

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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'Let your light shine'

Letting our light shine: Here are some of the ways we have let our light shine this week...

For British Science Week 2023, Year 6 studied their finger prints. They were intrigued by how they were all different.



We had a fabulous day wearing odd socks for Downs Syndrome Awareness Day, it is amazing how socks can start a conversation!

This week year 2 have been doing observational drawing and watercolour painting.



Comic Relief

A big thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored Sing-a-thon. Our children have raised £272.28. Well done everyone!

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Humility'

This week our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost their lives or were injured in the Warrington bombing, 30 years ago this week.

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

Ephesians 4:2

This week's big question is: You can be right or you can be happy. Explain

Decorated Egg Competition

Our annual decorated egg competition is taking place soon. There will be a winner from each class and all entries will receive a chocolate prize. Competition entries should be brought into school on **Monday 3rd April** or **Tuesday 4th April**. Winners will be announced on **Wednesday 5th April**.

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.



Staying Safe Online

As part of our Privacy and Security messages, this week we are focusing on stronger passwords. In a recent survey it was found that 52% of people use the same password for multiple sites. This can make our accounts easy targets for hackers. Our guide this week's gives lots of helpful top tips on setting more secure passwords.

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE
We often choose passwords which are easy to remember. Repeating the same set of characters, numbers, symbols, letters or lowercase letters for instance. These are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will know these combinations of letters, numbers, symbols and characters, so they can guess them. Instead, choose a password that is not a word, a name, a date, a number, a letter or a symbol. Try to use a mix of characters and symbols. Avoid using the same password for multiple accounts.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL
Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names, birthdays, pets, or favourite sports teams. These are also predictable. Cyber criminals can find out about our family and children's names, for example, from social media – making that information potentially available to them. Avoid using personal information in your passwords.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD
Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the other accounts. This is because the username, email, phone number, or other information is the same. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER
Our passwords are often affected by online services in an automated format. In general, the longer the password, the more secure it is. The longer the password, the more difficult it is to guess. If your password is only 8 characters long, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY
Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that our social media profiles are secure. Check your privacy settings and ensure you're not posting anything that could be used to identify you. If you're posting anything that could be used to identify you, make sure you're not posting anything that could be used to identify you.

DOUBLE LOCK YOUR DATA
It's possible that cyber criminals may already have your usernames and passwords. If they do, they'll have access to your data. On their own, they're not enough to get into your data, but they're often used in combination with other information. For example, if you have a password that's easy to guess, they can use that to get into your data. If you have a password that's easy to guess, they can use that to get into your data.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS
Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within. This includes usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's important to delete your account. If you don't, your data is still there. If you don't delete your account, your data is still there. If you don't delete your account, your data is still there.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS
Even though most of us have a hard time remembering multiple passwords, password managers can help. They store your passwords for you and generate strong passwords for you. They also help you to remember your passwords. They also help you to remember your passwords.

GET CREATIVE
The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the three-step method for creating a password which is memorable enough to store in your head. The '3-4-5' method involves taking the first three letters of a word, the first four letters of a second word, and the first five letters of a third word. This method helps you create a password which is memorable enough to store in your head.

STAY VIGILANT
It's best to use the same password for all your accounts and your data is to be kept safe. If you have an account or service, you should be notified or alerted. If you have an account or service, you should be notified or alerted. If you have an account or service, you should be notified or alerted.

Meet Our Expert
A former Metropolitan Police Security Operations Officer, Dawn Dean is a member of the Cyber Security Centre's (CSC) National Online Safety team. She has been involved in a number of projects to help improve online safety for children and young people. She is also a member of the National Online Safety team.

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Starbucks Easter Reading Cafe

Back due to popular demand, our Starbucks Reading Café is returning on Monday 3rd April from 3:15 – 4:30pm. Come along and spend time in our 'eggcellent' Easter café which is packed full of free refreshments, activities and prizes. If your child attends an after-school club, come along when you pick them up at 4:15pm.

Warrington Primary Arts network Same But Different



We are proud to announce we are taking part in two events as part of the Warrington Primary Arts Network. We are exhibiting art work produced by classes at the Gateway centre in Warrington until Friday 31st March 2023, come and see the fabulous artwork on display! Year 5 will also be performing at the Parr Hall on 28th March, tickets on sale through ParentPay.



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Grand Easter Raffle

Draw Date 3rd April 2023

1st Prize: Cuddly Sheepdog and Puppies



Tickets on Sale Now!

2nd Prize: Chocolate Hamper



3rd Prize: Pamper Hamper



Want to try something new? If you're in KS2, why not go and visit WYZ on Sunday evenings...

SUNDAY NIGHT IS PROJECT NIGHT 😊

Are you free on a Sunday evening and fancy trying something new?

We have the following sessions starting Sunday 2nd April – 50p per session.

- Book Club
- Choir
- Cooking
- Creative Wellbeing
- Dance Squad
- Introduction to the sewing machine
- Junior Band/Instruments
 - Lego Club
 - Martial Arts
- Performing Arts – rehearsals for Spring Show
- Rock Climbing
- Science

*Coming soon - Learn to speak Mandarin Chinese with Mulan Culture

For more details email dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk or book on the Warrington Youth Zone website



Mandarin Chinese Language Course @ WYZ

WYZ are starting a Mandarin Chinese language course at the Youth Zone on Sunday evening 23rd April 5:30-6:30pm for young people 8 years plus, run by the Chinese Mulan – the local Chinese Charity who we have a wonderful partnership with. It's now available to book on Warrington Youth Zone Website.

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.

Dates for your Diary	
3.4.23 & 4.4.23	Decorated eggs for Easter competition to be brought into school
Monday 3rd April	Easter Crafts and Play Session 2pm - 3pm Nursery (start of the week children) and Reception families
3.4.23	3:15 Starbooks Easter Reading Café – all families welcome
5.4.23	Easter Crafts and Play Session 2pm - 3pm Nursery (end of the week children) families
5.4.23	Decorated egg competition
5.4.23	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

