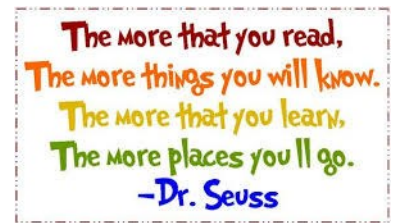
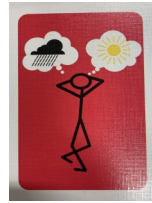


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THE SQUIRREL

Issue 23 Thursday 2nd March 2023



I am sure you would have heard that our Dance Live performance was awarded third place at Portsmouth Guildhall last Thursday, along with the Concept award which I was really pleased with as our idea was unique. I was very, very proud of the children from start to finish. They behaved beautifully, were enthusiastic and totally enjoyed the day. Their performance on the night was executed to a high standard and all their months of hard work came together as we celebrated. Thank you again to everybody who supported our Dance Live performance. We really cannot do it without you. It has become a bit of a tradition to decide on next year's theme which is going to be a national treasure, 'The life of David Attenborough'. We will give the team a little bit of a break from Dance Live and we will send out sign up forms in May. Do look out for them. We will start rehearsing in the last part of the summer term. We are just waiting for the video to be sent to us and then we will book in a Dance Live celebration assembly and invite families to join us this year! This is so exciting!



I have just come back from taking some Year 5 and 6 children to the Crown Court in Newport where they participated in a court trial. The children were marvellous and asked some really interesting questions. Lizzie, who was running this form the National Judicial System was excellent and praised the children for their questions and behaviour throughout. It was fascinating.

Today we also had our Year 4 performances on Judaism. Each class performed an aspect of Judaism and, although I was not here for the performances, the feedback has been very positive and lots of our families came along. Thank you all for supporting our children. The team have videoed the performances for me to watch this evening as I did not want to miss out. Well done Year 4, what a great success!

Tomorrow, we have a Walk The Wight assembly as sign up is due to open shortly. I am going to sign up this year to Walk The Wight. I have not done it for a few years so I thought this year I would take to the hills again. I am also one week into Lent and as with tradition, I have given up chocolate and I have pledged to drink more water. My record has been 6 glasses of water rather than none!

Next week in school, we are off to the Speech and Drama Festival on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I am so pleased that lots of children want to take part this year. It really supports confidence and self-esteem and they are extremely brave to get up and perform their pieces. I will let you know how we get on next week.

Just a reminder to sign up for your child's Pupil Progress Meetings week commencing 13th March. Your child's teacher will share with you their annual report, progress report and share with you just how wonderful your child is. I do feel so lucky to be a part of the school with such amazing children. You can sign up for a face to face or virtual meeting, whichever is easiest for you and if you cannot make the week of 13th then I know the teachers will accommodate a different time when they can.

It was so lovely that March has arrived and spring has begun meteorologically. The season of spring begins on Monday 20th March with British Summer Time beginning on Sunday 26th March 2023. The sunny days have been lovely but I have had a weather warning in for cold weather from Monday through to Wednesday next week. I think it was five years ago we had snow in March and we actually closed the school! I think the latest I have ever seen snow on the Isle of Wight has been early April so I wonder if we may get some snow flurries in the coming weeks? If there is a forecast of snow, I will send out our school closure procedure, just in case.

I wanted just to remind you that from 1st April our fees for The Den and Breakfast Club are going up due to the increase in the minimum wage requirements. We have kept it as low as possible. Easter holiday bookings are open for the Den, please email families@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk with the times you need. We are also going to review the timings of the Den to make sure that we continue to be viable and support our families. Please do book early so that we can make any changes in plenty of time rather than last minute as I know this can be frustrating for our families and team.

I spoke with one of our families today who informed me that Gurnard Pines Swimming pool had closed, which I had no idea about. I imagine this has had a real impact on our community and she mentioned that if you wrote to Paul Fuller, Counsellor for Cowes West and Gurnard, it may be a positive way forward to help reopen the pool. Learning to swim is a life skill but also swimming has good health and wellbeing benefits.

