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Newsletter – Friday 30th June 2023

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Year Group	Child's Name	Reason
Nursery	Indie	For always doing the right thing
Reception	Alfie F	For his super ideas in designing and making cars
Year 1	Greta	For excellent effort with her assessments.
Year 2	Milo	For super effort in all subjects
Year 3	Tanaka	For exceeding in all of his assessments.
Year 4	Sam	Excellent efforts in his Reading assessment this week!
Year 5	Francesca	Showing great courage in trying something new this week!
Year 6	Arthur	For excellent commitment to school!

Writer of the Week

Year Group	Child's Name
Nursery	Grace
Reception	Macie
Year 1	Darcie
Year 2	Zach B and Faye
Year 3	Eemaan
Year 4	Aliece
Year 5	Albert
Year 6	Finnan



Year Group	Child's Name
Nursery	Catalina
Reception	Ali
Year 1	James O
Year 2	Isla Mc
Year 3	Ella A
Year 4	Elias
Year 5	Heidi
Year 6	Jacob



Sports Class of the Week – BASKETBALL

Year Group
N/A
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Message from Miss Briston

Well done to all our swimmers this week who have worked hard in their lessons despite sometimes finding tasks a bit difficult. A massive thank you to all parents who have donated gifts for our Summer Fayre Tombola – we are so excited for the event! Please spread the word regarding our Summer Fayre to all your family and friends; it promises to be a great event. I am looking forward to Transition Day next week where our children will meet their new teachers, in their new classrooms!

Diary Dates 2023

Wednesday 5 th July	Strike Day (open to Reception/Year 1 only) All other class closed
Thursday 6 th July	Whole school transition day
Friday 7 th July	Strike Day (open to Nursey/Reception/Year1 only) All other class closed
Wednesday 12 th July 3:30 – 5:15pm	School Summer Fayre – more details to follow
Monday 17 th July 9:30am – 10:30am	Year 6 Leaver's Performance (tickets to follow)
Monday 17 th July 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Year 6 Leaver's Performance (tickets to follow)
Thursday 20 th July	Final day in school
Friday 21 st July	School is closed due to PD Day



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PD Days 2022 – 2023	Class Emails
Monday 1 st September 2022	nursery@thelinksprimary.org.uk
Tuesday 2 nd September 2022	reception@thelinksprimary.org.uk
Friday 17 th February 2023	lpyear1@thelinksprimary.org.uk
Monday 5 th June 2023	lpyear2@thelinksprimary.org.uk
Tuesday 6 th June 2023	lpyear3@thelinksprimary.org.uk
	lpyear4@thelinksprimary.org.uk
	lpyear5@thelinksprimary.org.uk
	lpyear6@thelinksprimary.org.uk

If you need to speak to someone in the office, you can always phone school on 01642 785950 or admin@thelinksprimary.org.uk

Staffing for next year

I know many parents and children have been asking who will be teaching them next year. So here is the staffing for next year:

EYFS Unit (Nursery and Reception) – Mrs Hutchinson

Year 1 – Mrs Barr and Mrs Jones

Year 2 – Mrs Kay

Year 3 – Mrs Beecher and Miss Mcloughlin

Year 4 – Mrs Cain

Year 5 – Miss Barron

Year 6 – Mrs Mitchell

Transition Day

Just a reminder that we are holding one transition day this year. We are hoping that this will give your child a chance to get to know their new teachers, alleviating any concerns before the summer holidays. As part of this transition we would like children to enter and exit school and class as in September.

Those children moving in to the following classes should be dropped off and collected from the following points;

New to Reception – drop off at the Nursery door as normal (all EYFS will enter using this door from September). Collection as stated on letter depending on arrangement – please ask if unsure.

New to Year 1 – drop off and pick up from the Year 1 classroom door.

New to Year 2 – drop off and collect from the doors on the KS1 playground.

New to Year 3 – drop off and collect from the KS2 playground.

New to Year 4 – drop off and collect from the doors on the KS1 playground.

New to Year 5 – drop off and collect from the Year 5 door (KS1 playground)

New to Year 6 - drop off and collect from the Year 6 door (KS2 playground)

Please note all current end of day arrangements will remain in place. End of day arrangement forms will have been passed on to new teachers for these days. Those children who are collected will need to be collected as usual on these days. Those children who are allowed to walk home may do so as usual.



