3. When you successfully hold your smartphone over a QR Code the phone automatically scans the code and log you into your survey. (you might have to press the button)



School Photographs

School Photos are now available to order online!

The photos are excellent quality and competitively prices so don't miss the opportunity to order your child's school photograph.

If you have pre-registered, you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link:

<https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

Please quote registration code: **JREDP9P**

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with limited discounts available for the first 14 days.

You can still register. You can still go online and register or ask the school to provide a code which will allow you to order the photographs online.



F2 & KS1 Nativity Plays



Our Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children performed brilliantly for our families on this week. The Key Stage 1 children performed 'The Inn Crowd' and the Foundation Stage children showcased their singing talents. Tickets were sold out for both shows.

Well done to all!





Upcoming Dates

- Choir Concert at Asra House—**Tuesday 19th December**
- School closes for Christmas Holiday—**Thursday 21st December**
- School re-opens after Christmas Holiday—**Tuesday 9th January**

Online Safety

Deciding if a game is appropriate

There are four main things that you can consider to help you decide if a game's appropriate for your child to play:

Check the content of the game and any chat function:

Content within games is regulated and rated into age groups based on elements within the game such as sex, violence, gambling, drugs, in-app purchases etc. There are lots of different age ratings around the world, such as PEGI used in the UK. Always check the age rating to help you decide to allow your child to download or play a game - this is normally visible next to the game title within gaming and app stores.

Consider who your child could have contact with whilst using the game:

Consider any communication channels and if there are settings to turn off or limit chat functions. There can be different types of communications, e.g. group chat or private chat. Communication in a game can increase the risk of bullying (sometimes referred to as being 'griefed' within gaming), being contacted by people they don't know and potentially groomed or exploited. Many games have a means of communication which includes private messaging and private chat. Look out for:

- words like 'whisper' or 'private' next to messages if your child is playing in multiplayer games (especially if they are playing with people they don't know offline)

and any suggestion of taking the conversation to other messaging platforms.

Does the game affect your child's behaviour?

The behaviour of your child could be affected by some games, it can include bullying or 'griefing' others, trolling or other inappropriate behaviour. Very intensive games can result in short-term bad behaviour such as poor temper or 'ragequitting', which is getting so upset they stop playing immediately. Ensuring a game's suitability can help, as can limiting playing time.

Does the game have in-app purchasing?

In-app purchases normally enhance the game or gameplay, for example skins (design of the character or weapon) or loot boxes (treasure chests, but you don't always know what is in them). There can often be considerable pressure on children to be unique within their games (new skins) or to be better than others (purchasing power-ups). You should consider settings to turn off in-app purchases, or set a spending limit on the device or app.

Children need to be aware of scams involving free in-game currency (e.g. V-Bucks in Fortnite, or Robux in Roblox). Scam text messages, forum posts and videos may have content advertising free in-game currency. But they're often scams, designed to coax the player into revealing their gamer tag (username) and password in return for currency. This is known as a 'phishing' scam.



Attendance Awards winners Skating Trip

2EB and 5MB won the attendance rewards for this term. The children in the winning classes were treated to an exciting Ice Skating experience on Thursday 14th December 2023. The attendance reward is presented to the class who have the highest attendance over the whole term.

Everyone had a wonderful time and it was amazing to see the teamwork between our Year 5 children and the younger Year 2 children. Everyone got to see the amazing Christmas sights on the way to Jubilee Square skating rink.

