



# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-

## Week Ending- 12/05/2023

### A Message from the Deputy Headteacher

This week, we have seen Year 6 rise to the challenge when sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs. Well done to each and every one of you, you gave your everything and have made us all extremely proud. Enjoy your well-deserved week away. We will keep everything crossed that the sun shines for you!

### Key Dates

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May - **Year 6** Residential.

Thursday 18th May- Wear it Green Day- (Mental Health)- **Whole School**

Thursday 8th June - **Little Learners** and **Nursery** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 15th June - **Reception** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 22nd June - **Year 1** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 29th June - **Year 2** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 6th July - **Year 3** Books & Biscuits

Friday 7th July - **Year 4** Books & Biscuits

Monday 10th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 11th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 12th July - **Year 5** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **Year 6** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **EYFS** Sports Day (morning)

Friday 14th July - **Year 1 - Year 6** Sports Day (morning)

Thursday 20th July - Meet Your New Teacher Day

Friday 21st July - **Year 6 Leavers** Assembly (9.30am)

Friday 21st July - **Year 6** Disco (details to follow)

## A Message To Year 6



Dear Year 6,

A huge 'Well done!' to you all. You have completed your SATs for Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. (This picture shows the delight you all felt after finishing your final paper). We know that you have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of each and every one of you.

An adventurous week away with your friends at Barnswood Scout Camp making memories, learning new life skills and having the most amazing time is just what you need right now.

We cannot wait to hear about your amazing week away when you return!

## For your information

Whilst Year 6 are away on residential next week, Mr Williams, Mrs Nicholls and Mr Anthony will be accompanying them. This may result in your child having a different member of staff teaching them for that week including Mrs Grainger, Mrs Steatham and Miss Smith. We can assure you that lessons have been planned in advance and the learning of all pupils will continue to be of the highest standard.

## End of Key Stage One Tests

Over the next two weeks, pupils in Year 2 will be completing the end of Key Stage One tests. The tests will commence on Monday 15th May and continue until the end of half term.

In order to ensure that your child is ready for their assessments, we recommend the following:

- Get lots of sleep.
- Eat a healthy breakfast to set them up for the day.
- Attend school on time every day.

## Wear It Green Day 18th May

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, on Thursday 18th May, we will be encouraging all children and staff to come into school wearing green, to help raise money for Mental Health Foundation. We also kindly ask that all children who take part to make a donation. We will be taking part in activities throughout the day in order to raise awareness of mental health.



## Year 2 Think Tank Visit

Year 2 visited the Think Tank in Birmingham as part of their History topic learning all about Space. They had the most amazing time and represented Featherstone Academy perfectly. They learned all about the journey into space and helped complete a space mission. They also had fun exploring the interactive sections of the museum. All of the children behaved fantastically and represented the school proudly, well done Year 2.



















## Class Learning- Week Commencing 15/05/2023

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 15/05/2023

- **Nursery-** Rumble in the jungle, what animal would they like to be, painting animals and emergent writing for names of animals.
- **Reception-** Animals Great and Small This week we are building on our work from last week and looking at a wider variety of animals, thinking about how they are the same and different. We

will explore animal types like mammal, fish, reptile and birds discovering core knowledge like not all animals are born from an egg, some animals can fly, and others breath under water. We will look at how to care for these different types of habitat and that their habitat reflects their needs. This will bring us onto thinking about how we, as humans, and mammals, keep ourselves fit and healthy.

- **Year 1-** English-Features of a letter, Maths- Fractions, geography- Looking at the local area.
- **Year 2-** Maths - Telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. History - Learning all about the Space Race. Science - Observing how plants grow.
- **Year 3-** Writing to create imagery, Maths- Fractions, Topic-D&T, Science- Human Body.
- **Year 4-** Maths- 2 lessons on Money and 3 lessons on time VIPERS- The Wild Robot English- looking at the features of a narrative with an issue/ dilemma. Spanish- items found in the classroom.
- **Year 5-** Focus on middle age villages character and setting descriptions of the middle ages, Maths- position and direction, Art- sketching and painting natural disaster.
- **Year 6-** Residential Mon-Fri

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to our Golden Book Winners;

Little Learners- **Harry Crook**

Nursery- **Preston Timmins**

Reception- **Freddie Sampson**

Year 1- **Freddy Blanz-Till**

Year 2- **Harmony Hanchard**

Year 3- **Ella Landucci**

Year 4- **Archie Greenaway**

Year 5- **Evie Reid**

Year 6 - **Skye Lloyd**

Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Steatham- **Alanah-Drew Thompson**



# National Online Safety

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](http://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.

**AGE RECOMMENDATION**  
13+

## What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

### BATTLE ROYALE

Fortnite battle games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and could soon be a household name. In the game, up to 100 players drop into a map, have to survive for as long as possible and are forced to beat all the other players in the increased action at the end. If you're interested in the game, you can find out more about it on the Fortnite website. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (usually less) to play and can be played for relatively quickly, so 100 Free players have been found.

### IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction. As a result, it's been a topic of discussion for a long time. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a addictive disorder, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include playing more and more, losing sleep, neglecting school or work, and playing for long periods of time. If you're concerned about your child's gaming habits, it's worth remembering that these patterns are absolutely not necessary to enjoy the game and that it can be played in a healthy way.

### FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play on the PC and console versions, it's not free on the mobile versions. The game is free on the PC and console versions, but it's not free on the mobile versions. The game is free on the PC and console versions, but it's not free on the mobile versions. The game is free on the PC and console versions, but it's not free on the mobile versions.

### SEASONAL UPDATES

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### CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played across platforms. This means that you can play with your friends on different platforms. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as E (Everyone). This means that the game is suitable for everyone. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

## 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. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### 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 attempting to scam or trick them. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so it's not a long game. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or something moved in the game, talk to other parents and carers. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked, but Fortnite can be a great game for developing important skills. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

### PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself. It's important to be aware of this, as it can be a source of financial stress for parents. The game is updated with a new season every 10 weeks. This seasonally adds new things to the game and makes it more interesting.

Meet our expert  
Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 15 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of one of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, IGN UK Gaming and Entertainment. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

**#1 VICTORY ROYALE**

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