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Newsletter 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

We really enjoyed meeting with you on Wednesday discussing the progress that your children are making at school. Thank you for your positive feedback when completing the parent questionnaires, if you haven't had chance to do so, please can you complete the questionnaire this weekend.

World Book Day was a fantastic success, your child will have brought home a £1 National Book Token which can be used to purchase a £1 World Book Day book:

[2023s-1-books](#) or put towards another title at these participating stores:

[Participating retailers - World Book Day](#)

It is International Women's Day on 8th March, your children will be learning about Inspirational Women during the day. Please talk to them about who they have learnt about. Here are two links to some books which you may want to borrow from your local library:

[internationalwomensday](#)

[Celebrate-international-womens-day](#)

Our class assemblies return next week, please check the 'dates for your diary' box for the planned dates.

Have a relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

Online Learning

Pupils' at the Bridges Federation have access to a range of online platforms such as Google Classroom, Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Times Tables Rockstars and Collins ebooks (Early years and KS1). To help enhance and consolidate children's learning, they are regularly assigned tasks to complete. Please support your child to make the most of these learning tools. If your child has misplaced a copy of their login details, please let the class teacher know.



Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

10th March - Year 2 Class Assembly (Friday)

16th March - Year 1 Class Assembly (Thursday)

23rd March - Reception Class Assembly (Thursday)

31st March - Break Up (1pm)

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10th March - Year 2 Class Assembly (Friday)

23rd March - Reception Class Assembly (Thursday)

30th March - Year 1 Class Assembly (Thursday)

31st March - Break Up (1pm)

Snowfields

8th March Year 2/ Orange class assembly 2:55pm

29th March Year 1/ Red class assembly 2:55pm **Date Change**

22nd March Reception/ Butterfly class assembly 2:55pm

31st March - Break Up at 1pm

Term Dates - 2022 - 2023

Spring term

Wednesday 4 January - Friday 10 February 2023

Half Term Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February - Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term

Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023

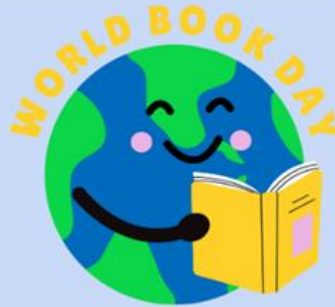
Parents, please add the 2022-2023 term dates to your diaries. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

National Online Safety Guides.

Please find the latest guide on the back page of our newsletter each week. This week's guide looks at 'Spotify.' You can also follow them on twitter @natonlinesafety



Thank you to all the
parents who helped make
costumes for World Book
Day - the children looked
incredible!



"I went to the library and
borrowed a 'Wonder
Woman' book so now I'm
Wonder Woman!" Mariam

"I'm Meg from 'Meg and
Mog' because she's a
witch who does funny
spells and it's my favourite
book" Holly

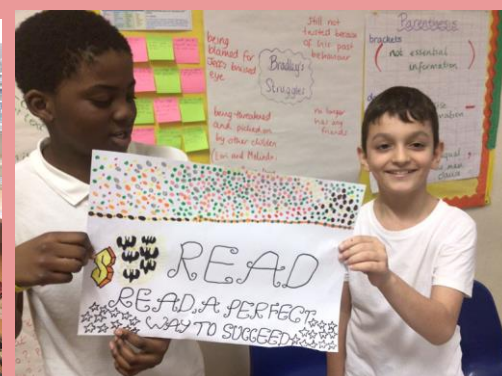
"I am a travelling girl. I
have my brochures and I
have my things I need."
Patience

"We love reading because it
takes you to different places.
You can travel to an island or
somewhere else you haven't
been in your mind." Titus and
Kai W

"I am the BFG - I am
going to give out some
dreams." Leo



CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY!



Coming Soon...

Don't forget we have Class Assemblies coming up. These will take place in the school hall. Please arrive by 2.55pm, so that the assembly can start at 3pm.

Friday 10th March - Year 2, **Thursday 23rd March** - Reception, **Thursday 30th March** - Year 1

We look forward to welcoming you!



Last week Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all got to visit the Unicorn Theatre to watch 'Anansi The Spider'. They had a great time!



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent and Pupil Review meetings on Wednesday 1st March. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to rearrange the meeting. Thank you.



Snowsfields Primary School



WORLD
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Day
2023!

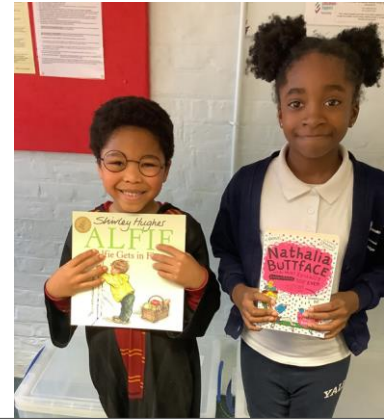


Thank
you for all
your help
with the
amazing
costumes





E - Engaging everyone everyday



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is: creativity

Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle Winners



E - Empowering Everyone

Times Tables Rock Stars!





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	3	17	375
Year 2	15.5	16	75
Year 3	15.5	11	225
Year 4	9	7	350
Year 5	3	7	950
Year 6	4.5	15	825

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 20/2/2023: 94.2%

1st Place Attendance: Y1 & Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y5 & Y4



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/2/2023: 95.81%

1st Place Attendance: Y1

1st Place Punctuality: Y5

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	17	4	94.33%
Year 2	13	12	93.50%
Year 3	8	8	97.24%
Year 4	6	14	91.78%
Year 5	15	8	93.75%
Year 6	8	12	97.33%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	21	6	475
Year 2	17	17	150
Year 3	20	12	400
Year 4	11	9	175
Year 5	10	2	825
Year 6	13	7	525

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/2/2023: 93.66%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y5

A space for families to
meet an artist and
get drawing!

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FAMILY



STUDIO

First Sunday of the month
5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July
Charlotte Sharman Primary School
West Square, SE11 4SN

Drop-in
10.30 – 3.00pm
All Free!
All Welcome!

Bus Routes: 12, 53, 148, 344,
360, 453, C10
Stations: Elephant & Castle,
Waterloo or Lambeth North

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WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL

"The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football."



TIME AND DATE

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 28TH FEBRUARY (16:00 - 17:00) FREE TO ATTEND



LOCATION

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDENS, 27 UNION ST, LONDON, SE1 1SD



NEXT STEPS

Head to www.lpessn.org.uk to complete our registration form or scan the QR code. You can also head to thefa.com/weetabixwildcats to book on to a session. For more info contact us via

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THE PARENT/CARER CHAMPION INFORMATION SHARING EVENT



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER INTEREST

TOPICS YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT

- ▶ Mental Health & Wellbeing
- ▶ Grooming & Child Exploitation
- ▶ The Youth Justice System
- ▶ Social Inclusion & County Lines

WHEN:

Tue, 21st February 2023
9.15-10.15 AM

OR

Wed, 22nd February 2023
2.00-3.00 PM

WHERE?

Queensborough Community Centre Scovell
Road
London
SE1 1QQ

WHAT IS IT?

We recognise the challenges that can come with being a parent or carer of a young person today.

Our Champions form a network of active parents/carers in the community who are here to share information with you covering some of the most pressing topics for young people today.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

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MAYOR OF LONDON
VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT

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 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

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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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