

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Attendance: **Reception**

Punctuality: **Year 6**

Good to be Green: **Year 6**

Sports class of the week: **Year 4**

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Sia Dishad


Year 2 Callum Jackson

Year 3 Ameera Hussain

Year 4 Anaya Ahsan

Year 5 Areebah Ahmed

Year 6 Ghulam Butt

	Attendance (LA Expected 95%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	24	75%	8
Reception	12	96%	14
Year 1	23	92%	20
Year 2	21	93%	10
Year 3	21	91%	10
Year 4	13	96%	8
Year 5	13	96%	8
Year 6	18	94%	6
School total	143	92%	86
	Attendance Stars Reception		Punctuality Stars Year 6



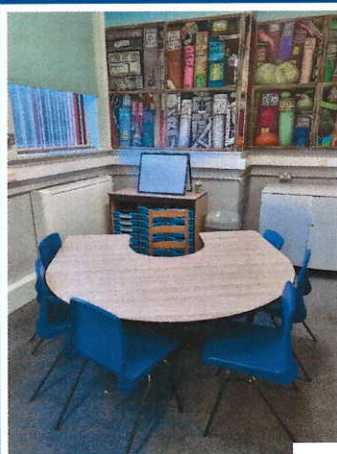
Colourful and inviting

Large open area

Welcome to our newly refurbished library!



Reference books



Work area



Books for all age groups

Book vending machine and reading challenges

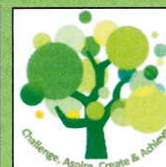
**READING
is
PLEASURE**



Comfortable seating areas

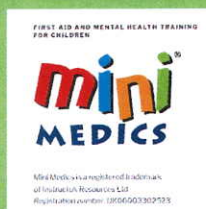
News and Notices

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School Shoes

The weather at the moment is extremely wet and it has come to our attention that a number of **children are wearing shoes that have holes in the bottom**. School shoes must be waterproof as the children will go out to play as long as they have a warm coat. Holes in shoes mean wet cold feet which is not healthy or conducive to learning.



Year 5/6 Mini Medics

Next Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in Mini Medics. This is a scheme that trains our young people to administer basic first aid and provides them with skills that they may need to save someone's life. Trainers will come into school and deliver 3 hours of training to each class. Once the children have completed the course they will receive a certificate. This is an exciting opportunity which will really benefit the children as they move through life.



Brimrod Fundraising Committee

As you will all know, school funding is extremely tight and the cost of gas and electricity along with that of paper and other resources is rising rapidly. Unfortunately there is no extra money from the Government to help with this and therefore we need to find money from elsewhere.

It is really important that we get our fundraising committee back up and running so that we can provide our children with the best resources, trips and opportunities. I am holding a meeting in the school library on Tuesday 17th January at 8.50am (once children have been dropped off). If you would like to be involved but cannot attend the meeting please let the school office know.

Your support is vital at this challenging time. Thank you



Parent Involvement Survey

Thank you to everyone who returned the online survey regarding parental involvement. The information collected will help us to organise events in the future and ensure that communication between yourselves and school is effective. Thank you again.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17th January—Year 5 and 6 Mini medics

Tuesday 17th January—8.50am Fundraising committee meeting (school library)

Thursday 26th January—UKS2 cross country at Holy Trinity (3.15pm—4.45pm)

Tuesday 31st January—Dream Big Games UKS2 (3.30pm—4.30pm)

Friday 4th February—Last Year 3 swimming lesson

Thursday 9th February—LKS2 cross country at Holy Trinity (3.15pm—4.45pm)

Thursday 16th February—Express Afternoon (2pm—3pm)

Friday 17th February—Break up



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation – but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite "end" because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a usable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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