

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

05/07/2024



'Let your light shine'

It has been yet another incredibly busy but fun week in school. All our children showed great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship at our sports days on Tuesday...not to mention some great athletic abilities. Many of our children also attended the Children's University Graduation ceremony at St Elphin's Church on Tuesday evening, where they received awards for incredible participation in a wide range of after school clubs and activities, which all contribute to developing new skills and building confidence and resilience. Congratulations to all our graduates for your range of impressive achievements.



A big thank you to all the families who joined us for the Walking Day parade last Friday – many of the spectators commented on how smart our children looked and how eye catching our procession was with so many coloured lanterns, representing our vision of 'letting your light shine.'



Don't forget to keep checking the diary dates list on the newsletter each week and Class Dojo messages to check you know exactly what's going on and don't miss any events.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodekinson

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...





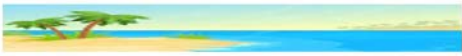
Summer Raffle



Draw Dates: 8th July 2024

- 1st Prize Air Fryer and Slow Cooker Bundle
- 2nd Prize Knowsley Safari Park – Family Ticket
- 3rd Prize Gulliver's World – 2 Tickets
- 4th Prize Gulliver's World – 2 Tickets
- 5th Prize Superheroes Play Bundle
- 6th Prize Dinosaur Hamper
- 7th Prize Summer Fun Hamper
- 8th Prize Cuddly Toy and The Jungle Tickets
- 9th Prize Cupcake Books
- 10th Prize Unicorn Toy
- 11th Prize Sanctuary Gift Set and Candle
- 12th Prize Mug and Teddy Bear

Tickets are just 25p each or £1 per book
On Sale Now!



Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Perseverance'

This week we pray: for all those who have lost loved ones. We pray they find strength and comfort. Please guide them through their pain and help all in our school community to try our best to light up the darkness with love and compassion.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Phillipians 4.13

This week's big question is: How can I encourage others today to keep trying?

Staying Safe Online

This week's e-safety message comes under our gaming category and focuses on online trolling. The term trolling refers to sending hurtful and provocative comments, very often done anonymously. This is to usually provoke a reaction. Being nameless in the assault can embolden people to say things they wouldn't normally say. Trolling is the intentional hurting and upsetting of others. Our guide this week gives tips on how to safeguard children against this harmful behaviour.



The Bread and Butter Thing helps people on low incomes to eat more healthily. They have mobile food clubs that provide nutritious meals to help people feed their families for free. They have a location – in partnership with WA5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre.

Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays

Tel: 07860 063304

<https://breadandbutterthing.org>

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink through the day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children's brains hydrated and helps them to learn well. Only water is allowed in these bottles, as drinking juice throughout the day causes tooth decay. Children can drink juice with their dinner. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

This half term is the busiest ever, with so many trips, activities and special events taking place – please make sure you check the diary dates each week.

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 1 st July – Friday 12 th July | Health and Lifestyle Fortnight |
| Monday 8 th July | Y4 trip to Warrington Museum |
| Tuesday 9 th July (afternoon) | Y2 story time trip to Warrington Museum |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Y2 trip to the Sky Garden |
| Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th July | First Aid sessions for all classes |
| Thursday 11 th July | Y5 trip to Safety Central |
| Thursday 11 th July | 6pm Y6 Leavers' Party |
| Friday 12 th July | Y5 Discovery Day at St Gregory's High School |
| Wednesday 17 th July | 2pm Y6 Leavers' Service |
| Thursday 18 th July | 2:30pm Y4 Keyboard Concert – Y4 families invited |
| Friday 19 th July | Summer Fun Day! |
| Friday 19 th July | School closes for summer break |
| Tuesday 3 rd September | School opens for Autumn term |

Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning at each entrance gate – we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Primary developed by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further advice, hints and tips, please visit nationalonline.org.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TROLLING

The term "trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional harm. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION
Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to broader patterns of offensive messages and posts. They can also have their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with one existing one, which makes engaging with one troll at a time – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDEING BEHIND A SCREEN
Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making it difficult for you to track who they are. After all, once you block one account, where do you go to report supporting websites?

24/7 CONTACT
The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they most can know how irritating the time you spend is, and how they can use this to your disadvantage. You can't block them from your phone, and you can't block them from your email. You can't block them from your social media, and you can't block them from your search engines. You can't block them from your search engines, and you can't block them from your search engines.

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HATE SPEECH
Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can be all the more weighty to their attacks, moving from what might be described as "harmless" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS
It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a while – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people, and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING
It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their comments or actions, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
While social media platforms behave most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this should minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE
A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence and reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

BLOCK AND REPORT
While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not about "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY
While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by young children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalry between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

Meet Our Expert
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