



Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Lennie H	Evelyn R
Mr Whiteley	Jackson P	Willow J
Mrs Mitchell	Ezra Bowers	Henry N
Miss Gooding	Daniel W	Yesmeen Z
Mrs Crossley	Erin N	Lucy B
Mrs Jones	Freya-Belle T	Max T
Mrs Cross	Niamh D-H	
Mrs Hughes	Amaya S	Martha F
Miss Mutch	Samuel A	Zak H
Mrs Slinger	Ingrid D	Blake A
Mrs H & Mr E	Harrison H	Bella-Rae B

House Points

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APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____
has demonstrated being **RESPECTFUL** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____
has demonstrated being **READY** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPLEGARTH VALUES AWARD
This week, _____
has demonstrated being **SAFE** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Reading Records

We love seeing our children take home Fable, Plato and Pandora every week. They are so motivated to read and are excited to see which of their classmates has won each week. Please ensure you record any reading done at home in your child's reading record (including reading of phonics and Read to Me books in KS1). As part of our homework policy (shared recently), we ask that children read a minimum of three times a week at home.

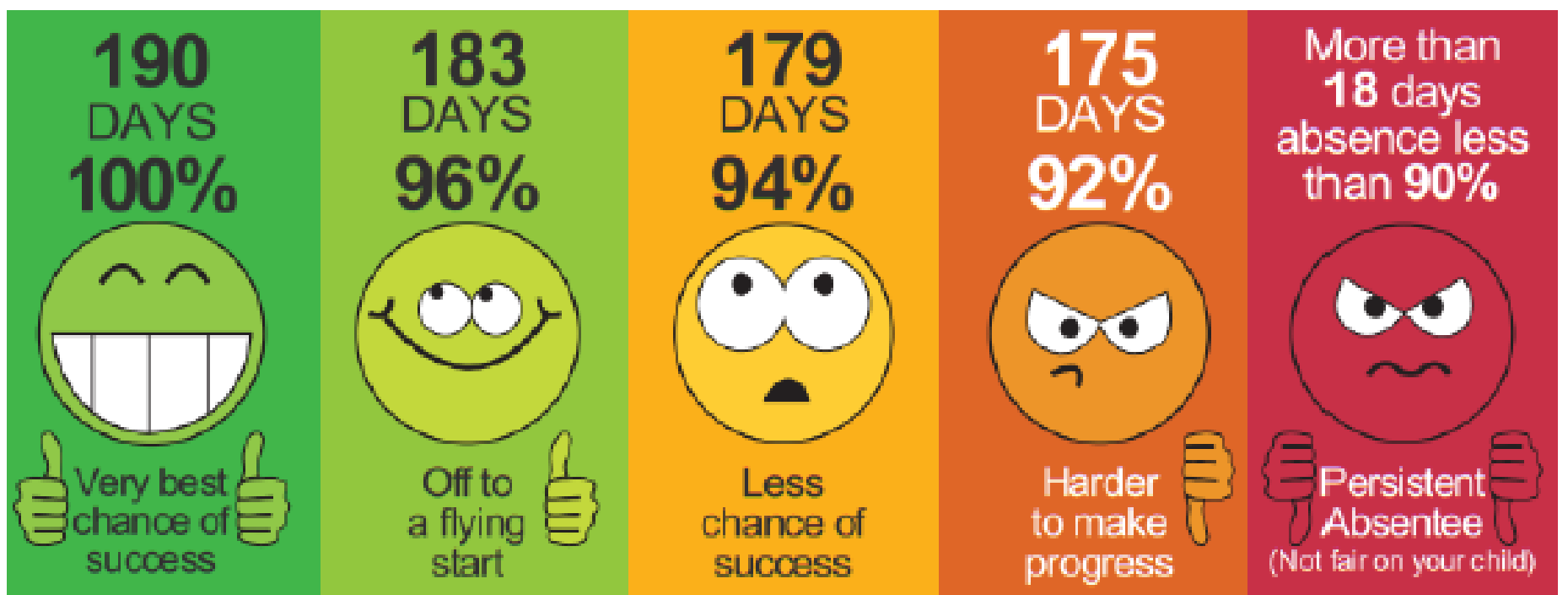


A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success.

OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)



There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



PTA Quiz

Next Friday (10th March) sees the return of the famous Applegarth Quiz. Teams are in 6. A buffet will be provided. More details will be coming from the PTA. Save the Date!

