

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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'Let your light shine'

Because of our Christian vision, we try our best to live out our Christian values in everything we do. Here are some examples of our children 'letting their light shine' in school this week.



Year 5 did a fantastic job at creating their own text maps and internalising them to support their Talk 4 Writing.



Our KS1 children really enjoyed their first book club session, completing activities to help them engage with a book.



Year 5 did some incredible art work today looking at Pablo Picasso and experimenting with continuous line drawing.



Reception have had an incredible week from receiving a fruit basket from Handa, to creating transient Art, to walking to the local train station linking to their current topic.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Humility'

This week our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

This week's big question is:

What other character traits go together with humility?

Confirmation Classes

We will be running Confirmation Lessons for children in Years 5 and 6 every Tuesday after school until April 4th, for children who wish to take the next step in their faith journey and be confirmed in a special confirmation service on 21st May. Classes are also open to any family members who also wish to be confirmed. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to join.





Comic Relief is on Fri 17th March – we will be having a non-uniform day (for a £1 donation) and a sponsored sing-a-thon. Sponsor forms will be sent home.

Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – Extra Bank Holiday

The Government has announced a one-off bank holiday on Monday 8th May to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. School will be closed on this day.

School Uniform

Black school shoes must be worn with school uniform and trainers should only be worn on PE days. Thank you.

Staying Safe Online

As part of our Online Technology category, this week we look at the advantages and potential risks of having iPads. They are immensely popular amongst all ages, in particular young people. Our guide this week gives tips on potential hazards such as inappropriate content, physical damage and potential screen addiction.

Water Bottles

Only water should be brought to school in children's water bottles. This is by far the healthiest drink for healthy teeth and best for keeping young brains hydrated for brilliant learning.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NGL

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NGL (which stands for 'Not Gonna Lie') is an app through which users share a link to their Instagram story or Twitter account, inviting their followers to give anonymous feedback. The app includes some prewritten questions (such as 'if you could change anything about me, what would it be?'), plus the option to ask followers to simply 'send me anonymous messages'. All replies go into the user's NGL inbox, with the sender remaining anonymous – although subscribers to the app can receive hints about who each message was from.

ANONYMITY AND OVERSHARING

Anonymous messaging gives rise to the 'online disinhibition effect', which can cause users to detach from their words and actions in the digital realm. This can make young people in particular (as they tend to get more positively online) feel more likely to disclose personal information on the internet, or seek to mock, harass, offend, confess or reveal their fears and insecurities.

PROTECTION FOR BULLIES

Having their identity hidden makes bullies feel safe from repercussions, so anonymous chat sites like NGL are a major avenue for cyberbullying. NGL claims to use AI to filter out insulting terms, but our expert sent a range of such phrases (starting with 'bad' and 'ugly') and becoming progressively more offensive (to a dummy account). All of these first messages were delivered to the recipient's inbox.

COSTLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

NGL offers a subscription where – for a weekly fee – users can unlock hints about who's been messaging them, including the sender's approximate location and what device they used. Young people will naturally be extremely curious about who sent which message (especially if they have a lot of followers on Instagram or Twitter) and may be unable to resist spending money to find out.

DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY

Blocking another user on NGL will prevent them sending anonymous messages to your child in the short term – although a determined abuser could get around that obstacle simply by setting up a new Instagram account. If your child continually receives negative messages that upset them, it might be worth encouraging them to consider whether they really need to use the app at all.

EXPLAIN ANONYMOUS APPS

We understand that a conversation with your child about the risks of anonymous messaging may seem difficult to initiate (especially if you aren't that comfortable with using social media yourself). It is vital, however, that young people understand that, for some people, having their identity obscured online can make them feel more powerful and less accountable for their actions.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Suberford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented safe bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various e-safety papers and content and received the Australian government's e-safety internet use and wellbeing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

INFLATED ENGAGEMENT

In June 2022, NGL had to revise its terms of service, informing users if a message was sent by the app's algorithm (as opposed to genuine followers). It arranged that, previously, NGL's creators had attempted to boost engagement with the app (on well-entitled users to pay for subscriptions) by sending lots of anonymous messages from bots. This update was rolled out very quietly by the team.

