



NEWSLETTER
17th October 2019



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done **Seanie Kendall-Wardman** for receiving the Head Teacher's award last week.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Last week the pupils of the week were :-

Nur: Mitch Rushworth
Rec: Daniel Fossard
Yr 1: Riley Doran
Yr 2: Pixie Maclean
Yr 3: Emily Hope
Yr 4: Jake Rhodes
Yr 5: Zachary Hope
Yr 6: Corey Barnes

Attendance Winners

Year 1—96.9 %
Well Done!



WOW WORK OF THE WEEK

Last week the Wow Work of the week were :-

Rec: Alexia-Mae Brunning
Yr 1: Harper-Rose Sutcliffe
Yr 2: Ava-Faith Helme
Yr 3: Theodore Talpau
Yr 4: Elisha Thornton
Yr 5: Renae Lord
Yr 6: Freya Hanton

Big Calderdale Sleepout



Katie in Year 5 (and her dad) took part in the Big Calderdale Sleepout on Friday night at the Piece Hall. It was an organised event to raise money for Smartmove - the same charity we are supporting for our Harvest.

According to Katie's dad, she jumped at the chance to take part as she wanted to support homeless people. So far she has raised £205.50. Well done Katie! The school is really proud of you!



School Dinners!



Here and over the page are some of our Year 6 parents and carers enjoying school dinners with their children!

Next week, it's the turn of Year 5 parents and carers:
Wednesday 23rd October at 11:45am.

Look out for the invitation in your child's book bag. Please return it by Monday at the latest.

Space is limited to one parent/carers per child.



Church Links

This week in Collective Worship the children learnt more about forgiveness: the story of the prodigal son from St Luke's Gospel.

Family Learning—Making All Hallows Decorations

This event is now full.

A Harvest Rainbow



Reminder: In order to make a 'Harvest Rainbow' next Thursday, we would like each child to bring an item in their class's colour. There are suggestions in the letter we sent out. Thank you.

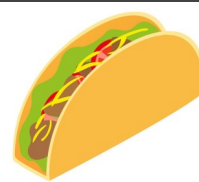
The children will also be learning and performing a poem about their chosen colour.

Winner of Head-teacher's Award:
Seanie



Mexican Food Tasting—Year 6

Year 6 Parents - Look out for your invitation to the Mexican Food tasting Session in Year 6 on Wednesday 23rd October at 2:15 pm.



Adult Learning

Calderdale Adult Learning will be providing free Maths and English courses for parents/carers in school, from

Wednesday 6th November (Maths) and Thursday 7th November (English), for 12 weeks.

Class sizes are limited, so please complete the slip and return it as soon as possible to secure a place.

See what's really inside your food and drink

Download our food scanner app for FREE and see for yourself the amount of sugar, salt and saturated fat in everyday food and drinks.



Height and Weight

As per the letters we have sent out, height and weight of **Year 6 and Reception children only** will be taken on Thursday 7th November.

Robinwood

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 children have been offered an amazing opportunity to attend the Robinwood Activity Centre (Dobroyd Castle) from Friday 7th until Sunday 9th February 2020. Letters have already gone out. To secure a place, parents and carers should pay the £50 non-refundable deposit on a first come, first served basis.

The deadline for this payment is Friday 8th November.

All Hallows' Eve Party

Thursday 24th October, 5:00—6:30pm

Fancy Dress (Optional)

TICKETS ON SALE 50p each

Ticket includes a hot dog/vegetarian option and a drink

Sweets will be on sale at 50p a bag at the end

Face painting, fun games and activities

Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult



Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st October—Family Learning: Decorations for All Hallows' Eve Party.

Thursday 24th October—A Harvest Rainbow.

Thursday 24th October—All Hallows' Eve Party.

Thursday 24th October—Last day of term.

Friday 25th October—School closed to children (Training day for staff).

Thursday 31st October—Deadline for secondary school applications.

Monday 4th November—School reopens after half term.

Wednesday 6th November—Adult Learning Maths starts.

Thursday 7th November—Adult Learning English starts.

Thursday 7th November—Height and weight checks (Reception and Year 6 only).

Tuesday 12th November—Individual School Photos.

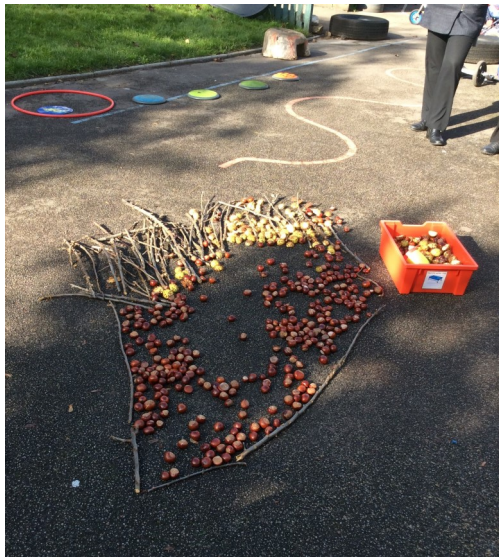
Tuesday 19th November—Applications for Reception 2020 open.