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Summer Fayre

We are in the process of organising our school summer fayre which will take place on Wednesday 12th July 3:30 – 5:15pm. We are really excited about this! If any local businesses would like a table at our fayre they can reserve one by contacting the school office – we ask for a payment of £10 per table.

We are also looking for prizes for our school summer raffle and tombola – if you are able to donate a prize please inform the school office or hand it over to them. All support is very much appreciated – all funds go towards improving our school provision and resources.

Friends of the Links will be selling Raffle tickets next Tues and Friday morning first thing £1 a ticket she said she will stand outside just near.

SUMMER FAYRE

THE LINKS PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE
WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023
3.30-5.15PM

EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Eggescliffe School Band •
- Pashley Bike Auction •
- Tombola •
- Raffle •
- Local Business Stalls •
- Face Painter •
- Hot Dogs, Cakes & Drinks •
- Games •
- School Uniform Sale •
- and much more!

Hosted by Friends Of The Links
All money raised goes towards improving our school



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The Links Silent Auction

Adult Pashley Poppy Bike



We kindly had this Pashley Poppy 20 inch frame size bike gifted to us to auction to raise money for the school. The bike has had minimal use therefore excellent condition. The cost new is over £700.

The bike will be on display to view at sports day and at the summer fayre or you can contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

To bid please fill out a bidders form, seal in the envelope provided and pop into our auction box. These can be found at the school office.

All bids will be opened by a staff member at the summer fayre on 12th July at 5pm.
The highest bidder wins.



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Raffle tickets are being sold at £1 per ticket please visit the school office if you would like to purchase any



£1 PER TICKET

Cash only

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON

**Will be drawn on 12th July at 5pm
at our Summer Fayre**

- Yarm Studio £100 Voucher •
- Headstart Motorhome Hamper •
- Queen's Campus Gym Membership •
- £50 M&S Voucher From Preston Farm Body & Paint
 - A Vita Elemis Massage •
 - Hairfayre Voucher •
 - Hutchinsin Hobbs Voucher •
 - Peking Chef Voucher •
 - Barber Voucher •
- Elite Sport & Fitness Voucher •
 - Beating Baker Blondies •
 - Skin Fairy Redcar Facial •
 - Amy Ernesto Voucher •
- Wine, Chocolates and More •



Friends Of The Links Primary School

Join our facebook group for more information on prizes, ticket sales and other events



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HOLIDAYS ARE **FUN**

Children aged 5-16 years old are invited to take part in a range of fun, free activities over the summer holidays.



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From outdoor bushcraft to swimming, to ice skating and arts and crafts, to cinema trips and film-making, there really is something for everyone. Sessions suitable for children with a special educational need and disability are included and a healthy meal is provided each day.

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulties.

Check if you are eligible for free school meals and apply at www.stockton.gov.uk/free-school-meals

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Job position

We are still looking for a supervisory assistant to start as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact school to discuss the position further.

Further details regarding the below position can be found on our school website.

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Salary: SCP 3 (£2,357 – actual salary)

Hours: 5 Hours per week (1 hour per day, 12-1pm)

Term Time Only | Permanent

Closing date: Vacancy to stay open until the position is filled

We seek to appoint a Supervisory Assistant responsible for the supervision and support of pupils during lunchtime, both in the dining hall and in the school playground. The position is term time only, permanent and is available immediately. For further information about the role and to download an application form, please visit www.thelinksprimary.org.uk and send your completed application to: Trust HR Officer, C/O Whinstone Primary School, Lowfields Avenue, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton on Tees. TS17 0RJ or email to: vacancies@valt.org.uk

National Online Safety

Is Amino a no-no? 🙅🚫 It's a social media platform which encourages interaction and user-generated content - but should young people be amenable to Amino? Our guide has the essential Online Safety info you need 👁️

All 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, FAQs and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMINO

AGE RESTRICTION 12+

PETS

MUSIC

COMICS & COSPLAY

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregata, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals - but even that can create plenty of hazards.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS
Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place - increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT
The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES
Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS
Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a battery of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE
As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT
If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics - such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION
If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

STAY UPDATED
Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME
If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having - and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site Ddexer and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new apps, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mostly about Fortnite and Roblox, his articles have been published in influential sites including iDex and TechRadar.

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NURSERY THIS
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Test



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Year 1



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Year 2 making puppets

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AN AFTERNOON OF BUDDHIST MEDITATION IN YEAR 5



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**Young
entrepreneurs
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in
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