

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dearest BGL Family,

What a fantastic week of learning it has been! I've absolutely loved popping into classrooms and seeing the incredible things our children have been working on. Year 3 have been diving into Roman invasions, Reception have been busy measuring everything in sight, and Year 6 have been bringing fairgrounds to life with their amazing DT projects. Year 5's Ancient Egyptian canopic jars have been so impressive, and that's just the tip of the iceberg - there's been so much wonderful learning happening all around school!

With excitement building for our marathon relay, we've been taking time this week to think about our attitude of gratitude - reflecting on what we're thankful for and how we can share that gratitude with others. Our Word of the Week has been 'charitable', and it's been lovely to see children finding ways to show kindness and 'Be Big-Hearted' in their own ways.

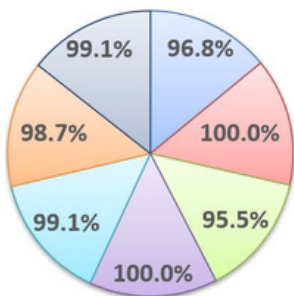
A huge thank you to BGLPTFA, our fantastic volunteers and our dedicated staff for making the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea so special. It was truly heartwarming to see so many smiles and to feel the warmth and joy in the hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful Mother's Day weekend - whether you're celebrating or simply taking a moment to appreciate the special people in your life.

Mrs Esa
Headteacher

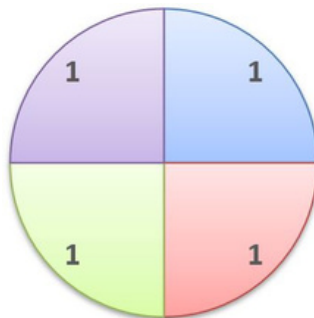
ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance this week: 98.5 %



Attendance Percentage

- Year Y6
- Year Y5
- Year Y4
- Year Y3
- Year Y2
- Year Y1
- Year R



Number of pupils Late



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE GUITAR GROUP



Our guitarists had a wonderful Easter Extravaganza with Miss Galea. A big well done to them all. Learning an instrument takes time, dedication and patience. Our guitarists certainly embody our BGL Values when learning new skills. We can't wait for next week when they will be playing to classes.

PE CHANGES - NEXT WEEK ONLY



Y2, Y3 & Y5 - Thursdays PE lesson has swapped to Wednesday for this week only.

Y3 & Y4 PRODUCTION

Costumes for Y3 & Y4 need to be in school on Monday. A reminder letter has been re-sent. Please also ensure you have booked your place for the performance.



TOTS ON TYRES



After the Easter break Reception class will be taking part in tots on tyres. Children will need a helmet. Further information has been sent on School Spider to Reception class.

SCOOT SAFE

After the Easter break Y3 will be taking part in Scoot safe. Information has been sent on School Spider to Y3 class. There is a form to complete in relation to bringing along a two wheel scooter and a helmet.



DR. BIKE AND BIKE FIX



After the Easter break Y6 will be taking part in Bike Fix and Dr Bike. Information has been sent on School Spider to Y6 class.

OUTDOOR LEARNING CLUB - MISS RIMMER

A form has been sent out for Y4 & Y5 to sign up to Miss Rimmer's outdoor learning club. Please complete the form by midday Wednesday 2nd April. We can then confirm places prior to the Easter break.



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st	Y6 This Girl Can 3:45 - 5:00 Lostock Hall
Thursday 3rd	Pond Area clean up Parent volunteers needed 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 2nd	Y3 & Y4 production 1.45 pm
Thursday 3rd	Y3 & Y4 production 8.50 am
Friday 4th	Y6 Assembly 8.40 am (Y6 parents invited)
Friday 4th	Y2 & Y3 Mindful Club (5/5) 3.00 - 4.00pm
Friday 4th	Local Academy Councillor Day
Friday 4th	School closes for Easter
Monday 21st	School Closed (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 22nd	School re-opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 22nd	Churchtown Relay
Thursday 24th	Whole School Sponsored Danceathon (PE kit to be worn)
Thursday 24th	Y6 Dr Bike (PE kit to be worn)
Thursday 24th	Reception Tots on Tyres (PE kit to be worn)
Friday 25th	Reception visit to Clitheroe Castle

Summer term dates
will be sent out next week

CHURCHTOWN RELAY



The whole of BGL will also take part in a sponsored Danceathon on Thursday 24th April. Please can any funds raised be paid on School Spider - Churchtown Danceathon, or directly to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/churchtown-primary-school>. (reference BGL)



We're Hiring!

Out of School Club Assistant

Brindle Gregson Lane are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Out of School Club Assistant to join our team and help create a welcoming and enriching experience for our pupils. Start date: ASAP or September 2025.

Deadline: 9:00am
Tuesday 22nd April
2025
Interview: Friday
25th April

Monday to Friday 2:50pm - 6:00pm
(3 hours, 10 minutes a day.
Totalling 15hours 50 minutes per week)
Part time - Permanent position -term-time only.
Salary: FTE £23,656



Please visit our school website for more information on this post like the Job description, role and responsibilities and to download an application form. Alternatively, please call into the school office for a hard copy of any of these documents.

