



Newsletter 3rd April 2020

Great to be Gold

This term, we have awarded many Great to be Gold awards for children who have gone over and above what is expected of them in school. Unfortunately, we can't celebrate this at school but instead each child will be receiving their award through the post as we didn't want their hard work and achievements to not be celebrated. The following children have achieved the most gold awards in their classes this term. A huge thank you to all the staff who have helped to deliver the awards personally.

Pre school (wow moments)

This term all of the children in Pre School achieved 1 wow moment each so no individual awards for the end of this term.

Nursery (wow moments)

Bettie Sue G
Lottie RM
Millie B
Samuel C

Reception

Poppy C
Sam B
Lexie L

Year 1

Felicity
Ronny
Ben R
Mila
Finley S
Sophie

Year 2

Annabelle T
Esmee T
Libby P

Year 3

Isabella S
Ethan S
Henry H
Jasmine L
Jake V

Year 4

Florence H
Harry O'B
Ava H
Zach W
Eva M
George S
Lillie-Mae W
Max K

Year 5

Elsa D
George M
Libby F
Willow S

Year 6

Ruby H
Rhys D
Charlotte W
William C
Jenny W

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful
and
responsible

Truthfulness

Online Safety

With the majority of children currently being educated from home in light of the recent school closures, it is most likely that they will also have more time to access the internet to support their learning as well as during the time that they are having breaks from their home learning activities. In light of this, I would like to continue to give you guidance and support you with ensuring that your child is safe whilst working online from home.

This week we put the spotlight on Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. Would you let your child watch a film classified as a 12? In the UK, it is an offence for someone to supply a game to someone under the age specified.

When rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features of a game which in this case could arguably be the greatest concern about letting your child play Fortnite. You may have seen in the news just recently of a case of a 41 year old man using the Fortnite voice chat to groom a child (www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-46923789) If you do choose to let your child play then consider the following:

Chat functionality: Fortnite contains voice and text chat systems which can often contain inappropriate language. You can turn the voice chat off but **not the text chat**. To turn voice chat off, go to Settings, Audio and switch to off.

In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your credit card details.

Playing too much! The competitive nature of this game means it can be difficult for a child to stop playing, an average game lasts 20 minutes so set time limits on usage and remember to avoid any screen time one hour before bedtime.

Play the game with your child, observe them whilst they are playing so you can monitor the sort of chat that they are listening to/contributing to via text chat. As always, show your child how to report any inappropriate behaviour and ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

On Fortnite you can report players by using the in-game feedback tool by selecting 'Menu' and 'Feedback'. Full instructions can be viewed here:

www.epicgames.helpshift.com/a/fortnite/?s=general&f=how-do-i-report-bad-player-behavior-in-battle-royale

Next week we explore and give you some guidance to ensure your children stay safe online.

Thought of the week



"In times of difficulties, why is it that we forget that without the rain, there can't be a rainbow?"

R.Jones

Community News

Reverend Jenny has sent these prayers to support you all in the current climate.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night. You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill. You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried. Today I am feeling (name how you are feeling) because (reasons you are feeling this way). Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen.

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