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Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to 4D this morning for putting on our first Class Assembly of the academic year. We learnt all about their experiences at their Henley Fort residential and about the activities the children, who did not go to the residential, took part in. Please see the newsletter for photographs and information about their trip. Well done to the children for presenting and speaking so clearly and confidently.

There are also photographs from our Eco-Council's recent trip to West Horsley Place. It sounds like they all had a fabulous day and represented Barnsbury superbly. Huge thanks go to Miss Freeland for organising the trip and to Mr Savill and Mrs White for accompanying them.

Poor parking

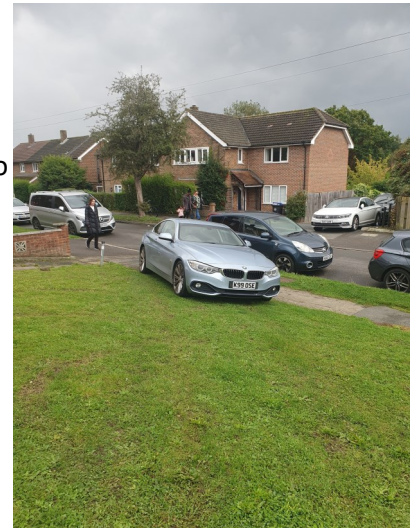
I have received another complaint from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. I have shared the photograph that was sent to me and I must admit, I was horrified that one of our parents would park so inconsiderately. We have to remember that Barnsbury is surrounded by people's homes and we need to display our Barnsbury Values at all times and be respectful of that. Drop-off and pick-up times are very busy. If you can, please walk to school or park further away from the school and walk in from there. Please do not park across peoples driveways, in their drive ways or on grassed areas like this photograph.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup

Headteacher



Dates for your diary 2024-25

Autumn Term

October

Tuesday 1st	9.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 3rd	2.00pm Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 4th	9.00am 4D Class Assembly
Friday 4th	2.50—3.15pm—PTA Preloved Uniform Sale
Tuesday 8th	2.00pm Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 10th	9.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 11th	9.00am Year 3 Harvest Assembly
Friday 25th	9.00am 5M Class Assembly
Friday 25th	PTA—Non Uniform Day
Monday 28th to 1st	Half Term

November

Friday 1st	Half Term
Monday 4th	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th	INSET Day
Wednesday 6th	Children return after half term
Wednesday 6th	Whole School Photos—Individual and Sibling
Friday 8th	6.30-8.30pm—PTA—Barnsbury Boutique Night
Tuesday 12th	3.30—5.30pm—Parents Evening (face to face)
Tuesday 12th	PTA—Bags to School
Wednesday 13th	PTA—Bags to School
Wednesday 13th	Governors Meeting
Thursday 14th	3.30—7.00pm Parents Evening (face to face)
Thursday 14th	PTA—Bags to School
Friday 15th	Year 6 Trip
Monday 18th	9.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Wednesday 20th	2.00pm Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 22nd	9am—Rocksteady Concert—Friday Bands
Friday 29th	9.00am 6L Class Assembly
Friday 29th	10am—PTA—Hedgerow Planting
Saturday 30th	2-5pm—PTA Christmas Fair

Dates for your diary 2024-25

Autumn Term

December

Monday 2nd	KS1 Christmas Panto
Thursday 5th	9am Rocksteady Concert—Thursday bands
Friday 6th	9.00am 3M Class Assembly
Tuesday 10th	9am Rocksteady—Tuesday bands
Wednesday 11th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
Friday 20th	1.15pm End of Term



**Star of the
Week**

**Effort
Award**

**Values
Award**

Oak

Zara

Harry

Isra

Ash

Treasure

Magi

Neel

1B

Lenny

Alexander

Haseeba

1M

Richard

James

Aliza

2M

Alexia

Aliza

Amirah

2T

Eva

Jannat

3B

Isaac

George

Molly

3M

Mohammad-
Raees

Matthew

Mudra

4D

Tyler

James

Khayaati

4J

Amber

Leo

Lola

5M

Oma

Ahmad

Harriet

5T

Kasper

Liam

Zoe

6G

Kasper

Kaja

Isabelle

6L

Tabitha

Ethan

Tom C

Congratulations to the Eco this week:



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificate this week: Matthew (4D), James (4D), Flint (4D), Kyra (4D), Emeli (4J), Chloe S (3M), Josh (4J), Daisy (4J), Lucy (4J), Elsie (4J), Sulaiman (4J)



Year 4

Part 1

What an exciting week it has been for the year 4 children. We have started making the most delicious 'Easy Pizza Twists' with the help of our mom's, Louise, Cathy and Wing. We are always grateful to the parent helpers who sacrifice their invaluable time to assist us in various ways.



