



Life in 'likes' - Children's Commissioner report into social media use among 8-12 year olds

Children are being exposed to "significant emotional risk" on social media, particularly as they transition into secondary school, warns the Children's Commissioner.

Failure to act, risks leaving generation of youngsters growing up chasing 'likes' and increasingly anxious due to constant demands of social media, their online image and "keeping up appearances", the report states.

While eight- to 10-year-olds use social media in a "playful, creative" way – often to play games – this changes significantly as children's social circles expand in Year 6 (or the first year of secondary school), it says.

The study suggests some children are becoming almost addicted to "likes" on social media such as Facebook and Instagram as a form of social validation, with many increasingly anxious about how they appear online.

This can be made worse when they start to follow celebrities and others outside close family and friends, whose social media accounts can undermine children's views of themselves. This group grows significantly upon starting secondary school, the report concludes.

The study also highlights that children worry about so-called "sharenting" – where parents post pictures of them on social media without their permission, saying they feel parents would not listen if they ask for them to take photos down.

Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner for England, said: "While social media clearly provides some great benefits to children, it is also exposing them to significant risks emotionally, particularly as they approach Year 7.

"I am worried that many children are starting secondary school ill-equipped to cope with the sudden demands of social media as their world expands. It is also clear that social media companies are still not doing enough to stop under-13s using their platforms in the first place."

Ms Longfield said she wished to see children living "healthy digital lives", urging that in order to achieve this parents must engage more with what their children are doing online.

"Just because a child has learnt the safety messages at primary school does not mean they are prepared for all the challenges that social media will present."

Read the full report here:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-report-Life-in-likes-Jan-4-2018-.pdf>

Our Value for this month is Humanity and Individual Liberty. These pupils modelled the value this week:

Leonis 1K, Efla 1Ti, Deniz 1T, Saniyah 2Th, Sajoyah 2T, Aurora 2A, Humaira 3F, Faheem 3Fe, Dilem 3S
Sofia 4M, Marika 4R, Hivay 4F, Ibrahim 5W, Elifsu 5T, Alicia 5G, Lavette 6B, Yezda 6T, Ela 6H



Attendance this week

1K 90.40%	2A 97.97%	3F 93.00%	4F 92.86%	5G 99.65%	6B 95.86%
1T 94.09%	2T 96.98%	3Fe 96.55%	4M 97.93%	5T 97.14%	6H 94.48%
1Ti 89.20%	2Th 91.84%	3S 92.41%	4R 95.93%	5W 93.93%	6T 92.33%

Well done to **2A** & **5G** for best attendance this week.
Overall attendance since September: **95.48%**

Remember to come to school every day and on time.

95% is the minimum expectation.
90% and below is not acceptable (unless there is an identified medical issue).
90% means missing half a day per week or 20 days of missed learning!

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th January
Wednesday 17th January 2018
22nd January – 2nd February
Monday 22nd January
Monday 5th February
Thursday 8th February
Monday 12th - 16th February
Monday 26th February 2018
Tuesday 27th February
Tuesday 27th February 2018
Wednesday 28th February 2018
Wednesday 28th March
Thursday 29th March
Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April
Monday 16th April 2018
Thursday 3rd May
Monday 7th May
Wednesday 16th May
Friday 25th May 2018
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Friday 20th July 2018

Author Alex Woolf visit
SEND coffee morning 9am
Next phase Wetlands development on PoW Field
HT award: Peter Pan Pantomime
Parents' Evening
Year 2 to the National Gallery
Half term
3Fe to visit the British Museum
Year 4 to the Barbican
3F to visit the British Museum
3S to visit the British Museum
Individual photos
Finish at 1.30pm Last day of spring term
Easter Holidays – school closed
Inset day – school closed
Polling day – School will remain open
Bank holiday – school closed
Year 4 to the Verulamium
Inset day – school closed
Half term – school closed
Finish at 1.30pm for the summer holidays

School Garden Volunteers needed:

We need a few handy and able adults to work alongside our gardeners, premises staff and Wetlands Trust to create and complete a 'skinny wetland' on **22nd and 23rd January from 9am to 3pm**. This task will involve lifting and digging. Refreshments and school lunch included. Please let our school office know if you are interested.

Thank you.

Coffee morning Wednesday 17th January 2018 9 to 10 in the Community Room

We will be holding a coffee morning on 17th January; part of the coffee morning is to give parents and carers an opportunity to feedback to the school about the School's Special Education Needs Information Report. Please come along and join us. Ms Paddon.

Enfield Literary Festival Presents: Reading Books with Catherine Johnson & Alex Woolf

10 - 12pm Surgery and Talk from Catherine Johnson, author and writer for film, TV and radio (*A Nest of Vipers*, *Sawbones*, *The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo*, *Blade and Bone*) talks about, and lends advice on, creative writing.

1- 3pm Workshop and Talk from Alex Woolf, local author, leads a workshop on creative writing, and talks about how his passion for history and science has helped shape his fiction.

3-4pm Lecture by Dr. Katy Beavers, The Charles Lamb Society, presents Charles and Mary Lamb - Idolisation, Inspiration and Insanity.

4-5pm Journalism Talk by Martin Russo, Founder & Editor of Entwo for Enfield, Has the rise of digital media, blogs and hyper-local journalism enriched our local media landscape?



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Author visit to Prince of Wales

We are delighted that author Alex Woolf will be visiting our school on Monday 15th January. He will lead a whole school assembly and then undertake workshops on writing with Year 6.

This visit is part of the Enfield Literary Festival and we are grateful to Martin Russo who has sponsored the visit to our school. Our membership of the Enfield Town Schools Partnership (ETSP) enables opportunities like this.

Alex Woolf will also be leading workshops at

Edmonton Green Library, Edmonton Green Shopping Centre, 36-44 South Mall, London N9 0TN

Parents/families can book here. Tickets cost around £5 (£3 concessions):

<https://www.enfieldfestivals.co.uk/whats-on/?page=2>