QUESTIONABLE SUPPORT

NGL does have a 'report this message' button for users to flag upsetting content. After sending a message, however, an outgoing reply hides the identity of the user and would not be able to find out, even if we tried. This did not fit our expert with confidence that the app can address bad behaviour adequately.

ACCIDENTALLY GOING VIRAL

The messages on NGL itself are anonymous, but users can share these messages via their Instagram story or Twitter feed – sending all their followers (or anyone, if their accounts are set to 'public') to see them. If a young person has disclosed something embarrassing or identifiable on NGL, without realising, this information has the potential to be re-shared very quickly to a far wider audience.

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

To avoid your child running up an eye-watering bill through an NGL subscription (or indeed any kind of costly in-app purchases), go into the settings on whatever device they use to make purchases or protect that function with a password. If those options aren't available, it's prudent to ensure there aren't any payment methods linked to their account.

THINK BEFORE SENDING

Regardless of whether a messaging app is anonymous or not, it's a good idea to regularly talk to your child about how it's wise to think through what they're sharing before they post it. Emphasise that nothing is truly private once it's online. If the post is something your child might hesitate to say to someone face to face, then it's probably not the sort of thing they should be writing online either.

Advice for Parents & Carers

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://ngl.link/#what-is-ngl>

@nationalonlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety @national_online_safety

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Presents

The Grand Easter Raffle

Draw Date 3rd April 2023

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| 1 st Prize | Giant Cuddly Old English Sheepdog and Puppies |
| 2 nd Prize | Chocolate Treats Hamper |
| 3 rd Prize | Pamper Hamper |
| 4 th Prize | Craft Kits |
| 5 th Prize | Photo Album and Notebook |
| 6 th Prize | Card Wallet |
| 7 th Prize | Small Teddy and Easter Egg |
| 8 th Prize | Small Teddy and Easter Egg |

Tickets on Sale Now!



Easter Holiday Camp 2023

The Easter Holiday Camp is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will take place 10am to 2pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 11th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April

Friday 14th April

The club is free to all children eligible for income based free school meals or pupil premium (not the universal free meals) – please speak to the school office if you are unsure.

All other children can book places for £6 per day. This price includes all snacks, drinks and lunch. Fees can be paid in cash or by bank transfer to Warrington Youth Zone.

Children will take part in lots of fun activities including forest schools, team building, treasure hunts, den building, arts & crafts and baking. There is even a circus skills workshop and show booked for this holiday!

Please follow the link on Class Dojo which was posted earlier this week to complete the form and book your place.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Exciting news! Warrington Museum are running some excellent FREE workshops. These activities can earn credits for Children's University. If you already have a passport, then just take it along to the sessions, or you can get one from our school office for £2. See more details about Children's University on our website: <https://www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk/page/childrens-university/119655>

Dates for your Diary

15.3.23	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
17.3.23	Red Nose Day
3.4.23	3:15 Starbooks Reading Café – all families welcome
9.4.23	Easter Service at St Barnabas Church
6.4.23	School closes for Easter break
11.4.23 – 14.4.23	Easter Holiday Club
17.4.23	School opens for Summer Term
1.5.23	Bank holiday – school closed
5.5.23	Coronation Celebration in school
8.5.23	Extra bank holiday for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – school closed
9.5.23 – 12.5.23	KS2 SATs Week
15.5.23 – 19.5.23	Christian Aid Week
15.5.23 – 17.5.23	Y6 Residential to Forest Camp Activity Centre
26.5.23	School closes for Whit Break
12.6.23	School opens
30.6.23	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
3.7.23 – 7.7.23	Health and Lifestyles Week
4.7.23	Sports Day
5 & 6.7.23	Y6 high school transition days
21.7.23	School closes for summer break

