



LITTLE WALTHAM
C.E.V.A. Primary School

WEEKLY NEWS

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence

Summer Term – Edition 15, 5TH May 2023

Good afternoon everyone.

What a terrific end of the week! It was great to see so many parents and our school community come together to celebrate the coronation with a community picnic. There were lots of smiles and much laughter throughout the afternoon. In the afternoon, our pupils continued their work on the coronation and found out more about what the coronation involves and information about King Charles III with different learning tasks linked.

Well done to the children who created their own royal crown or bunting this week. There has been lots of hard work and effort to create some great designs.

Thank you also to our wonderful PTA who spent Thursday afternoon preparing the school for this great event and thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising the event.

Next week our Year 6 pupils will take their SATs examinations. I would like to wish all of our pupils the very best for this week. It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved teaching some of our Year 6 pupils this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them all grow in confidence as the year has progressed. I know all of our Year 6 pupils should be extremely proud of the progress they have made this year and the effort and determination they have shown.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Mr S Saunders

Headteacher



The Coronation

School Competition – KS1 Crown Designs





First Prize

Naomi

Year 2



Second Prize - Luca

Reception



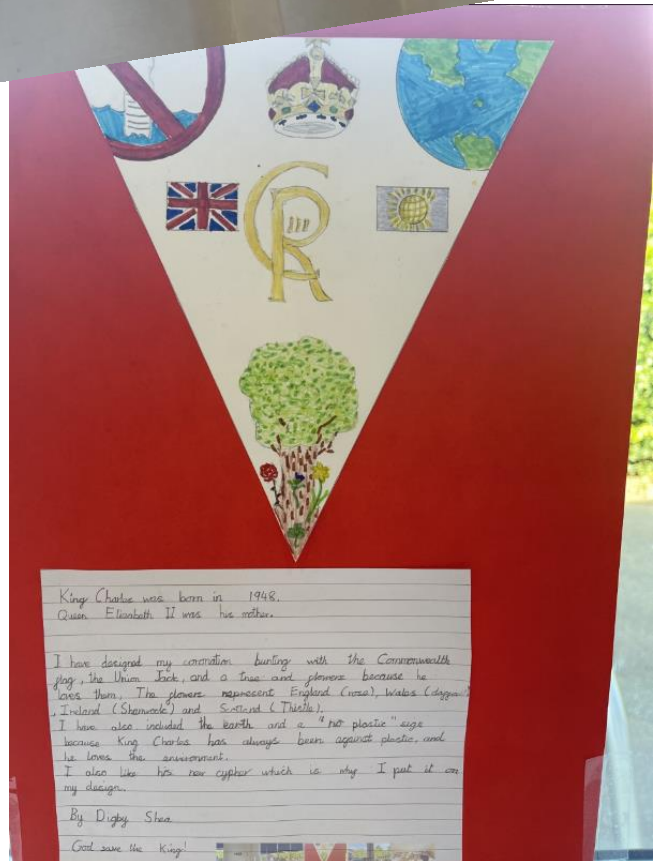
Joint Third Prize-

Jayden- Year 1

JJ - Year 1

The Coronation

School Competition – KS2 Bunting Designs





First Prize - Effie



Second Prize - Freddie T



Third Prize- Reuben



This week's value is endurance.



Dear God,

Thank you for always being with us no matter what, through the good times and the times when we feel everything is going wrong. Help us to keep our eyes on you knowing that you are there to keep us going.

Amen

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, Colossians 1:11

This Week's Big Question

Is it always important to seek the truth?

Chestnut

Yes, you should tell the truth if you push someone – Freddie T
Yes, you should tell the truth and always apologise – Angelica
Yes, so that you don't get told off! - Reggie

Maple

Yes, truth is always the best – don't lie. - Ivy
No, it might hurt someone's feelings. - William H
Yes, because the truth is always good – it's worth it. - Sidney
Tell the truth or it could change your life. - Sosa
Yes in case something is bad. - Isla

Sycamore B

Not always, sometimes the truth is bad and sometimes is it good – Libby
No because sometimes it might upset people – Vihaan
Yes because if you don't see the truth you might be living in a lie.
Yes and no. The truth is important but sometimes it can upset you – Freddie

Sycamore W

No, because sometimes the truth can be painful and it's always better to think about what you are trying to seek or gain from the truth – Lolly
Sometimes, because the truth can hurt people but if you don't seek out the truth you will never learn – Josh



	Value Endurance	Super Skill Keep on Going	Catch me being good	Focus award Writing	Other
Ash	Harry – for trying really hard and taking his time to work carefully in maths this week.	Hugo – for spending a long time making and decorating a crown.	Jairon for super counting! To all of Ash class for trying so hard to join in with the singing in worship.	Lilly for taking her time and working carefully on her writing about King Charles III.	
Chestnut	Florence for always working hard and persevering with every task.	Henry for always keeping on going with your work and never giving up.	Jake for some very kind and thoughtful comments to adults and children in class.	Michael for including some great questions in your writing.	Emelia for excellent presentation in all your work. Well done!
Elm	Alex for working hard to improve his handwriting	Elsie for not giving up when completing phonics work	Luke for being a great helper in PE this week despite not feeling well	Cole for having a good understanding of what imperative verbs are in instructional writing	
Maple	Samuel for working hard to finish all of his tasks this week.	Varish for always completing his mathematics work and asking for challenges.	Ted for following instructions carefully in lessons.	Sosa for some fabulous writing about the Titanic.	Digby for some beautifully presented math's work.
Oak	Samuel for never giving – you always look for a solution to any problem you face.	Hugo for just never giving up and always looking for the next challenge.	Olivia for an all-round brilliant attitude towards all of your learning, your kindness and your willingness to offer help.	Henry C for trying hard to use all of the required features in your explanation text.	Amelia for trying hard with all of your presentation recently.
Sycamore B	Harrison for showing endurance when working in mathematics.	Sonny for a great effort when completing his writing and keeping on going.		Reuben for trying hard to include all the aspects of the success criteria in his writing.	Libby for trying hard with the presentation if all her work.
Sycamore W	Charlotte for showing endurance and a great attitude in writing this week	Lily for always trying her best, working hard and keeping on going	Ethan- Willow for being a wonderful role model in School Council meeting last week.	Alice for working hard to use exciting vocabulary in her writing this week	Kelsey for always maintaining neat presentation in all books

Top Attendance – Sycamore B 97.6%

Well done Sycamore B who were our top attenders this week.



Dates for the diary

Non-Pupil Days

Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Monday 3rd June 2024

Tuesday 9 th May	Road Safety Awareness Reception & Yr5
Monday 15 th May	Ash Trip – Boydells Farm
Wednesday 17 th May	PTA School disco - tbc
Friday 19 th May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - choir
Friday 26 th May	Half Term
Tuesday 6 th June	Return from Half Term
Wed 7 th – Fri 9 th June	Yr6 Residential
Monday 12 th June	Yr6 Leavers Service
Tuesday 27 th June	Yr6 Chelmer Transition Day
Thursday 29 th June	2 Johns internet Safety
Friday 7 th July	Yr6 Beaulieu Park School Transition Day

House Points

Leighs 1315

Easter 1136

Rodings 987

Chignals 899

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

CHAPTER
4

AGE RESTRICTION
**PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site *G4REcon* and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including *IGN* and *TechRadar*.



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