



## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Oliver
Year 1	Lily
Year 2	Thomas
Year 3	Tomas
Year 4	George
Year 5	Millie
Year 6	James
Kindness Award	Arnold Y2, Gracie Y6, Harry Y6

# 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>
<b>Ella – Y4</b>	<b><u>All for:</u></b>  <b>Exceptional manners</b> <b>Fantastic behaviour</b>
<b>Elsie - Rec</b>	
<b>Amelia – Y4</b>	
<b>Samuel – Y4</b>	
<b>Albert – Y4</b>	

## HOME TIME ORGANISATION

Please can we remind all parents/carers about the importance of booking children into WASP Club via [wasp@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:wasp@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

If this changes during the day for any reason and they are not at WASP Club or on the bus/taxi etc please make sure that you contact the school office to tell us.

At the end of the school day, there are 190 children that we have to get safely home, to the right club etc and we like to try and make it as smooth as we can. It also helps children's anxieties if they are told about who is picking them up, where they are going after school.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**



- We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL – please don't send food items into school (snacks or packed lunches) that contain nuts.
- Please ensure that your child wears/brings a waterproof/warm coat to school every day. With the weather being quite unpredictable, 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.
- Red Nose Day – this is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Children can wear red to school that day.

### **Uniform reminder**

We have noticed that some children have started wearing some items to school that are not part of the school uniform.

Please can we just remind everyone that no jewellery should be worn to school apart from a set of small stud earrings. No necklaces or chokers, rings etc. In terms of hair accessories, please can they be minimal and red, where possible, to match our school uniform colour.

Also, please don't send bottles of Prime to school. Water in a water bottle for them to drink throughout the day is the preferred option.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Monday	Lunchtime – Year 6 Art Club with Miss Harper Lunchtime – French Club – Le Club Francais
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Choir 3.20pm -4.20pm
Thursday	Musical Theatre 3.20pm-4.20pm Netball – Y5 & Y6
Friday	

## **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.

# **Mother's Day – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**



**Mother's day is coming up and we have the ideal gift! We are selling the beautiful MELT candle, Burgundy, for £17. The perfect present for a special lady. ALL proceeds go to school too!**

The amazing owners at Melt have approached school and want to support us in our fundraising efforts to create a central library. I have never worked in a school where reading is valued so much and children genuinely LOVE to read! We are now thrilled that a local business wants to get right behind us and support us in such a generous way.

At Melt, all the candles they make are bespoke, with their own name and meaning. They have offered to donate endless amounts of a candle called 'Burgundy' with a meaning of 'enjoying a good book' to school. These candles retail at £27 in their shop and they are donating them to us for FREE! Every penny that we sell them for will go straight back to school funds! This means that as well as supporting us in our fundraising efforts, you are also getting a beautiful candle that smells amazing!

We are therefore selling the 'Burgundy' candle for £17...a saving of £10 for you and a chance to buy the most beautiful candle. With Mother's Day coming up this would be a great present for that loved one in your life! If you would like to buy one, please contact school and we can arrange this for you.

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## **Forest School – Year 2**

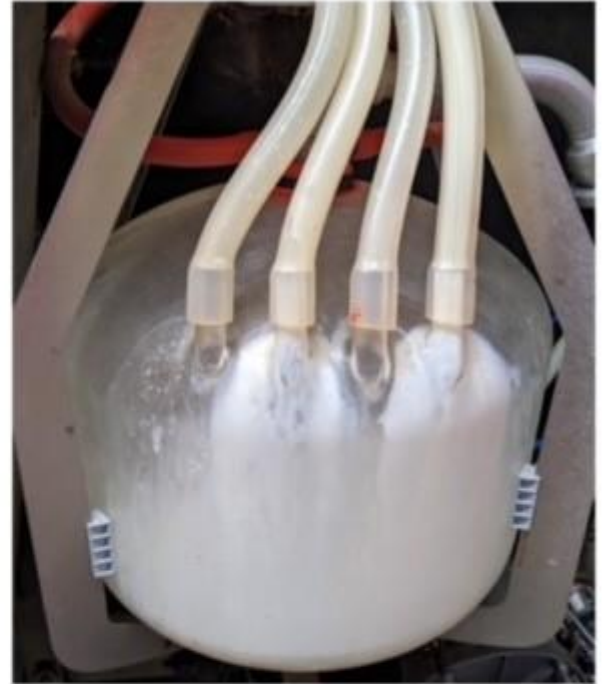
In Forest School this week, Year 2 played a game trying to work as a team to raise and lower a stick using just one straight fingers...that's harder than it seems! They then learnt how to lash and bind sticks together to make a photo frame...smile!