Wednesday 20th November—Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st November—Flu Immunisations (except for Nursery).

Please remember it is your responsibility to keep the school updated with medical information and contact details.

Early Years Outdoor Learning



Nursery and Reception have been busy doing outdoor learning. We have used sticks and conkers to create large pieces of collaborative art-work. The children used the sticks and conker cases for the spikes on the hedgehog as they thought they were spiky too! They used lots of language to describe the shape, size and texture of the conkers, conker shells and sticks.



The children have also enjoyed working together to devise their own obstacle course. They have worked well together to design it and then cheer each other on as they complete the challenges!

Half Term Club Idea

Holiday Club UTOPIA Gymnastics

Spooktacular

28th OCT TO 1st NOV

£30 a day or £120 full week 8-5pm breakfast included. Half days available at £25 either 8-12.30pm or 12.30-5pm

Tel: 01484 717428
Contact: info@utopiagymnastics.co.uk
for bookings visit: utopiagymnastics.co.uk

Free taster session when you quote 'halloween 19' on booking.
Offer ends 31st october 19

Flu Immunisation

Reception to Year 6: if you have not done so, please return the consent forms to school indicating whether you consent or do not consent to your child receiving the nasal spray flu vaccine on 21st November.

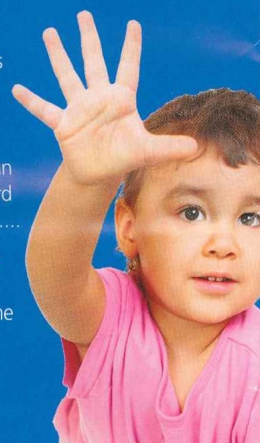
More copies of the form are available in the school office. Further information can be found online:

immunisation.cht.nhs.uk

5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

www.nhs.uk/child-flu



Fortnite Chapter2—Guide for Trusted Adults— #WakeUpWednesday

Fortnite Chapter 2 is just the latest instalment of this hugely popular gaming experience. Enjoyed by millions of children and young people all over the world and accessible on almost every platform and every device, its brand continues to get stronger and stronger. But should parents worry? Can the game become an addiction? And how violent is it? Find out with this new guide. nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/fortnite-chapter-2

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to build 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, facts and tips for adults.

Fortnite Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.

AGE RECOMMENDATION 13+

What parents need to know about FORTNITE CHAPTER 2

BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar format. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, build buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned winner 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 30 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 new 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 constitutes an 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 cosmetics 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 cosmetics 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 new seasons. This essentially adds new things like skins and cosmetics to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map to interacting with. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play through 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 across platforms. 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. During this process the age and birthday of the player able to play legally because you don't have the same controls 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 being, as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life implications. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying they are simply beamed up off the map. Realistically, 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 involve in-game purchases and most come in the form of V-Bucks, which can be bought with real money. If parents decide to let their young one spend money in the game, be sure to think your card information over as well as it can be very easy to spend money in the game. At the point of sale, Fortnite's UI will let you set a limit on how much you can spend. They also have a system to allow you to pause the game if you're worried about the spending of around £75, which is the normal retail price of a game.

GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite does allow you to play with strangers, which is a great way to play with friends who are on a different platform. However, it's important to remember that you can't see who you're playing with. This means that you can't see who you're playing with, which is a great way to play with friends who are on a different platform. However, it's important to remember that you can't see who you're playing with. This means that you can't see who you're playing with, which is a great way to play with friends who are on a different platform.

LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game addiction can be a real thing, so it's important to set limits on how long your child can play for. However, it's also important to be flexible. If your child is playing for a long time, it's a good idea to take a break. If your child is playing for a long time, it's a good idea to take a break. If your child is playing for a long time, it's a good idea to take a break.

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about your child's gaming habits, it's a good idea to talk to other parents or carers. They may have some advice or tips that you can use. They may also have some advice or tips that you can use. They may also have some advice or tips that you can use.

CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked but being good at playing can be a great skill. Fortnite can help you develop some important skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. It's a great way to learn how to work with others and how to solve problems. It's a great way to learn how to work with others and how to solve problems.

PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself. It's a great way to see what your child is doing and to have a better understanding of the game. It's a great way to see what your child is doing and to have a better understanding of the game. It's a great way to see what your child is doing and to have a better understanding of the game.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMESPOT. Mark is a young man with his skills, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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