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Events for week beginning 6th March 2023

Weekday	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday	12.15 - 13.15	YR4&5 Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Class	Miss de Rossi
	15.30 - 16.15	Book Fair (YR5&6)	Main Hall	Miss Bond
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Soccer	Field	Mr Jones
	15.30 - 16.00	Lost Property Stall	Bandstand	PTA
Tuesday	09.00 - 11.30	Samba Drumming	Small Hall	Year 4 Teachers
	12.30 - 13.15	YR6 Revision Club	Year 6 Classrooms	Mrs Burton
	15.30 - 16.15	Book Fair (Open To All)	Main Hall	Miss Bond
	15.30 - 16.30	Running Club	Field	Mrs Devereux/Mrs Varrier/Miss Rigby
	18.15 - 20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday	08.30 - 08.50	Selected YR3 Reading Club	Library	Mrs Marsh
	12.15 - 12.35	YR4 Worship Team	KS1 Activity Area	Mrs Stiles
	12.50 - 14.00	Woodwind	Library	Miss Gunn
	15.15 - 17.30	YR3-6 Quicksticks Festival	Moulton Secondary School	Mrs Devereux
Thursday	09.00 - 12.40	Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	12.30 - 13.15	YR6 Revision Club	Year 6 Classrooms	Miss Longley
	12.50 - 13.15	Year 2 Choir	Mrs Walter's Class	Mrs Walter/Miss Fortnum
	15.30 - 16.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Playground	Freestyle
	17.30 - 19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	08.30 - 08.50	Selected YR3 Reading Club	Library	Mrs Marsh
	09.00 - 10.20	Violin & Cello	Library	Mr Ebrahim
	12.45 - 15.00	Selected YR5&6 Swimming	The Mounts	Miss Bond/Miss Hope
	15.30 - 16.00	Tuck Shop	Bandstand	PTA
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Field	Freestyle
Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

Important Notices

School Council News

Northampton Hope Centre
Sleeping Bag Appeal.

Manny and Olivia in year 6 would like to share the following message with you all: "Thank you all so much for all of your empty crisp packet donations. In just under 3 weeks we have collected an amazing 1200 crisp packets! This will make 7 sleeping bags and 2 blankets. Please continue to support this wonderful cause. We will stop collecting crisp packets at the end of this term."



Lost Property

All lost property will be placed outside, under the bandstand at the end of the school day on **Monday 6th March**, should you wish to retrieve any missing items.



Governor Election

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all who voted in our recent Parent Governor Election.

The candidates received 272 votes in total. We would like to advise that Rachel Rogers won the vote overall and will continue as Parent Governor for a further 4 years.

Parents Evening

We will be holding our spring term parent evenings on the following dates and times for all classes except Mrs Burrage / Mrs Elston's Class:

Monday 20th March 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 22nd March 5.00pm - 7.30pm

The following dates and times apply to Mrs Burrage / Mrs Elston's class only:

Monday 20th March 3.40pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 21st March 3.40pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 22nd March 3.40pm - 6.00pm

A 10 minute appointment slot will be available to book via ParentMail from
7.00am on Monday 6th March.

The system only allows for 1 slot per child. If this presents an issue please contact the class teacher.

The appointment will enable you to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

The school aims to achieve 100% attendance at parent's evenings and it is hoped that every parent will take this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

Please ensure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend the school.

Upcoming PTA Events



Thursday 16th March

The PTA have been very busy organising this years Mothers Day Stall. They have sourced some lovely presents which range from £1 up to £10.

All the children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother / primary care giver.

If you would like your child to buy a gift, please can you send their money in an envelope marked with their name, along with a carrier bag to carry the gift home safely.



Dress Down Day - Friday 24th March

We are inviting all children to a dress down day on **Friday 24th March** in exchange for a small donation of £1. All money raised will go towards the fundraising of audio and visual equipment for the school hall.

Tuck Shop

We will be holding a Tuck Shop after school on **Friday 10th March**. It will be located outside within the **Bandstand**. We will be selling a selection of sweets and snacks to raise money for the school. Please ensure you bring cash with you.



EASTER BINGO

Wednesday 29th March
at 6pm.

We are happy to announce the return of the popular Easter Bingo.

Tickets will be priced at £3 per person and will include a book for all 6 games plus some extra games.



All ages are welcome. Prizes will be a selection of Easter Eggs (please note dietary requirements cannot be catered for). More details to follow shortly.

Assembly Theme Week Commencing 6th March
Fruit of the Spirit - Patience, Kindness, Goodness

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have won awards for consistently upholding one or more of the school values.



Aspiration

Isla H Maisie L Ava-Grace H Alex D
 Emma D Ava H

Excellence

Evelyn N Myroslava A

The Song of the Week

This week was...

**'History' by
One Direction**



Forest School

Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Burton's class were out building 'ridgeline shelters' in forest school last week. They worked together as a team and had great fun.



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?

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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