

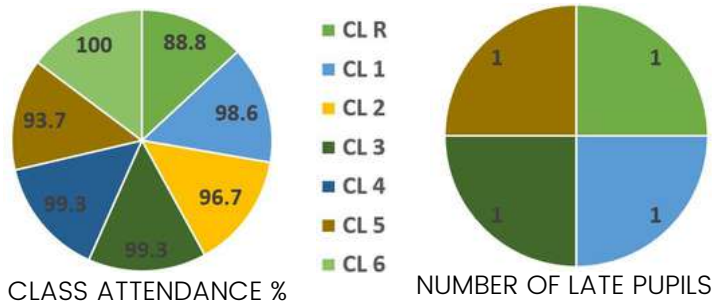
HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

This morning we had our "Off by Heart" assembly. To say I was impressed by the confidence and articulation of our children, would be an understatement. The passages that all the children recited were lengthy and clearly required lots of practise. Being in classes this week and watching so many children delivering their lines so brilliantly, shows how hard so many of the children have worked. One of our BGL values is to "learn without limits," that has certainly be evidenced this week. I am confident we have some stage and screen actors in our midst and hope that for some, it inspires them to take up drama as a hobby. What a talented and hard working group of children we have!

Mrs M. Ward
Associate Headteacher

ATTENDANCE STATS

Overall attendance this week for the whole school 96.6 %



SCAN THE QR CODES TO VISIT OUR PAGES

SPOTLIGHT ON 'OFF BY HEART'

Today our finalists had their moment in the spotlight as they recited the poems that they had learnt as part of our 'Off by Heart' poetry competition. We were absolutely blown away by the level of confidence modelled by all of the children performing and could clearly tell how much effort had been put into learning each piece. Well done everyone!



BAG2SCHOOL

In your child's bag tonight, you will find a 'Bag2School' bag. If you are having a de-clutter, please fill the bag with unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding, etc. (A full list of acceptable items is on the bag). Return the filled bag to school at 3pm on Tuesday 11th June or before 9.00am on Wednesday 12th June.



Y1 HOGHTON TOWER

Year 1's visit to Houghton Tower will take place on Wednesday 12th June. Please complete payment and the consent form on School Spider by Friday 7th June, Thank you.



FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

The Fathers' Day Breakfast will take place on Monday 17th June (see flyer). Complete the booking and payment on School Spider.



PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS



Please can the following forms be completed on School Spider:

- Home-time arrangements form
- Parent/Carer Agreement/Consent form
- Parent/Carer Consent & Medical form

It is important that these forms are submitted by Wednesday 10th July 2024 for preparation for the new academic year. These forms are requested annually to ensure all our records are up-to-date.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Monday 10th	Y6 Residential Visit to Robinwood
Wednesday 12th	Y1 Educational Visit to Houghton Tower
Wednesday 12th	Y6 Return from Robinwood
Thursday 13th	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 13th	Y3/Y4 Active Wheels
Thursday 13th	Phonics Screening
Friday 14th	Governor Day
Monday 17th	PTFA Fathers' Day Breakfast
Wednesday 19th	Stay and Play New Reception 10.30am
Thursday 20th	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 20th	Y3/Y4 Active Wheels
Wednesday 26th	New Reception First Taster Session 1.15 - 2.15pm
Thursday 27th	New Reception Second taster Day 1.15 - 2.15pm

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

After our "Ready to Learn" assembly on Monday, each class has tried really hard to line up after break and lunchtime showing they are calm and focused - ready for the new learning that the next lesson brings. The class that really impressed throughout the week was Year 2. They managed to earn their classmates an extra playtime on Friday afternoon. Well done!



BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS!

Happy birthday to the children who have been celebrating this week and a big THANK YOU to:

Freddie in Reception for 'I am Oliver the Otter' by Pam Ayres and
Olivia-Rose in Y3 for 'Monster Doughnuts' by Gianna Pollero



PICTURE NEWS

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced that a UK general election is to take place on 4th July. He made the announcement in a press conference outside 10 Downing Street. Parliament was dissolved on Thursday 30th May, and the members of Parliament have returned to being members of the public. Many are campaigning to be re-elected. A general election is when people over 18 can vote for who they want to represent them in the UK parliament. It could mean a new government party and new leader for the UK this summer.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you know about general elections? Ask someone older at home to recall previous elections.
- Many people have come forward to say they'd like to see changes with how the country is run. Can you think of a positive change the government could make?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Our smartest lining up classes this week are ...

YEAR 2



YEAR 3



YOU'RE INVITED TO
FATHER'S DAY
& SPECIAL PERSON
BEST DAD
BREAKFAST

Monday, June 17th
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
BGL School Hall
Please book your place via School Spider

ONLINE SAFETY FOCUS: FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

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 cartoony 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 micro-transactions 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

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 GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, 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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JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Friday 14 June 6pm (bbq & bar)
Saturday 15 June from noon

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
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FREE ENTRY
Cash & Card accepted for 1st Hoghton stalls & bar

FREE PARKING
at Holy Trinity Church

Rear of Old Scool House
Hoghton, PR5 0SJ

1ST HOGHTON SCOUTS

SUMMER FESTIVAL

JUNE 15th @ 12pm **FREE ENTRY**

STALLS | MUSIC | DRINKS | FOOD | GAMES

The Fairy Facepainter • Tropic Skincare • Wax Melts
One Sip At A Time • The Crepe House • Genki Gear
Be.Nu Massage • Cali & Wolf • Baked by Hannah
EC Creative Canvas • Aboreal Designs • Nerf experience
Crafty Curlew • African Woodstock • Jarvois Creations
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Community Event

Come and help create a community garden at Hoghton Village Hall

Sat 8th June
9.30am

Meet on the village hall carpark. Bring gloves, gardening tools, wheel barrows etc