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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely two weeks since we came back from half term! Once again, the children have been amazing and a true credit to our School and you.

This half term, we are focusing on the value 'pride'. We have explained what being proud means to the pupils. If a child comes home with a special sticker, it will say 'Caught being proud.' Children can also get a certificate on a Friday and a chance to have a hot chocolate and a biscuit with myself or Mrs Moorcroft.



If you are worried or concerned please speak to your child's teacher. Mrs Beeby, Mrs Moorcroft and myself are also available to speak to. We will always listen to your worries or concerns. Equally if there is something you are pleased that we are doing, let us know so we can continue to help and support in any way we can.

This week some Year 5 pupils have written parts of the newsletter. They have worked hard to take photos and speak to pupils about their work. They have done a very good job!

Mrs S Pask

Acting Headteacher

School Strikes

Once again, you were very patient regarding school strikes. Teachers have no obligation to let us know if they are striking or not so we will always let you know as soon as we know anything. It is always our priority to keep the school open, as long as it is safe to do so.

Netball

We are League 1 Netball winners!!!!!!!
A massive well done to the children. They were superb. A special mention to Mrs Atter and Laura who as always go that extra mile to support the children. Thank you also to the parents who came to support.



Diary Dates

Year 4 New Walk Museum Trip- Tuesday March 7th

Year 2 Lincoln Castle Trip- Tuesday 14th March

Year 1 Trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park- 20th March

Parents' Evening Wednesday 22nd March 3.45pm -7pm and Thursday 23rd March 3.45pm-6pm

Disco Y1 & 2- Tuesday 28th March 4.30pm-5.30pm

Disco Y3,Y4, Y5 and Y6- Tuesday 28th March 6pm-7pm



Disco tickets sell out quite quickly. When they are sold out we can't offer anymore as we are limited to the amount of tickets due to the size of the hall. They are £2 each.

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Homework

We have continued to receive even more amazing homework. Each week the standard is so high and continues to impress me. Well done all!



World Book Day

This is one of my favourite days of the year. The children dressed in their pyjamas and onesies. They enjoyed the day and we tried to ensure we promoted a love of reading books. There were two competitions- Book in a bag and Take a photo reading a book in an unusual place. Winners were announced in today's assembly. Thank you so much to those who entered. Below are just a few pictures from the day.

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World Book Day competition winners

There were so many entries for the 'Book in a Bag' competition. It took us an hour to decide on the winners as they were all so good. Thank you to all who entered. Prizes were given out in assembly today and everyone who participated got a certificate.



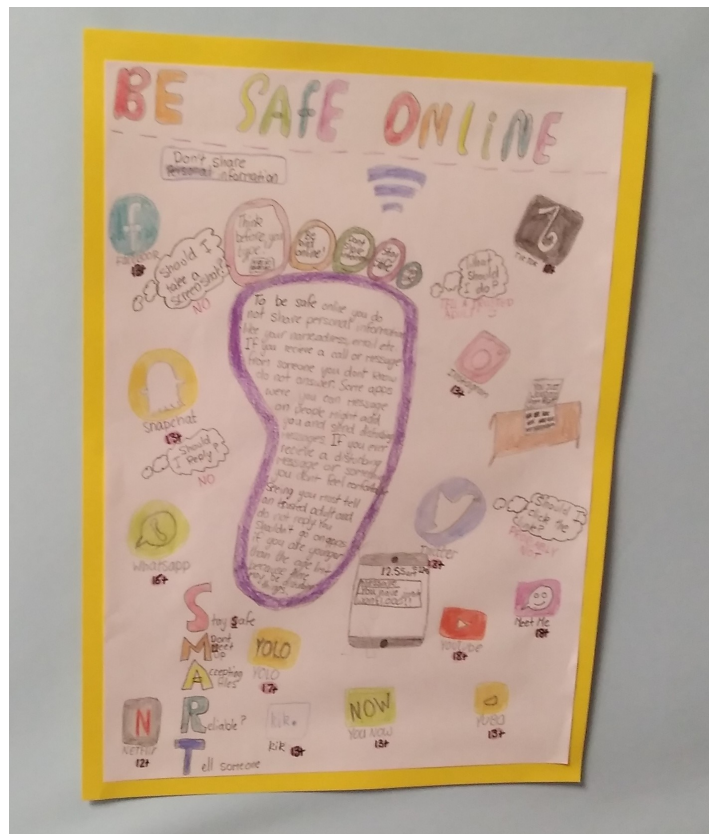
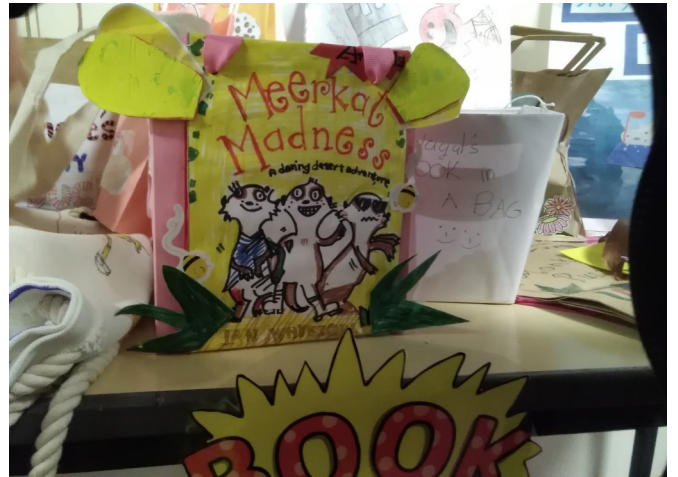
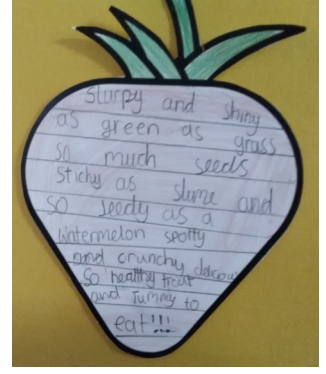
All pupils who entered the 'Take a photo in an unusual place' competition got a certificate and a Cadbury's crème egg. Yummy! Here are a few examples. They were all great!



Year 5's view on Life at Isaac Newton School

Being a pupil at Isaac Newton School means we are treated equally and have rights. We learn in subjects like Maths, English, Science, Art, French, Music and PE. The teachers are helpful and care about everyone's feelings. We like breaktimes the most as they are not too long or too short.

Photos by Year 5 pupils



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

NGL

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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-judged comments or revealing their fears and insecurities.

PROTECTION FOR BULLIES

Having their identity hidden makes bullies feel safe from repercussions, so anonymous chat apps 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 'leer' 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 creators 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 sit 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 purchase), go into the settings on whatever device 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 Burdett is an online safety researcher, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools, the NHS, various charities and worked as a research for the Australian government regarding teenage sex and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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