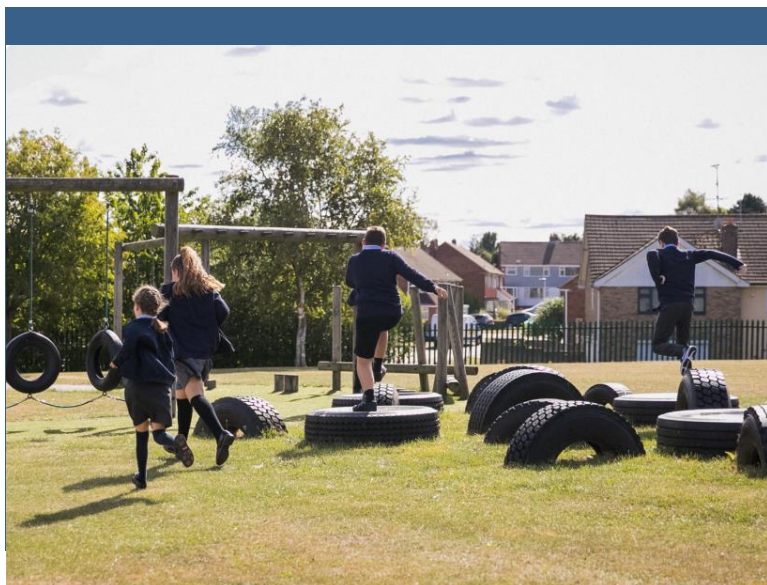


Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility
Resilience
Respect

Mrs Rogers Message

This week has been very busy with assessments and I could not be prouder of our children and all of their efforts, they have been fabulous with their approach to their work and to the tests! I am also thankful to our staff for the superb support they have given to our children this week and I also would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for their ongoing support.

Next week, we see a reward day for our SATs children. A surprise visit for our Reception children on Monday and the Creepy Crawly man, Michael working with our year 3 children doing creepy Crawly workshops as part of their science learning. Our Creepy Crawly Club has been running this term on a Tuesday and a Wednesday after school as we had so many children who wanted to take part and this has brought all sorts of exciting creatures in to the school. We have 75 children who attend this club, making it the most popular club of school and enhancing the children's understanding of nature and creatures,

We have a number of other clubs successfully running this term, including Pro Soccer Football who have been with us since September, giving more than 200 children the opportunity to take part in extra curricula football! We also have EYFS Drama running this term for our littlest children and LAMDA is starting soon, which results in a formal qualification and UCAS points for our attendees. Guitar club has added a musical twist to this term, as well as the expansion of sports clubs, including cricket and netball club.

Miss Bailey will be escorting some of our year 5 and 6 girl footballers to take part in Mini Youth Games next week. Those attending will have received a letter home. She will also be preparing some of our children for the Mini Youth Games Cricket which will be taking part on the 25th May. If your child is selected for this, you will receive a letter from Miss Bailey with more information.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.

Special events coming soon

- 15th May- Year 6 Reward Day
- 17th May- Creepy Crawly Man visit to Year 3
- 18th May- Census Day
- 19th May- PSG Girls Football (Years 5/6)
- 22nd-26th May- Art Sculptures workshops working with Years 3 and 4
- 24th May- Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter World
- 25th May- MYG Cricket
- 25th May – Yr R to Wingham Wildlife Park
- 26th May- Spanish Day
- All of May- Year 2 SATs (in groups)
- 26th May – last day of term
- 5th June – first day of term
- 6th June – Hook Day
- 7th July – Trust Development Day – no children in school

Quote of the week

“But being a child, he’d never been asked for his opinion.”

David Walliams

Learning Page

.... Year 2

Food Tasting in Science



We tried sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami (savoury) flavoured sandwich fillings. Some children enjoyed these new tastes more than others!





Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



STARS OF THE WEEK

PE Champions:

Attendance Stars:
KS1: Kanzi
KS2: Discovery & Pioneer

Nursery Stars:
AM: Alba
PM: Lenny

Year 4 Timetable Stars:
 Elliott, Eliza, Taylor, Heidi, Elsie, Toby, Imojen, Parker, Azuha, Emily-Rose, Dylanx2, Sienna, Cooper, Chloex2, Thomas, Ellis, Ollie

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Jamie C	Alana	Carter	Phoebe
Sunrise	Oscar D	Olivia	Emma	Aalyrah
Elstar	Patrick	Archie	Alfie	Isla
Kanzi	Fraser	Layla	Millie	Kian
Fortune	Lola	Olive	Violet	Autumn
Liberty	Freddie	Farah	Aria	Nora
Opal	Albert	Elyas	Mia	Daniel
Topaz	Lucas	Harry	Felicia	Evie
Enterprise	Sienna	Emma	Giselle	Dylan
Victory	Floray	Heidi	Taylor	Azuha
Blenheim	Elijah	Jack R	Holly	Mason
Windsor	Poppy	Maddison	Hayden	Joseph
Discovery	-	-	-	-
Pioneer	-	-	-	-

Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about you child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or Mrs Stevens. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is on Online Safety and the game 'Fortnite'!

At 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 games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, news and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

CHAPTER 4

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 12

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons' which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers – of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore; the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who deserts from The Witcher a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after skins before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game; make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coleman is Fellow in Child of Gaming and experts like @lloysteamwork has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and shares a keen awareness of online safety. Working mainly around tech and finance, his reviews have been published on influential sites including BBC and Tech Radar.

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We have been advised of a website that might be of interest to families (as seen on ITV's This Morning), who sell products which are near the end of their sell by date.... You should be able to use the link above to their website for further information.



Y6 SATS

“A huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils this week”

KS2 Morning drop off ...

It has been brought to the school's attention that some of our KS2 children are on their own on the school grounds before the classes open at 8.30am.

Please be reminded that children are their parents' responsibility before 8.30am as staff are not out on the playgrounds before this.

Thank you for your continued support.