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## **Walk and Talk with EYFS**

Today EYFS went for a walk to see the Jersey cow farm. There were 300 cows and calves, all female. We saw the cows feeding, the calves taking milk, and the robotic milking machine at work.



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## Wellbeing Warriors

On Monday morning, our Well-being Warriors delivered our worship.

The theme of their worship was 'Speak Out!' They planned and delivered a PowerPoint and role play, discussing the importance of talking about your feelings and sharing worries...no matter how small!

They introduced the children to our new Worry Boxes and explained how there will always be someone to listen to them ☺

Well done to our Well-being Warriors for planning such a thoughtful worship and showing the children that it's good to talk!



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## **World Book Day -**

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. The children dressed in their favourite book characters and brought their favourite books to school. They did lots of lovely reading activities to celebrate.

We love reading at WWB!



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## [#LetGirlsPlay](#)

On Wednesday 8th March, we are joining the Football Association (FA) in their campaign to ensure girls have the same access to football in schools and in clubs by 2024 as boys do.

[#LetGirlsPlay](#) is a call for change and we are keen to support this.

Research shared as part of the campaign shows that football is very popular amongst girls and that the numbers of girls engaged in football is continuing to grow. Whilst football is the most popular team sport for young people in England, only a third of girls aged 5-18 years participate each week.

The research findings show that that 90% of girls that play, enjoy it, 60% of these girls that play football in schools want to play more and 91% of girls that don't play, want the opportunity to do so.

**Therefore, next Wednesday 8th March, the girls can come to school in their football kits (if they want to) and join in a whole hour of football in our MUGA with Mr Stell and Mrs Burcher**



## Parent Consultations

An email was sent out on Monday 20th February with a link for you to click to book the appointment. You should have received a separate email for each child if you have more than one child here.

Class	Date of Parent Consultation
Reception – Miss Harper	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1 – Mrs Burcher/Mrs Pickering	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 2 – Mrs Madeley	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3 – Miss Nicoll	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 – Mrs Lopiccolo	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 – Mrs Stansfield	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 6 – Mr Stell	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April

## Attendance

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	99.3
Year 1	96.2
Year 2	98.4
Year 3	98.5
Year 4	99.0
Year 5	97.4
Year 6	97.9

**Well done this is amazing – all classes had over 96% this week!**

## **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 20.2.23	RED
W/C 27.2.23	RED
W/C 6.3.23	
W/C 13.3.23	
W/C 20.3.23	
W/C 27.3.23	

## **Online Safety**

### **Not Gonna Lie (NGL).**

NGL is another of those 'bolt-on' apps which is designed to work alongside a major social media network. In this instance, the 'host' platforms are Instagram and Twitter – with NGL (meaning, as you may have surmised, 'Not Gonna Lie') inviting a user's friends and followers to ask them questions anonymously. An intriguing novelty, perhaps – but also not without risk.

Human nature being what it is, some people take the smokescreen of online anonymity as an excuse to behave in ways that they certainly wouldn't if their identity were visible. The idea of exposing young social media users to anonymous messages is one which understandably concerns many parents.

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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NGL



### 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 causes users to feel detached from their words and actions in the digital world. This can make young people in particular (as they tend to act more impulsively online) far more likely to disclose personal information on the internet, as well as making ill-advised confessions or revealing their fears and insecurities.

### PROTECTION FOR BULLIES

Having their identity hidden makes bullies feel safe from repercussions, so anonymous chat sites 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 'cow' and 'ugly', and becoming progressively more offensive) to a 'dummy' account. All of these trial 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 which device they used. Young people will naturally be extremely curious about who sent which message (especially if they have a lot of Instagram or Twitter followers) and may be unable to resist spending money to find out.

### INFLATED ENGAGEMENT



In June 2022, NGL had to revise its terms of service, informing users if a message was sent by the app's developers as opposed to genuine followers. It emerged that previously, NGL's makers had attempted to boost engagement with the app (as well as enticing users to pay for subscriptions) by sending fake 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 automated reply arrives stating "... NGL is 100% anonymous and we have no way of knowing the identity of the user and would not be able to find out, even if we tried." This did not fill 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 – enabling 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.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### 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.

### 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 devices they use to go online and either disable the ability 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 sending 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.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or [bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

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