



Message from Mrs Carlyle

Today is the first of our transition days where our children get to experience their new classrooms, get to know their new teachers and build their friendship groups. Today was also the first day that our brand new Year R pupils joined us to explore the classrooms and get to know their adults! Not only have I been impressed with how calm the school is, I am amazed at the confidence and resilience our pupils have shown as they embark on this new journey.

I know this can be an anxious time for some families but be rest assured - things have run smoothly today! The class teachers and leadership teams have worked hard over the last month ensuring that the new classes will be a success and that your child will go into the next academic year with the best start.

There are always challenges, but I wish to thank our families who continue on this journey with us at King's Academy College Park - we are coming into the third year of bringing our two schools together, and today is testament to our dream of 'two schools; one vision'.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming events, and hope that you enjoy your remaining weeks of the summer term.

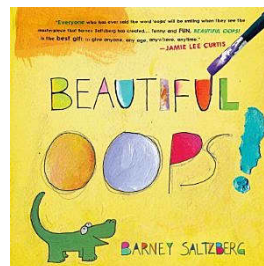
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This week's assembly theme is...

Creativity

We have spoken about what it means to express yourself and learnt that expressing ourselves is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show how we are feeling that can help us feel good about ourselves.

We also watched a video clip of the book 'Beautiful Oops' by Barney Saltzberg. You can watch it [here!](#)



Key upcoming dates:

Monday 3rd July	Tuesday 4th July	Wednesday 5th July	Thursday 6th July	Friday 7th July
Transition Day	Transition Day	NEU STRIKE DAY Year 1 and 5 in school only	Online Safety Training Parent Only Event 4.30pm - Junior Hall	NEU STRIKE DAY Year 1, 3 and 5 in school only
Monday 10th July	Tuesday 11th July	Wednesday 12th July	Thursday 13th July	Friday 14th July
International Day	Brunel - Picnic	Carroll - Picnic	Pankhurst - Picnic School Council celebration 4pm - Junior Hall	Seacole - Picnic



Infant Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to our infant sports day!

The children had a great time!



TRANSITION DAY 1



Online Safety

We are piloting an online safety training event for parents and carers this Thursday at 4.30pm in the Junior Hall. A letter has gone out today with a link to this [Google form](#) to book a space. Places are limited to 40 people, so if you are interested please book quickly! We will use it to decide whether this is a good way to deliver information to families.



This week's online safety guide features advice on a social media platform called Amino.

Communication Summary

Check here to see if you have missed any communication relevant to your child.

Find copies of letters [here](#), contact the school office on 02392 663645 or email contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk

- Year 6 Final Events - update
- Year 6 Scopay Refund Request - reminder
- Annual Fundraiser - event information
- International Day - CHANGE OF DATE
- Kid's Club: Next year's Booking- information
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- Funkidz Summer Workshops
- Strike action - Wednesday 5th July
- Strike action - Friday 7th July



Sunday Funday at Victoria Park

The Victoria Park and Roberts Centre Family Sunday Funday will take place at Victoria Park on Sunday 16 July 2023 from 10.30am to 4pm.

With live performances from Panatical Steel Band, SKA choir, Pompey Pluckers, Centrestage Academy, Trash Arts, Cantrelle Singers, Bessie Curson Academy and Drumnation. There will also be a special performance from International Street Performer Taroo, supported by Crying Out Loud.

There will be community and commercial stalls, food outlets and activities for children by Aspex, BH Live, WEA as well as funfair rides for children and a fire truck!

The festival will cover the whole park and will be a vibrant event for local families.



Free Swimming Scheme for Under 12's

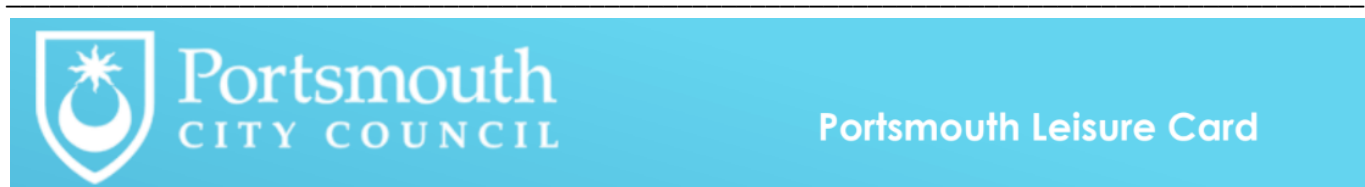
Free swimming is a local, council supported scheme designed to extend opportunities to swim and maximise the health benefits of swimming. The scheme is for Portsmouth residents, 12 years old and under and gives free access to the following council-run pools in the city.

