



Newsletter 28th April 2023

PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Naava
Year 1	Annie
Year 2	Erin
Year 3	Hector
Year 4	Jed
Year 5	Georgia K
Year 6	Jack
Kindness Award	Gracie T

GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

Our Golden Book Awards are to celebrate the excellent behaviour we see at lunchtime. Each week, the lunchtime staff choose 5 children from across the whole school to be written into the golden book. These children will receive a certificate at Celebration Assembly on a Thursday. This week, the lunchtime staff have chosen the following children:

<u>Child</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Albert – Year 4	<u>All for:</u> Exceptional manners Fantastic behaviour
Taylor – Year 2	
James – Year 1	
Sophie - Reception	
Eric – Pre-School	

RIENDLY REMINDERS



- We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL – please don't send food items into school (snacks or packed lunches) that contain nuts.
- Even though we are now in Spring and getting some better weather, please ensure that your child wears/brings a waterproof coat to school every day. With the weather being quite unpredictable and still getting rain showers, we need the children to have their coats ready as we do try and get them outside come rain or shine.
- If your child is going to someone else's for tea after school, please ring school to tell us.
- We are closed on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May for Bank Holidays
- Year 6 SATS take place from the 9th May to 12th May
- **CORONATION CELEBRATION DAY – PLEASE CAN CHILDREN WEAR PARTY/SMART CLOTHES TO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY 5TH MAY AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATIONS/ROYAL TEA PARTY**
- **CORONATION LUNCH – IF YOUR CHILD IS ON PACKED LUNCHES, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ORDER THE SPECIAL CORONATION LUNCH FOR NEXT FRIDAY 5TH MAY IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE ONE (Tuesday deadline for orders)**

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Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads for School are:

Mrs White

Mrs Madeley

Mr Stell

Mrs Burcher

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns at all about children's welfare.

Reception - Walk and Talk

EYFS have had a great walk and talk, spotting alpacas, lambs, crows, a hare, chickens, cows, mayflowers, forget-me-nots, lichen, dandelions and lots of blossom 🌸🌸🌸



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Play Leaders are BACK!

Mrs Roscoe from the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley School Sport Partnership came in this week to train Year 5 to be Play Leaders.

They learnt how to be a good role models and good leaders. Children then practised setting up games for groups of younger children and adapting them to suit their needs.

Groups of Play Leaders will run sessions for the infants at break time over the coming weeks. They are very excited to be involved!



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Inter-Faith Day at Slaidburn Primary School

On Wednesday, Year 3 spent the day at our sister-school in Slaidburn.

They went and enjoyed an Inter-Faith Day as part of our learning about Equality and Diversity.

They learned about Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism.

Thank you to the staff at Brennand's Endowed Primary School, for organising it and inviting us along - we really enjoyed it and learned so much!



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Attendance

Week commencing 24th April 2023

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	96.3%

Well done to Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6

Rainbow (House) Team Points

The Rainbow team that has the most points at the end of the half term gets to come in non-uniform the first Friday back after half term.

Week	Winners
W/C 17 th April	Red
W/C 24 th April	ORANGE

Online Safety

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 WIZZ

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

AGE RESTRICTION 12+
12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can fall them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though - so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them - but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight - that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

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