World Book Day 2023

We had such a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in school yesterday. Across school, children were dressed in their pyjamas and comfy clothes and were sharing their favourite bedtime stories with each other. It was fantastic to see all the book talk which was taking place. Check out Seesaw for our competition: closing date **Thursday 23rd March 2023**



School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Reception - Year 5 Parent/Carer Evening Bookings Open	Reception – Year 5	-	Friday 10 th March 4:00pm <i>Bookings close Sunday 26th March at 8:00pm</i>
PTA Family Quiz	Parents and Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 10 th March 7:00pm – 9:30pm (approx)
Strike Action	TBC	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th March
Strike Action	TBC	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 16 th March
Multiplication Check Meeting	Year 4 Families	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 16 th March 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Carlton Lodge Family Meeting	Year 5	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 22 nd March 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Provisional)
Reception – Year 5 Parent/Carer Evenings	Reception – Year 5	Applegarth Primary School (in person)	Thursday 23 rd March 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online) Tuesday 28 th March 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)
Easter Bunny Run (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 28 th March
Easter Performance	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 29 th March 5:00pm – 6:00pm
British Science Week	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st March Dress up as a job related to science on Friday

School Calendar (long term)

Easter Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 3 rd April - Friday 14 th April
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School Calendar (long term continued)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Professional Development Training Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 17 th April
Key Stage One SATs	Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Throughout May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 1 st May and Monday 8 th May
Key Stage Two SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Carlton Lodge Residential	Year 5	Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott	Thursday 11 th May and Friday 12 th May
Coronation Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 18 th May Reception, and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood, Alston	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 7 th June
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 16 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 30 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 20 th June 9:30am – 12:00pm
Armed Forces Day	Service Pupils	Catterick Garrison, Ypres Lines	Wednesday 21 st June
Key Stage Two Sports Day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 27 th June 9:30am – 11:30am

School Calendar (long term continued)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Summer Fair (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 30 th June 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Whole School and Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Break up for Summer Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 21 st July
Halloween Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October R and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Christmas Carols	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 6 th December T 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 th December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 th December 10:00am – 11:00am

Our Safeguarding Team

At school we have five members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. Mr Peoples is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); he is the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Hopkin, Mr Edwards and Mrs Crossley are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Jo Burnside is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body.

All staff at Applegarth know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our [Safeguarding Page](#).

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated [webpage](#).

You can also report any concerns you have to our [recently-changed welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

NGL



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



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 – enabling 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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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April 2023

A circular logo with a blue and red border. Inside, there is a dandelion illustration and the text 'Service Children's Champion'.

Service
Children's
Champion

Information regarding our
new photo challenge
Welcome to Our World

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Share our introductory video
with your child and discuss
theme - *Welcome to Our World*



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WORKING TOGETHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

We are the recognised Parent Carer Forum for North Yorkshire, supporting families with children and young people (0-25 years old) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

We now have a team of **Parent Participation Officers** (PPOs) working in localities across the region.

What is a Parent Participation Officer?

A person with lived experience of being a SEND Parent/Carer, working with local SEND parents and community organisations to understand and share collective needs and challenges.

Together with PPO colleagues across North Yorkshire, we ensure that lived experiences and voices are represented in decision making, service design and process improvement for SEND, Health and Social Care in our county.

Turn over to find out more...

What else does a Parent Participation Officer do?

- Signpost to local services and organisations
- Provide a listening ear
- Connect Parent/Carers together
- Organise and facilitate local events and training
- Provide feedback to local authorities
- Ensure a collective voice for positive change

We don't undertake individual case work, but we can direct you to other services which may be able to help.

Meet your local Parent Participation Officer

Area:

PPO:

Contact details:



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Upcoming Event - Northallerton

Come and meet other parents and carers and warm up with a hot drink and brunch.

It's **free** and open to all SEND parents and carers of a young person (0-25), whether they have a diagnosis or not.



The brunch is a friendly and informal opportunity to:

- Meet **Su Dixon**, our new Parent Participation Officer for the Hambleton District
- Find out more about Parent Carer Voice and how we work
- Share your views and experiences about local SEND services and support
- Connect with other SEND parents, carers and professionals in your area and find out what community support and activities are around

When: Monday 27th March 2023, 0915 - 1100 am

Where: The Buck Inn - JD Weatherspoon, 237-238 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8LU

To reserve your place or for more information, please email Su:
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