Year 3 families are invited in for lunch next week and by the end of next week we will be half way through this half term! This leaves only 15 school weeks until the end of the year. It is going too quickly! Have a lovely weekend. I hope the weather stays as gorgeous as it has been today. Have fun.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

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Whole School Attendance:

95.5%

Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th & Tues 8th March—Speech and Drama Festival

Mon 13th March—NO CLUBS—Pupil Progress Meeting

Friday 17th March—Class Photos



Well done to all the children who took part in Dance Live 2023 last week. We came 3rd place and won the concept award



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This week's debate...

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Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

Reception— Talk to me about... digraphs ai,ee,igh, oa, long oo and short oo, maps in geography, numbers 9, 10 and 11.

Words to use... digraph, book and moon (short oo and long oo), ten frame.

Tips for the week... Log onto eCollins books with the login details sent out.

We have been reading... Jack and the Beanstalk and The Wood.

Year 1— Talk to me about...our geography work. Help me recall the four compass points.

Words to use... compass, map, north, east, south, west.

Tips for the week...help me practise my reading by sharing my reading book with me at least four times a week. Reading a page or two every day is so beneficial to my reading fluency and confidence.

We have been reading.....The Emperor of Absurdia and Where the Wild Things Are

Year 2— Talk to me about ... Fire fighters

Words to use... Fire hook, leather bucket, water squirter, hose pipe, fire extinguisher, fire engine, horse and cart, volunteer,

Tips for the week ... Remember to use TTRockstars to practise times tables

We have been reading... The Faraway Tree.

Year 3 – TALK TO ME ABOUT... climate zones in the world

WORDS TO USE... polar, temperate, tropical, arid, continental, Mediterranean, equator, hemispheres

TIPS FOR THE WEEK... a unit fraction always has a one on the numerator as it shows one part of the whole

WE ARE READING... ‘Where Do You Get Your Ideas?’ poem, by Sue Hardy-Dawson and Charlotte’s Web, by EB White.

Year 5—Talk to me about... the letter I received from my penpal in Spain. What do I want to include in my reply?

Words to use... proper noun, abstract noun, common noun.

Tips for the week... Use a place value grid to convert between fractions with tenths and hundredths and decimals.

We have been reading... ‘Secrets of A Sun King’ by Emma Carroll

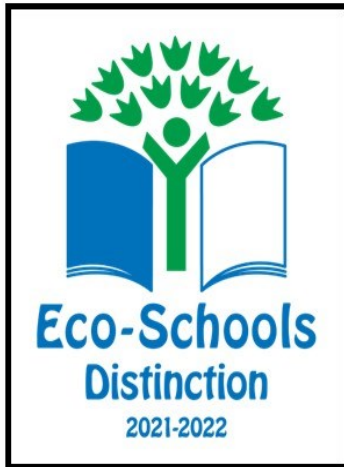
Year 6— In year 6 we are crafting Suspense stories and practising the skills that great writers and readers use.

In maths we are learning how to use percentages. Ask me about the bubble method and how to find the percentage of any number.

In our art lessons we are refining our drawing skills in preparation for our sculpture.

We are continuing to think about the Maya and their impact over time.





This is something I definitely need to do, I think my old email box must have hundreds of emails in!

Deleting your old emails reduces your carbon footprint



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?

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.

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.

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

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SKILL OF THE MONTH



Leadership

Supporting, encouraging and developing others to achieve a shared goal

Are you interested in hosting foreign students this summer? This is a great source of income and also a great way to learn a new language and all about a different culture too! Please email ruth.gangonells@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk for more information. Thank you.

Invite everyone in your household to make a suggestion for a meal to cook one evening this week.

Can you manage the discussion so that everyone gets a chance to share their ideas and opinions in a fair way and come up with a way of making a group decision together?

Extension: Can you organise who will do what task to make the meal a success?

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you find out about how others are feeling about something?

Intermediate: How can you find out more about strengths and weaknesses in others?

Advanced: How might you be able to motivate others to improve their weaknesses?

Mastery: What kind of leader would you like to be?

Leadership

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down.	2. Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day.	3. Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness.	4. Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world.	5. Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive.	6. Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words.	7. Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them.
8. Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today.	9. Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do.	10. Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food.	11. Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others.	12. Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face.	13. Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee.	14. Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying.
15. Focus on what makes you and others happy today.	16. Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else.	17. Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult.	18. Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them.	19. Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant.	20. Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels.	21. Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today.
22. Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are.	23. Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible.	24. Choose a different route today and see what you notice.	25. Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling.	26. Discover the joy in the simple things of life.	27. Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted.	28. Choose to spend less time looking at screens today.

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