



Newsletter

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Message from Mr McCoy

Another amazing week in school. I had a great day on Tuesday when I spent time talking to children from year 1 through to year 6 about their lessons and learning. They were all so positive about school and their lessons. They could tell me about what they learnt in a recent lesson, but also what they had done in previous terms and last year!

A huge well done to our Year 6 Boys Football Team who came 2nd in the football tournament this week. The weather was awful and they were all soaked by the time they returned to school, but they were excited to tell me how they beat Sherdley (my other school), 3-1.

Year 6 bike-ability level 3 took place this week and the children seemed to enjoy being out of the classroom. The instructors complimented us on the children's attitude - great to hear, and I wouldn't have expected anything less.

Mr Dagnall and I are taking our school councillors to The Houses of Parliament next week, so I'll update you on our trip in next week's newsletter. Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all on Monday.

Merit Award - Children who work well with a partner or in a group

	R.O.T.W	W.O.T.W	M.O.T.W	Bronze	Silver	Gold
RHE	Louie G-M	Jack T	Luca D	Jessica S	Nova K	Scarlett S
RHU	Kara S	Mia P	Ava D	Elsie S	James D	Jessica Ca
RR	Walter P	Ella D	Charlotte E	Matilda C	Aria S	Barney F
1A	Celine M	Freddy R	Luke C	Isla N	Stanley K	Casper L
1CS	Reuben C	Isaac M	Ruby W	Jude M	Vinnie F	Bobby H
1M	Etta H	Ben M	Zach B	Ivy H	Amelie L	Alex W
2G	Bernard R-G	Freddie D	Sadie M	Isaac E	Connie C	Annabelle B
2J	Billy N	Theo D	George M	Daniel B	Ellie R	Charlotte J
2W	Harriet H	Lucian H-B	Emily T	Hallie W	Evie Y	Finley W
3D	Frankie C	Isabelle P	Theo B	Emily A	Harvey T-H	Jacob R
3H	Kaleem T	Ivy P	Matilda B	Archie J	Louie R	Martha M
3M	Maddie H	Mia J	Harry W	George M	Ari W	Isaac G
4C	Leah X	Olivia G	Andriana C	Darcey T	Alfie W	Michael O
4MC	Edith K-G	Devon M-S	Imogen S	Sophia M-L	Hannah K	Jude W
4MO	Frankie M	Oliver F	Mason McC	James E	Maisie A	Marcie L
5B	Jaxen H-B	Maisey T	Freddie P	Oscar C	Harriet B	Annabelle K
5W	Freddie G	Evie S	Emily O	Alfie F	Scarlett P	Elsie B
6D	Joshua N	Isaac J	Marley D	Sam B	Alex S	Daniel K
6W	Cora A	Lois T	Max N	Joey L	Millie W	Imogen A

What's on w/c 29.01.24

29.01.2024	Before School	During School	After School
Monday		Y2 & Y6 PE	Book Club Y4 - Miss K Williams 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.15pm
Tuesday	Dodgeball Y5 & 6 - Mr Dagnall 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	YR, Y4 & Y5 PE <i>School Council Houses of Parliament Visit</i>	Young Voices Y5 & 6 - Mrs Burrows 4 of 4 for T2A Exit via main reception at 4.30pm
Wednesday	Dance Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Karen Elliott (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	Y1 & Y3 PE <i>National Dental Survey 5 Year Olds</i>	Gymnastics Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - Future Gym (external provider) 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm
Thursday	Futsal Y3 & 4 - Future Gym (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y5 PE <i>Bleak Hill Maths Day</i> <i>MHST Time to Talk Day</i>	Maths Power Hour Event
Friday	Athletics YR, 1 & 2 - Future Gym (external provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground)	YR, Y4 & Y6 PE <i>Y3 Quarry Bank Mill Trip</i> <i>FOBH February 300 Club Draw</i>	

Friends of Bleak Hill

Dates for Your Diaries

Mothers' Day Shop 08.03.24

Bags 2 School 18.03.24

Easter Bingo 27.03.24

Easter Raffle 28.03.24

Own Clothes Day Bring a Bottle for Gala 28.03.24



The February 300 Club Draw will take place on Friday 2nd February — tickets are still available on School Money in the Shop.

Can you help ?

We would welcome donations of school trousers and school joggers in small sizes suitable for Reception and Y1 children. If you have any good condition spares that have been grown out of please pass them to school via the office. Thank you.

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Maths Day & Maths Power Hour Event

Thursday 1st February

On Thursday 1st February Bleak Hill are celebrating all things Maths!! Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, ideally with some sort of number on them.

After School we are hosting a Maths Power Hour for each class. This is a fun filled hour of maths related games with drinks and snacks provided.

The cost for the Power Hour event is £3, payable on School Money.

Children attending should be collected from classroom doors at the following times:

Reception 4.10pm

Y1 & Y2 4.20pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 4.25pm



Y3 Would Like To Say A Big Thank You

Thanks to PNP Electrical Services for donating some of the Victorian costumes for the upcoming Y3 assemblies!

Y3 will be sharing their class assemblies with you on Tuesday 6th February.

The assemblies are at the following times:

3H - 9:15am - doors will open at 9am.

3D - 10:15am - doors will open at 10am.

3M - 11:15am - doors will open at 11am.

Parents/carers can gain access via the breakfast and afterschool entrance. The children are all looking forward to performing for you.

We are not limiting the number of places but we would ask you are sensible. Thank you for your continued support.

All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



Attendance	
Whole School	96.7%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	98.9%
Year 6	97.3%



The Attendance Activists (child led panel) brought it to our attention that children were telling them they were embarrassed walking into class when they arrive late, and also other children reported being distracted by late arrivers. As a leadership team, we have listened, We will be monitoring late arrivals closely and offering support .

Our Team of Time Keeping Teddies have been embraced by the children and when they were returned last week, many of the children were giving them final cuddles and telling them that they want them back in class soon. Please help the children to win these teddies.

**In our last attendance review:
43 parents were sent 90% or below Letters.**

**42 parents had below 93% letters.
25 late arrival letters were issued.**

We have issued 6 fixed penalty notice fines last half term.

Useful website

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

We are here to support please contact Mrs Aspinall-Wood

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



The National College

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Table Top & Car Boot Sale



All proceeds
towards 'Save Our
Allotment' Fund

Saturday 17th February
9am - 2pm

Stan Pennington Allotments
Alder Hey Road, Eccleston, WA10 4DP

Refreshments, tombola and mini auction

£15 per table or car
To book space phone:
07551005932

Golf clubs, angle grinder,
fishing gear, bike and
more!

St Helens StoryFest

10th - 17th February

A **Wondrous** Storytelling Festival for Families

Tickets **£3.10** or **£10** for a group of 4. Book online at wonderarts.co.uk

Kid Carpet:
The Noisy
Garden Centre



St Helens Library
Saturday 10th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Daryl & Co:
Boxed In



Chester Lane Library
Monday 12th February
2.30pm

Angel Exit Theatre:
Book Club for
Super Spies



Haydock & Moss Bank Libraries
Tuesday 13th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hands Down Circus:
Tape That



Thatto Heath Library
Wednesday 14th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hurly Burly:
You are the Sun



Chester Lane Library
Thursday 15th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Oliver Sykes:
Fishing for Rainbows



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
10.30am

Crows Nest Theatre:
Is that a Yeti Hetty?



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 2.00pm

Oliver Sykes:
Creative Writing
Workshop



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
2.30pm

Of the Jackal:
SPLAT!



Newton Le Willows Library
Saturday 17th February
10.30am & 2.30pm