



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 7th July

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BB Guns

It has been brought to our attention that several children at school have access to BB Guns - please note that it is illegal for a child to use an air weapon of this type. Please refer to the Home Office guidance for further information by following the link below:

[Home Office—Air Weapons: A brief guide to safety](#)

Calderdale Football League Tournament - Girls

On Tuesday 27th June, our girls took part in the Calderdale Football League Tournament which was held at Calderdale College. The team was made up of students from across the whole of KS2 with the majority of the team having never experienced a football tournament before.

Nevertheless, once the games got going, all the girls worked tirelessly for one another and played with a determined attitude. They weren't shy of getting stuck in with tackles and at times posed dangerous counter attacks of their own. The team proved to be quite resolute throughout the competition with many opposing teams struggling to find a way through our defensive formation. The girls did extremely well and felt they had left a positive mark in the tournament. Well done to everyone who took part.



Calderdale Football League Tournament - Boys

On Tuesday 4th July, some of our boys took part in the Calderdale Football League Tournament which was held at Calderdale College. It was an all-day event with over 20 schools taking part.

The team consisted of pupils from across the whole of KS2. Despite not playing competitively since the end of last year, the boys were determined to do well and go as far as they could in the tournament. Led by our fantastic captain who was a constant rock in defence, the team agonisingly missed out by a single point on reaching the semi-finals.

It was a fantastic achievement regardless, not to mention that we probably scored two of the tournament's best goals! Well done to all those involved.



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TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy

Year 1 - Congratulations to all the year 1 children who have started on TT Rockstars this week.

Year 2 - Maleeha Waseem (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Ayaan Subhani (Mexico)

Year 4 - Ismail Mazhar (South Africa)

Year 5 - Jibril Ahmed (Denmark)

Year 6 - Kainaat Ur-Rahman (Tanzania)

Class with the highest accuracy

Egypt



House Points

These children have all been awarded a **bronze** certificate for receiving **50** House Points.

Ayat Omar

These children have all been awarded a **silver** certificate for receiving **100** House Points.

Danya Mohamedey
Faryal Hussian
Aryaan Hussan

Memory Lane at the Maurice Jagger Centre

On Monday 3rd July, we took an amazing group of y6 children to Memory Lane at the Maurice Jagger Centre. It was delightful to see how the children interacted with people from an older generation. They served refreshments, sold raffle tickets, helped out with the quiz and generally brightened up the day for many others!

We couldn't be prouder!



National Online Safety - Weekly Information

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 – notifying 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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#WakeUpWednesday

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

26.07.23
WEDNESDAYS
30.08.23



FREE ENTRY - 2PM - 5PM * - OUTDOOR 3G PITCH

Inspire Centre, Calderdale College, Francis Street, Halifax, HX1 3UZ

No need to book, but children must have a parent/guardian to complete a registration form. Please provide appropriate footwear, water and sun cream for your child.

For more information contact Halifax Central Initiative on
01422 365948 / 07966 151413

*The last session on Wednesday 30 August will run till 6pm.



Summer Football Camp

Queens Road Neighbourhood Centre have arranged a Summer Football Camp this year at Calderdale College Inspire Centre.

This is a free event for all children aged 7-16. They will be able to participate in football sessions from 2-5pm every Wednesday starting on 26th July until 30th August.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Halifax Central Initiative on 01422 365948 or 07966 151413.



"Kindness is the universal language that can be spoken by everyone."

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 10th June

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Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 4, 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 Or Battered Fish 2, 5	Full English Breakfast Sausage 5 Or Quorn Sausage 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Gravy	Pizza 5, 8, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Loaded Potato Skins 10	Omelette 10, 12 Hash Brown 5, 8, 10, 12	Samosas 5 Homemade Savoury Rice	Vege Burger 5
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Beans Tomatoes	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Potato Cubes 5 Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Chicken Tikka, Bolognese, Chilli, Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	Jam Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 8, 10	Pancakes 5, 10, 12 Syrup	Ginger Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 8, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Meringue with Fruit and Cream 4, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk