



Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Good to be green: Year 4

Attendance: Year 3

Punctuality: Year 6

This Week's

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Callum Jackson

Year 2 Muhammad Sultan

Year 3 Ilyas Yakine

Year 4 Azaan Hussain

Year 5 Mahak Sajar

Year 6 Hafsa Bibi



	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	6	3
Reception	16	40
Year 1	40	7
Year 2	27	6
Year 3	5	5
Year 4	14	1
Year 5	23	4
Year 6	23	0
	Attendance Stars Year 3	Punctuality Stars Year 6



Punctuality is really improving across school apart from Reception!!

Come on Reception let's make sure we are in school and learning at 8.45am!!

I do believe that something very magical can happen when you read a good book! J.K Rowling xx

During the Autumn term, we have been getting our school library up and running again after needing to use the space for other things in recent months and introducing some new things to push our reading on and get our children to develop their love of reading. Today, our new "Book vending machines" have been delivered. Children will be able to get a book from the vending machine if they complete one of our book challenges (details to follow) or do some fantastic work on their "Bug Club". We will be filling it up over the next few week with books chosen by the children in each class and organised by our school council !! We are very excited to get these up and running!!



Challenge 16

2022

The challenge this week is to make sure that you are starting the new way in the best way possible. Think of one thing you would like to do or change this year!!



What type of book would you choose? Make sure you tell your School Councillors!!!

If you are lucky enough to be given a token, you can use it to buy a book from our new book vending machines!! There are two machines; one in the library and one in the foyer near the offices.





News and Notices

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Covid-19 Update

The rules around Covid are constantly changing at the moment due to the quick transmission of the Omicron variant. You will have received lots of information from school either by text or email during the last week or so but I wanted to write the new rules very clearly .

- If your child has symptoms of Coronavirus then they must isolate and book a PCR test at a test centre.
- If they don't have symptoms and have taken an LFT test because they have been a contact of someone who has tested positive or because you have been asked to by school and it is positive then they must stay at home and isolate .
- If they don't have symptoms and have taken an LFT test because they have been a contact of someone who has tested positive or because you have been asked to by school and it is negative then continue with school and other activities as normal.
- If they have tested positive on any test then you need to let school know straight away and send the result (either email from PCR or a photo of the positive LFT test)
- If they have tested positive and take an LFT on day 6 and 7 and they are both negative then they can return to school once school has seen the two negative results.

Winter clothing and footwear

Please can you ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear and hat, scarf and gloves when coming to school during the winter months as it has become extremely cold and wet. Please ensure that all items have names in them. If during snowy times, your child has come to school in Wellies then please make sure that they have their school shoes with them to change into once they get into the building. Thank you

Marathon Kids

We will be starting our Marathon kids initiative this week and the children will be issued with a QR code that will be scanned by our sports council and their lap recorded. All children will be taking part in this PE session but only children who have returned their permission letter will get a QR code to be scanned. If you require another letter please ask at the office. Thank you

PE. Kits

Just a reminder that black pumps/trainers and jogging bottoms/leggings are needed for P.E. as per the school uniform policy. Thank you



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or 'toxic' behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision, however, this can be a great lesson in money management for young people.

TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours isn't healthy, of course, but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example), where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.

Meet Our Expert

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