POND AREA



Please can we have volunteers to help prepare the pond area to make it a safe space for outdoor learning. On Thursday 3rd April from 3:00pm until 4:00pm we need to clear a general tidy up of the area which include removing some bramble bushes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PICTURE NEWS



In the news this week

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK. The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 spectators and will also be used for many other things, including concerts. It is thought the new development will be built close to the club's existing stadium, Old Trafford. Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be demolished.

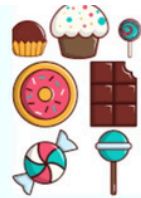
Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is the closest football stadium to where you live? Is it ever used for things other than football?
- > Do you enjoy watching football or other sports? Have you ever been to a game in a stadium or perhaps visited one? Ask someone at home to share their experience.
- > Share your thoughts on the new stadium. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Y6 CHALLENGE

- Pat has three sweets, Dom has two sweets. Who has more?
- Josh has five apples, John has two apples. How many apples do they have in total?
- How many sides are there on a square?



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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At the National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and creative change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant endorsement from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but the only social media site, it still has its share of risks.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
With an app store rating of 4.5, a Google Play store feature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS**
While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts are public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.
- INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS**
Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else, while users don't have to request and wait for someone to accept a friend request. This lack of private accounts means that users are more likely to be contacted by strangers, harassed by predatory users or scammers, and exposed to cyberbullying. These features can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require users to provide their real name.
- TROLLING AND BULLYING**
While Bluesky currently lacks the moderation tools seen to be lacking on X, its lack of private accounts means that users are more likely to be contacted by strangers, harassed by predatory users or scammers, and exposed to cyberbullying. These features can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require users to provide their real name.
- DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION**
Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky is possibly no different once it reaches a certain size, and children aren't trained in the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – to discuss an information, users need to be meticulous.
- ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE**
Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In fact, the only parental controls that can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky is possibly no different once it reaches a certain size, and children aren't trained in the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – to discuss an information, users need to be meticulous.
- RAPID GROWTH**
As the most active, Bluesky's system, which is currently in beta, has only a few million users. However, the app has recently been added to the Google Play store and is currently in beta. It has recently been added to the Google Play store and is currently in beta.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER**
Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the Moderation section of the app's settings. The advanced Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding "for example" – but users can't, extreme rhetoric, and even nude posts.
- LOOK OUT FOR FAKES**
Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, impostors sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be controlled by official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites, while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.
- ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING**
Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting, and blocking. Parents should encourage their children to block anyone who is harassing them, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies, encourage them to block them, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a safer place for everyone.
- KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something offensive. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, Techradar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

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SATURDAY 5TH APRIL
12:30-2:30PM

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INSIDE OUT

Does your child struggle to regulate their emotions in certain situations?



This session teaches children to manage their emotions and understand others. We will support your child to build an emotional tool kit to use after the session ends

**Euxton Library,
St Mary's Gate,
Euxton, PR7 6AH**
Monday 7th April
1.30pm until 2.30 or
3pm until 4pm



Book your place using the QR code



Highfield Family Hub
Wright Street, PR6 0SL
Tuesday 8th April
1-2.30pm or 3-4.30pm

Join us for exciting easter crafts and an egg hunt!!

Little Egg Explorers

Duke Street Family Hub
Duke Street, PR7 3DU
Thursday 10th April
1-2.30pm or 3-4.30pm

Book your place through the QR code



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Easter Fun Session

Join us for non stop kids entertainment!

Clayton Brook Village Hall
Clayton le woods
Bamber bridge
Lancashire, PR5 8HL
Tuesday 15th April
1-3pm



Springfield Park Easter Event

Join us for crafts, sports, games and an easter egg hunt!

Thursday 17th April 1-3pm
Springfield Road North,
Coppull, Chorley PR7 5EG



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Easter Holidays

7th - 11th April 2025
Fun Fest Walton-le-Dale

	AM	PM
Monday	Pottery Athletics	Harry Potter Experience Sports Action
Tuesday	Superheros & Princesses 3-7 Bonkers Bingo	Sports Action Puppet Making Fun Fit 3-4 Cricket Club 5-12
Wednesday	Under the Sea 3-7 Dream Makers	Ultimate Frisbee Space Cadets Wacky Races
Thursday	Mad about Science	Fun Fit 3-4 Dodgeball 5-12 Messy Mayhem Sports Action
Friday	Lego Creations	Im a kid get me out of here Fun Day Friday!!

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Choose fun at

7th - 17th April 2025

7:30am - 6:00pm

A menu of 50+ activities

3-12 years

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Enquiries to 07392 790727 or waltondale@funfestholidayclub.co.uk



Easter Holidays

14th - 17th April 2025
Fun Fest Walton-le-Dale

	AM	PM
Monday	Easter Gardens Sports Action	Beauty School Football Camp
Tuesday	Playful Painting Scavenger Hunt	Jewellery Making Sports Action
Wednesday	Creative Cooks Circus Training	Crafty Creations Minute to Win It
Thursday	Easter Party!	Easter Party!

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Session timings:
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