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Dear Parent/Guardian

Introducing Epraise – an online system to help BGN further recognise the achievements of our students

Firstly, we would like to thank our parents/guardians for all the support that you give to the school to ensure your children arrive on time and are smartly dressed, ready to learn and be the best version of themselves.

One of the most rewarding aspects of working at BGN is seeing students taking part in a wide range of activities and reaching their goals through effort and hard work. We felt that, as a school, we could improve the way we notify parents about the achievements of our students. Therefore, we are delighted to let you know that, following the successful use in school of our online system called Epraise, we would like you to share in your child's daily success.

Epraise provides an easy way for teachers to record and keep track of the great things students do, in and out of school. The system works by teachers awarding a point whenever they recognise that a student has done well in one of the following categories:-

1. Effort in class
2. Demonstrating resilience
3. Demonstrating responsibility
4. Good use of VLE
5. Contribution in class
6. Producing high quality work
7. Being an excellent role model
8. Contribution to extra-curricular activities
9. Living out the Gospel values
10. Excellent independent learning
11. Attendance
12. Immaculate uniform
13. Contribution to charity/House Festival initiatives
14. Sports leadership

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Points are recorded on Epraise and teachers can also award virtual badges to recognise achievements, such as being a member of a school club, or volunteering for a local charity. Epraise allows students and parents to review the points and badges awarded via the Epraise website and App and more information about this is given below. This information outlines how you can log into Epraise and see the excellent work your children are doing. We will also be using Epraise as an online booking system for Parents' Evenings in the near future.

We look forward to further recognising the great efforts of our students and hope you enjoy being able to see their achievements using Epraise.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions about the contents of this letter. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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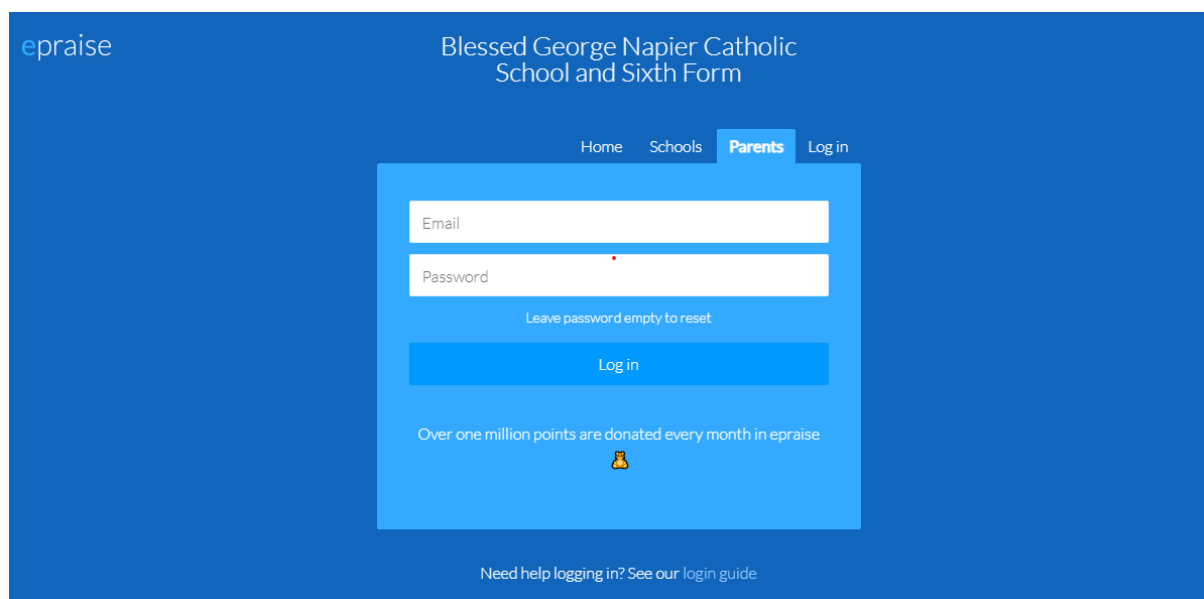
Instructions for parents on how to log into Epraise

Logging in

You will initially need to register by visiting our website in the following way:-

1. Type the link <https://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?view=schools> into a browser.

When you are connected to the Epraise website, please search for Blessed George Napier Catholic School. You will then be shown the login page (pictured below). Enter the email address that is held in school for you. Leave the password field blank and then select the Login/Register button.



Epraise will send an email to the registered account that contains a link to create your Epraise password.

Note: The password link remains active for 24 hours so you will need to create the password within that time, or repeat the steps above to obtain a new email. Sometimes emails can take a few minutes to arrive, or are automatically redirected to junk folders, so it is worth checking this before re-registering your account.

Please turn over the page to see some examples of the information available to you.

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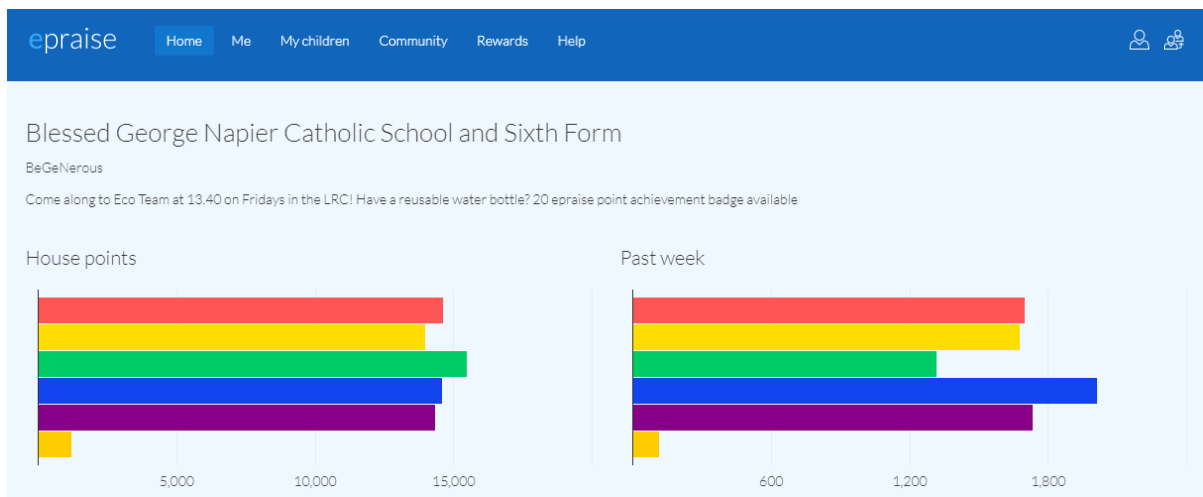
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Please find below some examples of information available to parents on Epraise:-

The dashboard – an overview of the points awarded in the whole school

The first screen you will see is the dashboard. This is an overview of the points awarded in the whole school. The dashboard also allows you to see the points analysed by different categories such as:-

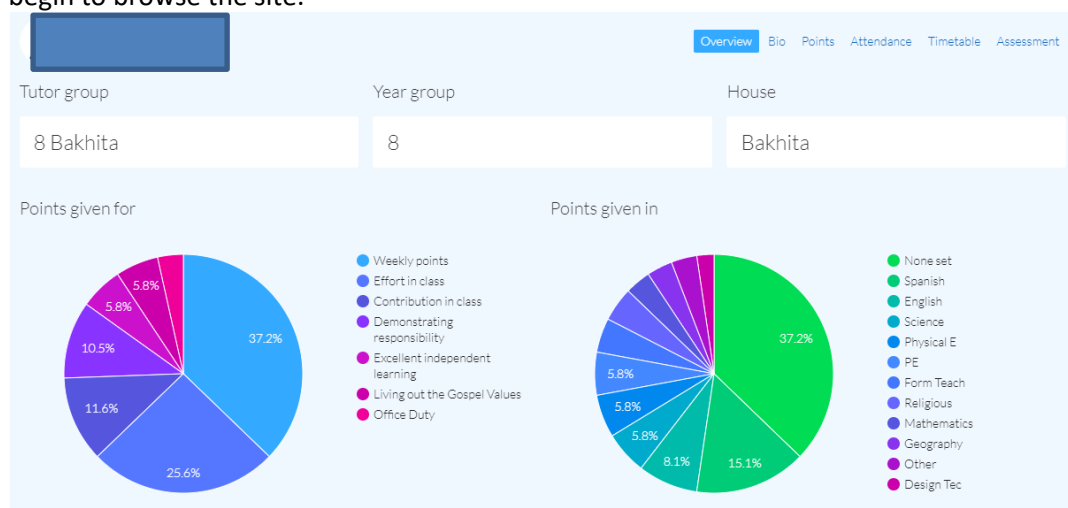
- House
- Tutor group
- Reason for the points being awarded



Reviewing your child’s achievements by clicking on the ‘My children’ tab

You can view your child’s profile under the ‘My children’ tab (an example of a typical ‘My children’ page is shown in the image below). Here you can see how many points or badges they have been awarded in each subject and category. Each tab on the page, if enabled, shows different information relating to your child’s effort and achievements.

This is just a snapshot of the information available, and we are sure you will find more items of interest as you begin to browse the site.



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The Epraise App

Epraise also offers an App for Android and Apple devices. This can be downloaded from your usual App store, using the search term 'Epraise'. Please also find QR codes below to take you to the relevant App store.

Apple QR code:



Google QR code:



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