

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

13/05/2022



'Let your light shine'

This week I am bursting with pride by our year 6 class, who have taken their SATs tests. Despite the last 2 years of disruption due to COVID, our year 6 class have made exceptional progress. Every one of our pupils showed resilience and determination throughout the tests, and put in 100% effort – I could not have asked for more. Year 6 most definitely 'let their shine' this week. Well done super sixes!

Next week marks the 50th anniversary of our school building, which was officially opened on 19th May 1972. We will be celebrating with a special service, during which children will hear memories of our school through the ages from former pupils and sing some of the hymns that were sung in 1972, along with our current favourites. All children will receive a special prayer card featuring our school prayer and 50th anniversary prayer, written by year 5. Our children will also be able to enjoy a special St Barnabas 50th anniversary cake during our party on 27th May.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

Last week provided the children with some fascinating opportunities to discover more about the faiths and beliefs of people within our local and wider community.

On Thursday 5th May, Michelle from Liverpool Community Spirit came and spoke to the children about her faith and beliefs. She shared with the school facts and information about Judaism. Pupils enjoyed a story telling session, Michelle retold the story of David and Goliath, explaining how it inspires her every day to make a positive difference within her community through the choices and decisions she makes.

"David was a young boy and the story proved size does not matter, it's what you think and how you behave" Josh Y3

"The Torah is so holy you cannot touch it with your fingers." Bella Y3



On Friday 6th, we had a fabulous Eid celebration in school organised by Bewsey Mosque. Children and staff tasted food, created Mendi patterns and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon discovering more about the Islamic faith.

"It's interesting for my friends to find out about Islam and try new foods" Rahib Y3

"It was fun to try to recreate the Mendi pattern, it was tricky." William Y3

"I enjoyed trying different foods and finding out about Eid al- Fitr." Zuzanna Y3



Our Christian value for this half term is:

'Service'

This week we pray for all those who are ill and those who are caring for loved ones.

“Serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Joshua 22v5

This week's big question is:

“Do we only show service because we have to?”

Parking Issues

We are currently experiencing some parking issues on Collin Street. Construction workers, who are currently based on the hospital site, are causing the issues. We have made the hospital and the council aware of the issue and expect it to be resolved soon. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Be on time!

Being on time to school, every day is really important. Children who are late miss vital learning and are picking up bad habits that could affect their future employability. Being just a few minutes late each day builds up to large amounts of lost learning over a school year.

| Minutes late per day | Days of lost learning in a year |
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| 5 minutes | 3 ½ days |
| 10 minutes | 7 days |
| 15 minutes | 10 days |

Please make sure your child is in school by 8:45am

Staying Safe Online

Many of our e safety messages are aimed at our older children. This week, we focus on our early years and how important it is that parents and carers recognise not only the benefits of technology but also the dangers. This week's guide gives tips for under 5's about screen time, blocking in app purchases and how we can model good behaviour on device time together.

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s
10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

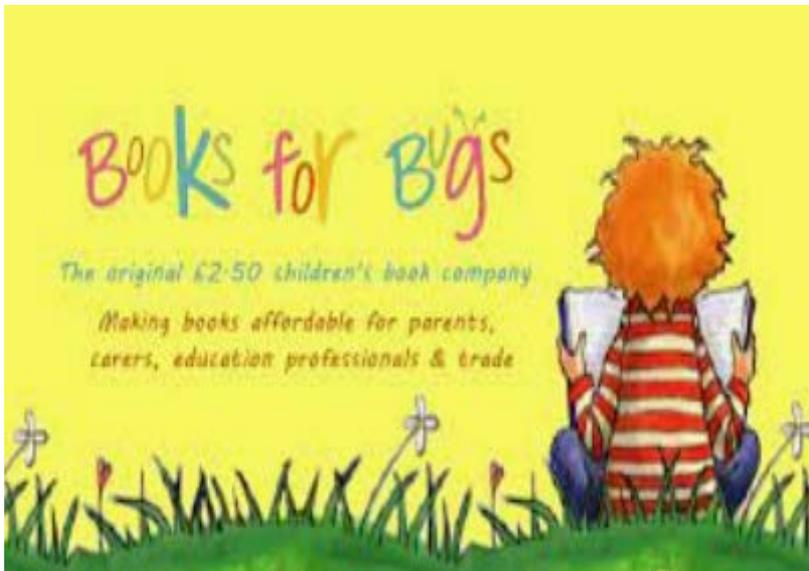
According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 60% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

- USE DEVICES TOGETHER**
This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.
- ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the types of content children have access to. If your little one uses any devices (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.
- MANAGE SCREEN TIME**
This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. To set up any screen time limits, get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.
- TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE**
Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.
- SET A GOOD EXAMPLE**
Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.
- BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES**
If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), the app developer will be able to block purchases from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.
- CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES**
There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.
- INVOLVE THE FAMILY**
If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help limit one's screen time.
- IF IN DOUBT, ASK**
The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.
- SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY**
Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, using apps that encourage games that require physical movement, dance and singing to help to engage your child's senses, and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert
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We are looking forward to holding our second virtual book fair next week with www.booksforbugs.co.uk, where parents can buy books for their children, at fantastic prices! There are 1000's of books at only £2.50 including many top titles from baby books through to teen books.

All orders placed during our book fair will be delivered to school for free (please type in the school address in the delivery address section) and also school will be able to earn a free book for every five books purchased by parents/carers.

Please place your order between Monday 16th May and Sunday 22nd May (or you'll be charged for delivery).

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 16th May – Friday 20th May | Christian Aid Week |
| Monday 16th May – Friday 20th May | Virtual Book Fair |
| Monday 16th May | Visit from Andy Carter MP |
| Thursday 19th May | St Barnabas CE Primary School 50 th Anniversary |
| Thursday 19th May | Visit to Waterstones for Golden ticket winners |
| Friday 27th May | Whole school party to celebrate our 50 th anniversary and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee |
| Friday 27th May | School Closes for the Whit break |
| Monday 13th June | School opens |
| Monday 13th June | Y5 trip to Warrington Museum for a Greek Day |
| Tuesday 14th June | Y6 trip to Pettypool |
| Thursday 16th June | Y6 Leavers' Service at Liverpool Cathedral |
| Friday 17th June | Whole school trip to Chester Zoo (Reception to Year 6) |
| Tuesday 28th June | New starters meeting |
| Thursday 30th June 6 – 8pm | Open evening to celebrate St Barnabas School's 50 th anniversary |
| Friday 1st July | Walking Day – school closed |
| Monday 4th July | 5:30pm Children's University Ceremony at St Elphin's Church |
| Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July | Y6 transition to high school days for all high schools |
| Tuesday 12th July | Sports Day |
| Thursday 14th July | Y6 Leavers' party |
| Tuesday 19th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Wednesday 20th July | Y6 Leavers' Service |
| Friday 22nd July | Summer Inflatable Fun Day! |
| Friday 22nd July | School closes for Summer |

