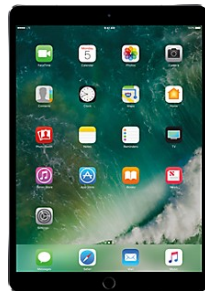




Newsletter

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MOBILE PHONE AND TABLET APPS



A number of pupils at Barlows have access to a tablet and/or a mobile phone. Many of our Year 6 pupils, who walk to and from school without an adult, have a mobile phone for additional safety. It has come to our attention that some pupils have access to apps that are not age appropriate for them. Popular apps being used are WhatsApp, Instagram, Musical.ly, Snapchat, Facebook, Periscope, Viber and Tango. Their icons feature above and **all of them have a minimum age limit of 13.** WhatsApp is about to raise its minimum age limit to 16.

The age limits are there to help protect younger children, as using them can pose increased risks to being contacted by unknown people and adults posing as children online. As a school we are asking parents to be proactive in checking what apps their child has access to and ensuring that they are age appropriate. Further information regarding online safety can be found at thinkuknow.co.uk.

If you have concerns regarding things you have seen on your child's device, whether written, photographed or as a video, you can report concerns to the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP)** at www.ceop.police.uk

For families with iPhones, Apple has a 'Family Sharing' setting where the parent or carer must authorise any app download to the child's phone. It provides the adult with minimum age and app content information during the authorisation process. It also allows the parent to activate location tracking on the child's phone so their whereabouts can be seen. Further information can be found at support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201060



Sports News



This term has been a busy one for sports so far. The Year 5 children took part in a 'Quicksticks' hockey competition at North Liverpool Academy. We had three teams competing and our A team narrowly missed out on a place in the City Finals, losing in extra time of the semi final to Lister Primary.

The Year 5 Lacrosse team went to a competition at Toxteth Firefit Hub and acquitted themselves very well in a new and developing sport. They competed well and finished 4th in their group.

Thirteen of our Year 4 children went to Wavertree Tennis Centre to participate in the LSSP Mini Red Tennis tournament. We sent three teams and all the children performed very well with our A team qualifying for the city finals next week.

Our Under 9 Football team won their semi final against St Michaels 6-3 and are very excited for the final against St Pauls next week.

Once again, our successful girls' football team has qualified for the league final after some outstanding performances. The league final will take place next week.

Two of our girls also represented Liverpool Schoolgirls and played at Goodison Park in the final of the Everton Trophy. Well done to Abbie and Aimee who put in good performances against an excellent Sefton team.

Intra School Competition

Our LSSP sports coach Aimee has been working hard providing Level 1 competitive opportunities for KS1 & KS2 children on Tuesdays this term. The children have competed in a range of sports including dodgeball, basketball and new age curling. They have been competing in team groups for points and the winning team in both KS1 & KS2 will be announced at the end of the summer term.

Coaching

Earlier in the year, Liverpool Lacrosse provided the Year 5 children with coaching and Liverpool Lions tag rugby team have provided coaching to children in Year 1, 3 and 5.

We continue to be involved in Lancashire County Cricket Club's 'Chance to Shine' project which involves a fully qualified Cricket Coach working with children from Year 5 every Friday morning for two half terms.

All in all, it has been a busy sporting year to date!



News from the Children's Centre

Develop your Computing Skills

The Children's Centre is hosting a weekly drop-in session for adults who wish to develop their computing skills.

The sessions take place every Monday from 12:30pm – 2:30pm.

Aspects begin covered include using Microsoft Word, creating CVs, navigating the internet, using online shopping and setting up an email account.



Please feel free to drop by.

Year 6 SATS

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that pupils will be sitting their SATs from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May. It is important that pupils are in school on time that week.

Please note, that if your child has suffered a recent trauma or bereavement you must inform the school. Such incidents can have a significant impact on a child's ability to focus during a test. The Department for Education acknowledge this and allow schools to report such incidents to them, which they then take into consideration.



Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend!