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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

The coming years promise to be an exciting period of change at Warren Farm Primary School and a valuable opportunity to move into a positive future for our children. Over the past half term, I have shared our new vision and values with you which will be integral to the direction of the school moving forward as we deliver **Excellence in Everything - Achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime.**

An outward symbol of the exciting changes that are underway include a rebrand of the school logo alongside a new school website. It is time for a new logo that belongs to children of a new era, rather than one that is defined by the past. The new logo and branding will represent all the great things that Warren Farm will be known for as a progressive school in a modern age.

During the last term, the school council have worked alongside a media design company to provide feedback to initial concepts and help shape the design of our new logo and brand. The Bee symbolises two important things: Teamwork and Hard work, whilst also giving a subtle nod to the heritage of the school through its black, yellow and gold uniform over the years.

This will become the symbol that Warren Farm will be known for. We shall wear it with pride as we live and breathe our vision and values in promoting **Excellence in Everything.**

In the interim period of rebranding, the current school uniform will remain in place for the remainder of this academic year. To support our parents and families in this transition, the school will purchase each and every child a brand new jumper or cardigan with the new school logo ready for the start of the new academic year in September 2023.

A strong brand or uniform provides a sense of belonging for children and adults enabling us to feel part of a team. As a team - staff, children, families and the community - we will provide **Excellence in Everything - Achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime.**



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2ND MARCH 2023

On Thursday this week we celebrated the 25th anniversary of world book day. The idea this year, is to really promote reading for pleasure to encourage a love of reading. During the morning, children across the school took part in 'Book tasting' sessions where they read and wrote book reviews on a wide variety of books and genres. Early Years and Key stage 1 children took part in a world book day parade where they danced along to music and shared their costumes in a parade. A great day was had by all.



PCSO VISIT - SOCIAL MEDIA

On Thursday, our local PCSO visited Year 5 and 6 to discuss and outline the dangers of social media and support our children in ensuring they are staying safe online by adhering to strict age restrictions on social media apps.



WELCOME



Please join me in welcoming Ms Purcell to Warren Farm as our new Year 6 teacher in **6BP**. Ms Purcell is an experienced Year 6 teacher who joins us from an outstanding school in the city. She is looking forward to providing Excellence in Everything at Warren Farm

ATTENDANCE

Each week, I write a section on the newsletter explaining the importance of excellent school attendance and your legal responsibilities as parents. At the end of last week, I set the children a challenge of seeing how many classes we could have at **100%** attendance each day. On 3 days this week we have had 4 classes with 100% which is a vast improvement. While our attendance is not yet at the school target of **96%** it is clear that by working together as a team we can make the improvements required. Keep up the good work.



NAH	92%
RSB	90.4%
★ RLM	98.6%
1CO	87%
1/2KT	94.2%
★ 2HM	99.2%
★ 3CW	96%
3/4SK	94.8%
★ 4DN	98.4%
5AG	84%
★ 5/6NW	96%
6BP	93.3%

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 6th Mar	Year 5 and 6 STEM Learn by design day
Tue 7th Mar	6EC Staffordshire Regiment museum trip
Tue 7th Mar	3/4SK Multiplication test workshop
Wed 8th Mar	3CW trip to art gallery
Thur 9th Mar	Year 6 SATs Parents meeting
Fri 10th Mar	Nursery visit Hatton Park
Tue 21st Mar	Year 2 SATs Parent meeting





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TERM DATES

Spring Term

Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 24th February 2023
 Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2023 - Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
 Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023
 Summer Holiday 2023 commences Monday 24th July 2023

**A reminder that the Spring term finishes on
 Friday 31st March at 12:00 pm**

NAH	Harper Judge
RAY	Harry Coley
RLM	Layla Bulale
1CO	Kaiden Zaman
1/2KT	Darius Bustiuc
2HM	Phoebe Harris
3CW	Sophie Leigh Mills
3/4SK	Daniel Barmer
4DN	Bella White
5AG	Manit Duhan
5/6NW	Ya Xin
6BP	Molly Bradford

SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is radicalisation. Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. The signs to look out for can include; being overly secretive about their online viewing, expressing a 'them' and 'us' mentality, showing an aggressive and argumentative nature that is out of character and questioning their own faith and identity. The channel program uses the prevent strategy to help young people to understand and reverse their thoughts and ideas. For more information please look at this website-<https://safeguarding.network/content/safe-guarding-resources/radicalisation>



PARENTS WORKSHOPS

A fantastic turnout from parents of children in 4DN this week who joined us for a workshop in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us as a school to identify if your child may need additional support. Next week we will hold the same workshop for parents and carers of children in 3/4SK. We will continue to hold a range of workshops throughout the year to continue to work together in partnership to provide *Excellence in Everything* we do - It takes us all.





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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

NGL

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

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 bullying 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 followers on Twitter followers) and may be unable to resist spending money to find out.

INFLATED ENGAGEMENT

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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.

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.

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.

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 sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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