

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

12/07/2024



'Let your light shine'

Only one week to go until the end of the school year...I cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by! A massive thank you to everyone who has supported our summer events, including our sports day, summer concert and summer fair. We have raised an incredible £2000 to provide additional resources and activities for our children – thank you for your generosity. Our year six pupils received their SATs results this week – all our pupils have made outstanding progress and their achievement is well above the national average in all subjects - this is the result of many years of hard work and perseverance and I couldn't be more proud.

All our children throughout the school have worked extremely hard and had a really successful year, so next Friday is our FUN DAY. Children can come to school in non-uniform, play lots of games and we have a visit from the ice-cream van so I can buy everyone an ice-cream as a thank you for letting their light shine this year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone...let's hope the sun finally starts to let its light shine too!

Miss Hodgkinson

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



EURO 2024

England have made it into the final! If you would like your children to stay up and watch the Euro Final with your family on Sunday night, children can come into school a little later on Monday morning. All children must be in school by **10am**.

Goodbye Mrs Roberts

Next Friday we say goodbye to our Y1 teaching assistant Mrs Roberts, who is moving out of the area. We would like to thank Mrs Roberts for her hard work and wish her lots of luck in her new role.

Dates for your diary

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.

Staying Safe Online

Our e safety message this week centres around sharing intimate images. Although we may think this is something that only affects older users, all children are open to the possibility of being exploited by someone who could ask them to share intimate images. These can then be used as a threat to extort our young people. Our guide this week offers hints and tips on how to protect our young people from such a threat.

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."

Phillippians 4.13

This week's big question is: *What causes some to thrive whilst others fail in the face of a challenge?*

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as 'sexting'. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**
Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called 'sexting' (the sharing of intimate sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having their photos or videos shared publicly can lead to stress, embarrassment and a sense of helplessness. This emotional turmoil can affect daily life, academic performance and personal relationships.
- DAMAGE TO REPUTATION**
Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, school exclusions and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gains their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage can also make a victim feel more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.
- PRIVACY VIOLATIONS**
Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly control where they end up and who else sees them. This loss of privacy can have strong repercussions, including identity theft and persistent online harassment.
- FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**
Perpetrators of extortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compounding their emotional and psychological distress.
- LEGAL CONSEQUENCES**
If a child or young person creates and/or sends intimate images to others – especially online – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law, having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be traumatic, leading to further income. It is crucial for parents, carers and educators to understand the legal processes and be able to provide proper guidance and support.
- TRUST ISSUES**
Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues. Victims may find it difficult to trust others, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. This erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and social wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION**
It is vital to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with empathy, support and listening.
- PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY**
Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online, to identify and report online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.
- EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS**
Children and young people often want to understand why certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for bullying, including extortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.
- PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES**
Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of extortion, or any other online abuse. Provide them with information about trusted professionals like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.

Meet Our Expert
Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding and neurodiversity consultant with over 30 years' experience working with children, families and adults in education, local authority and mental health settings in the UK and abroad.

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: www.wakeupwednesday.org

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Our Family Friendly Events



FAMILY GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July
12noon - 5pm
Queen's Gardens

Taking place over 2 days, a free event for the whole community to come and enjoy live music, performances, hands-on activities and garden-themed fun! Bring along a picnic and a blanket to enjoy the entertainment and activities all day long.

SQUIGGLE

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July
11am - 3pm
Golden Square

Lose yourself in doodles in your very own 4-walled canvas. Our Young Producers & abstract illustrator Tony Green have created a free space for anyone of any age and any ability to be an artist and fill our walls and floors with Squiggles. We've got the pens, you've got the power!

LILO LOST IT!

Monday 22nd July
10:15am & 1:15pm
Warrington Museum

Join Lilo on an interactive adventure as she navigates the colourful landscape of her mixed heritage. Discover the joy of celebrating differences and embracing who you are! After the show join in with a movement workshop, arts and crafts, baby sensory and an exclusive look at our new family-friendly Creativity Cove.

[Click here to book your tickets!](#)

CLOUDSCAPES

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th July
2:30pm, 4pm, 5pm
Sky Garden

Relax on a giant beanbag and enjoy CLOUDSCAPES, part-installation and part-performance where the clouds are the main role! As you lie back to watch the clouds you'll listen on headphones to a story all about the clouds, the sky and Lorna's journey of a lifetime with her father. Afterwards you'll get to visit the Cloud Museum and learn from her library.

[Click here to book your free tickets!](#)