- Mountbatten Leisure Centre
- Charter Community Sports Centre



You need to be a Portsmouth resident, be able to show proof of address and age and a Portsmouth Library Card!

Find out more [here!](#)



The Portsmouth Leisure Card entitles residents to discounts of **up to 50%** at Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services.

The Leisure Card is **free** and is available to residents who receive **means-tested benefits** within **PO1 to PO6** areas of the city.

You can enjoy sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre and more. Please note that discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent to you when you receive your Leisure Card.

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

How to apply for a Leisure Card

Visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online or by clicking here: [Portsmouth leisure card - Portsmouth City Council.](#)

You can also apply via your local library, community centre or housing office. (Please bring along proof of benefits to be checked)

Once your application has been received, your Leisure Card will be posted to you within 10 working days. If you have any questions, then please do call 02392 606256 or email CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMINO



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

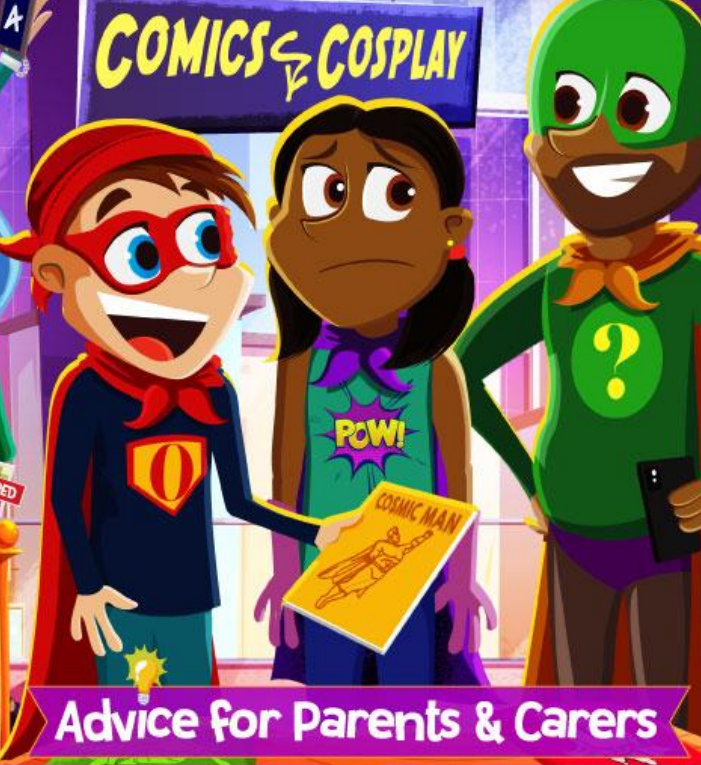


MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: <https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/mum-horrified-after-daughter-10-18773338>



School Calendar 2022 / 2023

Autumn Term 2022

	September				October				November				December					
Monday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31*	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1*	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21#	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16#	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	

Spring term 2023

	January				February				March				April					
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20*	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17*	24	
Tuesday	3*	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Friday	6	13	20	27	3	10#	17	24	3	10	17	24	31#	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30

Summer Term 2023

	May				June				July				August						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	5*	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	31	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
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Bank and public holidays 2022/2023

Christmas Day Holiday
Boxing Day Holiday
New Year's Day Holiday
Good Friday

25 December 2022
26 December 2022
02 January 2023
07 April 2023

Easter Monday
May Day Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday
Summer Bank Holiday

10 April 2023
01 May 2023
29 May 2023
28 August 2023

School Holidays

Bank holidays and national holidays

* First day after break

Last day before break