BOLD and SOLD

Year 4 children were involved in BOLD and or SOLD last week. What an exciting, action packed 3 days for both!

The BOLD children were actively involved in craft, pottery, orienteering and baking. Off site they visited Rugged Earth and Stoke Park, where they experienced life out in the forest. Building dens, making fires and practising archery.



The SOLD children had the most incredible experience at Henley Fort. For 3 days the children slept in Yurts, situated high up on the Hogs Back outside of Guildford. The food provided by the chef Chris, was tasty and the children had more than enough to fill their tummy's for hours. Sleep was a rare commodity even for the teachers, as the children battled to settle. They were excited, nervous about being away from home for the first time, and caught up in mischievous 'ding-dong-ditching!' Activities kept them super busy for the 3 days. Den building, fire making, orienteering, team tasks, archery, low ropes and scaling the climbing wall. Most were sad when the residential came to an end, but had memories to last a life time.

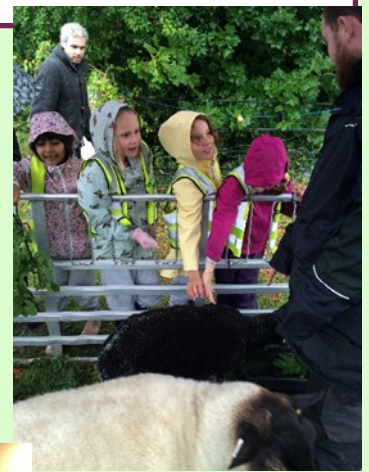


Eco Council

Last Friday, the Eco Council went on a trip to West Horsley Place. We had such a fun day, despite the rain. We met lots of people from different organisations who taught us about things such as farming, bats, rivers and drainage, and we learnt about different environmental jobs including farmers, conservationists and landscapers.

We met a bumblebee, nightjar, nightingale, great crested newt, dormouse and small blue butterfly during an interactive performance in which we learnt about these rare creatures and found ways to help protect them. A huge thank you to Deborah Hickman for organising this event.

It was such a lovely day with a wonderful group of children. I was proud of their respect and enthusiasm throughout the day, with other people commenting on how polite and respectful Barnsbury were.



Phonics Fun

Sensory Phonics

I got these trays from hobbycraft and use them for sensory play but it was the perfect thing to practice letter formation.

I used flour but you could use paint, glitter, coco powder etc.

Please sit with your child to ensure the formation is done correctly and any misconceptions can be addressed and supported.

Enjoy, Miss Paice





PRE-LOVED



UNIFORM SALE

PRICE LIST

Red Logo Sweatshirt / Cardigan	£2.00
PE Shorts / T-Shirts	£1.50
Grey PE Kit	£2.00
Summer Dress	£1.00
Grey skirts / dresses / T-Shirts	50p
Accessories from	£1.00

FRIDAY 4th October

KS1 HALL 2.50 - 3.15PM

All donations gratefully received at the school office.
Cash, card or bank transfer to the PTA (correct change if you can!)

 **Save the planet, save the pennies, buy pre-loved** 

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

**£1 DONATION TO HELP RAISE FUNDS
FOR OUR SCHOOL**

£1 OPTIONAL DONATION



BARNSBURY BOUTIQUE NIGHT

**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
6.30-9.30PM**

**GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING IN EARLY!**





BAG 2 SCHOOL



**Our next Bag2School
collections are on:**

**Tuesday 12th November
Wednesday 13th November
Thursday 14th November**

Drop off at KS1 gate and office car park

Volunteer Mornings

Hedgerow Planting

Surrey CC are working with Barnsbury this year to plant hedgerows on the school field.

The hedgerows will be planted to mark out the end of the sports area and the 'wild' area on our sports field.

It's a fantastic learning opportunity for the children watching them grow and creating a habitat for birds, small mammals and insects, increasing bio diversity.

We are looking for around 9 volunteers to help.

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 10am. We aim to plant the hedegrow in 3 hours.

Please let the school office or your PTA Rep know if you can help.



BARNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Fair

**Join us for Christmas Fun,
Music & Games!**

November 30th • 2 pm to 5 pm

**Tombolas, Raffle, Hot chocolate, Crafts,
Secret Shop, Stalls, Entertainment**



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat