



Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday, 12th May 2023

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,
This week our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs exams. We are really proud of the hard work and effort they have shown all week. Please remember that;

SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far.
SATs are just a tiny glimpse
Or who you really are.

So, sitting at your table
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you tried your best!

Well done to all our year 6 pupils!

National Walk to school week

Next week is national Walk to School Week. Walk to School Week is a national event which encourages adults and children to leave the car at home and take the chance to go outside and get fit by walking to school. Please help your child to get involved. Each day the class teachers will keep a register of how many pupils walk to school. At the end of the week the class with the highest number of walks will be awarded a prize! Walking has so many benefits, including:

It is part of your daily physical activity.

It improves mental wellbeing.

The exercise helps with your concentration and creativity.

The streets are safer and more welcoming.

It reduces pollution.

It's free!

During the week the children will be learning about the benefits of walking!

Good Luck

Next week from Monday 15th – Friday 19th May our Year 2 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests. The children have worked so hard this academic year and we wish them all the luck with their tests. If you have a child in Year 2 please ensure they arrive promptly to school as tests begin at 9am. Good luck Year 2, you can do it!

Have a fantastic weekend and see everyone on Monday.

Rebecca

Dates for the Diary

WB 15/05/23	KS1 SAT's
26/05/23	Class Group photos
Half Term Holiday	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
05/06/23	All Staff and Children return
06/06/23	MCT Year 4
08/06/23	KS1 Sports Day
09/06/23	KS2 Sports Day
WB 12/06/23	Year 1 phonics check
WB 12/06/23	Assessment week



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week



School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	97.2
Attendance KS2 Winner	Aurora	97.3
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mercury	96.2
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Jupiter	98.8
Rest of School		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Venus	96.9	95.4
Mercury	81.3	96.2
Planet Earth	97.2	91.5
Jupiter	74.2	98.8
Saturn	73.6	94.9
Supernova	69.9	97.7
Galaxy	73.9	95.1
Neptune	72.3	96.9
Aurora	97.3	97.3
Sky	85.6	95.2

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

House Winners

Tim Peake		715
Stephanie Wilson		598
Neil Armstrong		609
Helen Sharman		592
Bernard Harris		439



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Planet Earth Class**
School's total points: **19,290**



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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
David	Mercury	7
Max	Supernova	9
Yassin	Jupiter	8
Hana	Venus	6
Bobby	Neptune	10
Quinten	Neptune	10
Alya	Moon	5
Kiera-Carmel	Galaxy	9
Asiah	Sky	10

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was **hope**. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Keep looking up, there may be a rainbow for you" Unknown.

Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.



Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "flaunt". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **flaunt**

Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:
If you say that someone flaunts their possessions, abilities, or qualities, you mean that they display them in a very obvious way, especially in order to try to obtain other people's admiration.

Aditi liked to flaunt her work to the teacher.

Synonym: show off
parade

Antonym: hide

Prefix / Suffix: -ing

Rhyme: haunt
taunt

Link Word: confidently
their achievement



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Class Gallery

Year 2

Year 2 had great fun celebrating the coronation last week, look at their fantastic portraits!



Year 1

Year 1 have been practising their sewing skills in preparation for making their own artic animal. We can't wait to see their final creations!





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Rewards

Early Years & Years 1 & 2

Core Value: **Hope**

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Venus	Isabella	For always having hope in her learning and persevering with her learning too.
Mercury	Parker	For always having the belief in herself to achieve. She is a very positive influence on her peers.
Planet Earth	Joseph	For persevering and trying his best with his learning.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Max	For trying super hard with his writing.
Mercury	Zoya	For working hard to improve her writing by editing.
Planet Earth	Bushra	Excellent effort with Grammar revision.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Stacy	For super amazing maths work this week in measuring weight.
Mercury	Sheriffdeen	For showing a real understand of mass in maths this week.
Planet Earth	Muhammed	Excellent effort with Maths Stas revision.

EYFS to Year 2

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Rubie	For always reading at home and having her reading record signed.
Mercury	Amir	For working really hard on answering his questions using evidence from the text.
Planet Earth	Charlotte-Rosie	For reading regularly to an adult.



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Hope**

Years 3 to 6

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Cavalli	For always trying so hard in every lesson!
Saturn	Alina	For giving her friends in class hope by motivating them.
Supernova	Huda	For always aiming high in all her lessons!
Galaxy	Luqman	For always believing in himself to do his best.
Neptune	Luis	For showing optimism towards all areas of his learning.
Sky	Blessing	For working really hard in her SATs.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Madeline	An amazing story based in the Stone Age
Saturn	Elliot	Working hard to use subordinate clauses in his writing.
Supernova	Emily	For writing a great explanation on freedom!
Galaxy	Samira	For working hard to improve her writing.
Neptune	Augustina	For using a variety of adverbs and literary devices.
Sky	Justina	For writing a great piece of dialogue with the correct punctuation.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Abdullah	For trying so hard to tell the time using an analogue clock!
Saturn	Isha	For trying hard to tell the time using an analogue clock
Supernova	Oriana	For trying really hard in decimals this week!
Galaxy	Ilyas	For great work in decimals this week.
Neptune	Ahmed	For using a variety of strategies when dividing.
Sky	Sylvia	For not giving up in her maths SATs when she found it hard.



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Years 3 to 6

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Stephen	Always reading at home and getting his reading record signed!
Saturn	Jorge	Always reading at home and getting his reading record signed.
Supernova	Malak	For amazing effort when reading aloud!
Galaxy	Isata	For great expression when read out loud.
Neptune	Ali	For reading with great tone and expression.
Sky	Eric	For always being a phenomenal reader.

Parent/ Carer Information and Support

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE



BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.

IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called V-Bucks and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.

SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.

CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.

IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as 'teen', as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



Top Tips For Parents

BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.

GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of one more game as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.

CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.

PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!

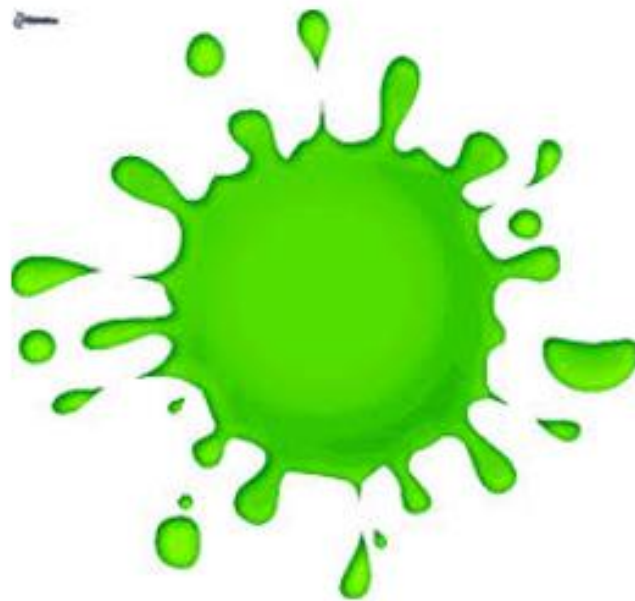
Meet our expert

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It's time to go GREEN!



**Next week is Mental Health |
awareness week, so we are asking
everyone to wear something green on
Thursday 18th of May, to support this
worthy cause.**