

Newsletter



18th October 2019

I attended an interesting conference last week which focussed on the new Ofsted Framework. At last, a framework which recognises the importance and value of a broad and balanced curriculum with a focus on learning rather than just test results.

Although we are proud to offer such a rich curriculum, we are on a journey of improvement to ensure all aspects of learning build necessary skills, knowledge and a love of learning. Mrs Moorhouse is our new leader for Curriculum Design and Innovation and her remit is to build on current strengths. We are currently reviewing the coverage of skills and progression of every subject and the ways we 'hook' the children into their learning.

The successful launch of our new Claygate Charter compliments this drive and provides high quality and varied opportunities to develop our children's physical and mental well-being. We also offer a vast array of extra-curricular opportunities whilst our site facilitates high quality learning beyond the classroom; very few schools are blessed with a 25m swimming pool!

There's good news on that front too...we have secured £290K to date to build a bespoke facility around the pool which will ultimately be self-sustainable and may even generate money for the school.

The Vegas themed Charity Ball was a huge success and I believe the next one is already being considered! Thank you to the Ball Team: Amanda, Surbjit, Kat, Liz, Sonia, Sarah, Greg and Jeremy; what an amazing team! Thank you also to everyone who participated...this money will certainly help with realising our vision of bespoke housing for our pool. Do look at the leaflets and posters in the link windows and spread the word! Hopefully you will have received flyers; please help us to push to help the CPSPA raise another £50K so we can be sure to start this summer!

'Harvest time is here again!' and 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' were some of the songs that filled the air in our Harvest assembly; the Junior Choir performed at both services beautifully. Well done everyone! Thank you also for the much needed donations which were collected for the Elmbridge Food Bank.

Although there are so many successes to celebrate, we also recognise our areas for improvement and key priorities across the core subjects. This year, we are working with a Local Authority Reading Consultant to reflect on the three main aspects of reading ie reading for pleasure, reading for practice and fluency and reading for meaning and how we encourage and teach this. We are also continuing to improve writing and we are delighted with the quality of writing produced already this term.

Equally, thank you to our Leads for Mathematics and all those who attended maths workshops this term (and last year); maths mastery and our work with Surrey Maths Hub continues! This year staff have had focussed training on how to deliver maths mastery skills in Place Value across the school with our Maths LA consultant. We will now apply this to other aspects of maths learning.

Meanwhile it is great that opportunities are also abundant for our parents.

Claygate certainly is a great place to be!

Working Party Volunteers – Final Call!

If anyone is able to help with our working party tomorrow (19th October) please do let Mark Aulds know via email at mark.aulds.gov@claygate.surrey.sch.uk. The more the merrier!

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Beaver of the Year Award!

Last Sunday, Emily of Lime class and Casey of Rowan class were awarded a trophy for the best Beaver of the year award.

Well done to you both!

Fantastic Teamwork!

On Sunday 13th October, Amelie, Aoife, Avy, Eva, Lexi and Rebecca from Hawthorn Class set up a stall in Claygate selling lemonade, smoothies, milkshakes, hot chocolate and cakes to raise money for The Dylan Howells Foundation. The girls planned the event and made all of the delicious produce themselves. They designed posters and produced flyers which they posted around the local neighbourhood to promote their event. This fantastic example of teamwork and creativity resulted in the girls raising an amazing £137 in total!



Well done to all involved!

School Photographs

Just a reminder that the children are having their individual school photos taken on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please make sure they have a jumper or cardigan to wear. Thank you!



Yahya (Rowan) has achieved his Green Belt with England Karate Kan Association.

Iyla (Sycamore) has achieved her Orange Belt.

Well done to both of you!

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Year 5 Football Tournament

On Friday, 11th October Nine Year 5 boys attended a football tournament at Box Hill School. Here is a match report by William and Moe.

"On Friday a football match took place at Boxhill School. Claygate against Esher Church School. Claygate took the win, the score being 11-5. Jamie scoring 5 cracking goals, Moe 2, Harry 1, Sidney 1, Jack 1 and William 1. After the match all the players were congratulated with medals, badges and food."



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.

Fortnite: Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 13+

What parents need to know about FORTNITE CHAPTER 2

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 a Fortnite game in action, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 30 minutes (assuming you're left to the end and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 live 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 map. It's important to remember that these updates are free and don't require additional money to play, though battle pass 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 (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 being, as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are quite mild. Characters don't draw blood when they are killed, and instead 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 emotes 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 ensure your card isn't compromised and ensure you're not buying too much. It's important to set a limit on any purchases and ensure they are absolutely not necessary to play the game and a suggestion would be buying the season pass at around £10 - 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 games in a game. It's difficult to predict what this may lead to, but it's important to be aware of it. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created (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.

LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 30 minutes, so for flexible when it's time to put it away. The amount of time your young one spends on the game will vary, but it's important to set a limit on any purchases and ensure they are absolutely not necessary to play the game and a suggestion would be buying the season pass at around £10 - this is the normal retail price of a game.

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or other issues, it's a good idea to talk to other parents. They may have some advice or suggestions that you can use to help your child. It's also a good idea to talk to other parents about what they're playing with. It can also help you understand the game better and what your child is doing. It's also a good idea to talk to other parents about what they're playing with. It can also help you understand the game better and what your child is doing.

CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked but just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages teamwork, quick and accurate shooting, and strategic thinking. It's also a good way to learn about teamwork and communication. While taking breaks to do other things, it's also a good way to learn about teamwork and communication. While taking breaks to do other things, it's also a good way to learn about teamwork and communication.

PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself. It's a good way to see what your child is doing and to help them understand the game better. It's also a good way to see what your child is doing and to help them understand the game better. It's also a good way to see what your child is doing and to help them understand the game better.

Meet our expert
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With the new Fornite game landing this week here's some information about it from the National Online Safety website.

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2021.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk).

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **All community and voluntary controlled schools** - priority for children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years and/or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
2. **Worplesdon Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 57
3. **Schools to be included in the assessment of nearest school** – in line with Surrey's policy, the **removal** of eight schools from the list of schools that will be **excluded** when assessing each child's nearest school (St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Guildford; St Anne's Catholic Primary School – Reigate & Banstead; St Francis Catholic Primary School – Tandridge; St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School – Waverley; St Edmund's Catholic Primary School – Waverley; St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School – Waverley; Charters School – Windsor & Maidenhead; The Wavell School - Hampshire) and which will therefore be included in the nearest school assessment

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Friday 11 October 2019 to Friday 22 November 2019. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 28 January 2020. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 4 February 2020. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

ChatterboxFrench

ChatterboxFrench club are offering a **free trial session** on Monday, 21st October for their new after school French club. The club is open to years 3-6 and will run after school on Mondays. For more information pick up a letter outside the office or email them at chatterboxfrench@outlook.com.