



Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 6 – 17 October 2019

Year 5 Class Assembly & Space Projects

Year 5 have been working really hard this term developing their knowledge and skills about Space. This week they held a class assembly for their families, which included poems, videos, art and sharing a variety lots of facts the children have researched. They also shared their projects completed at home with their families. Thank you to all who helped the children with making their models and attending our assembly.

Thank You to Eva Bailey's parents for coming to school today to talk to children in assembly about their life as a paramedic. The children found this very interesting and asked lots of questions. If you would like to share your working experiences with the children please let us know.

STAR OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Ellie A

YEAR 1: Archie S YEAR 2: Daniel K

YEAR 3: Dylan S YEAR 4: Rowan S

YEAR 5: Callum C YEAR 6: Skye G



BEST PRESENTATION & HANDWRITING

RECEPTION: Rebecca H

YEAR 1: Henry E

YEAR 2: Logan D

YEAR 3: James G

YEAR 4: Eva B

YEAR 5: The whole class

YEAR 6: Lucy S



After School



from 21 Oct

Monday	Ceilidh Band	Y2 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Newcastle Football Foundation	Y4 – Y6
Wednesday		
Thursday	Tennis/Badminton – Grant	R – Y6
Friday	Basketball	Y2 – Y6

CAREERS ... would you be interested in chatting to our pupils about your job? We would like parents and friends of Shilbottle Primary to think about this – could you inspire a child to want to do your job? Could you tell them what you had to do to get your job?

Please let Mr Parnaby know ☺

School Games Qualifier:

Year 6 Girls Football
@ DCHS, Alnwick



On Thursday afternoon seven intrepid football players from Year 6 caught the service bus to Alnwick to play in the school games qualifier for the Alnwick Partnership. They played 6 matches, gaining in confidence with every match. They came joint second before heading back to Shilbottle.

HEAD TEACHER AWARD



EYFS & KS1: Serenna J
KS2: Lily K



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Yr 4 with 97%

Whole School so far this year 95%
(our target is 96%)

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GOAL



Match Report U11 Football v Swarland

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

This week saw our U11 boys friendly football team compete in a match. It was the first school game for many players and everyone enjoyed the match.

All of our boys stepped up, enjoying their first experience of school team football with excellent teamwork, support and play from all, with a special thank you to Joseph for playing for the opposition. The final score was 3 - 2 to Shilbottle but it was an end to end match from start to finish ☺



Premium Pet Products, Personal Service

**'THANK YOU' FOR THEIR KIND DONATIONS
TOWARDS THE CHILDREN'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY!**

**CAN WE PLEASE REMIND PARENTS NOT
TO DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE
8.30AM AS THE CHILDREN ARE NOT
SUPERVISED BY A STAFF MEMBER
BEFORE THIS TIME.**

**ALDI STICKERS – WE ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE
SECOND CHART AND WOULD BE
MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD
STILL KEEP COLLECTING THEM
FOR US
THANK YOU!**



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COFFEE
AFTERNOON, £104.48 WAS RAISED**

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Match Report U11 Football v Swarland

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

This week saw our U11 girls football team compete at home against Swarland Primary in the Friendly School League. It was another great performance by the U11 Girls Football team and a big improvement from their previous game, but with things to work on for the next game. All of our girls stepped up, enjoyed representing school team football with excellent teamwork, support and play from all with several saves by Lucy. Although they drew 1 – 1 they remained competitive to the end and were unlucky to not score more goals.

Person of the match: Evelyn Pringle

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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.



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 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 microtransactions 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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Dates at a glance [so far...]

Mon 21 Oct	Parent Appointments	Whole School	3:00 – 5:30
Tues 22 Oct	Parent Appointments	Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6	3:00 – 5:30
Thurs 24 Oct	School Games Rugby @ Alnwick RFC	U11 teams	12:30 – 3:00
Thurs 24 Oct	Basketball Festival @ DCHS	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
Fri 25 Oct	End of ½ term	Whole School	3:15
26 Oct – 3 Nov	OCTOBER ½ TERM		
Mon 4 Nov	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Tues 5 Nov	School STARTS	WHOLE SCHOOL	8:40
Thurs 7 Nov	KS2 SATS Presentation – Parents	Year 6	5:00 – 5:30
Fri 8 Nov	INTO FILM – Horrible Histories @ Vue	Year 4 – Year 6	morning
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday		
11 – 15 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole School	All week
Wed 13 Nov	INTO FILM – Lego Movie 2 @ Vue	Reception – Year 3	morning
25 – 28 Nov	Book Fair	Whole School	3:00 – 3:30
21 Dec – 5 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ☺		
Fri 14 Feb	STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED		
15 Feb – 23 Feb	FEBRUARY ½ TERM		
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day	Whole School	All day
Fri 13 Mar	Sports Relief	Whole School	All day
	EASTER HOLIDAY ☺		

Friendly Frogs Pre School Nursery

Do you have a child or know someone who does [aged 1 – 4 years] who is ready for Pre-School Nursery? A small number of spaces are available so ... call in and have a look!



Children younger than 1?

Have you put their name on the Friendly Frogs waiting list to secure their place?

Friendly Frogs Holiday Club

Please email us at info@friendlyfrogs.co.uk to book your spaces ☺ there is limited availability.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

28 October – 1 November 2019

Hours/Prices

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **£18.00**

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **£10.00**

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **£10.00**

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What's on in the wider community...

Alnmouth Golf Club	Alnmouth Golf Club - juniors
Alnmouth Juniors FC	Thursday night training
Alnwick Academy of Dance	Alnwick Academy of Dance
Alnwick Bears RLFC	www.alnwickbears.co.uk
Alnwick Highland Dancers	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00, Lindisfarne Middle School Hall Reception upwards
Alnwick Junior Harriers	Tuesday & Thursday 6 – 7 pm @ Lindisfarne Sports Centre contact Alison Hutchings on: ah.juniorharriers@gmail.com
Alnwick Town Juniors FC	http://www.alnwicktownjuniors.co.uk/
Amble Junior Netball	Thursday evenings [6:30 – 7:30pm] for Y3 upwards at James Calvert Spence College [JCSC] Amble. Y2 are welcome but parents need to stay. £1.50 per week.
Alnwick Mini & Juniors Rugby [Year 1 upwards]	Every Sunday 10:30 – 12 noon ☺ Year 1 – Year 3 = tag rugby; Year 4 upwards = contact rugby.
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesday evenings, Felton or Alnwick info@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Coquet Shorebase	https://www.coquetshorebase.org.uk/ windsurfing, kayaking, sailing and more
Cricket	Juniors [Y3 – Y8] Alnmouth, Alnwick, Warkworth Cricket Clubs
FC Amble Juniors	FC Amble Juniors
Felton Juniors FC	Felton juniors
Judo Alnwick	Alnwick Judo https://www.getintomartialarts.com Monday, 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Karate	Monday and Friday evenings @ Willowburn
Longhoughton Rangers FC	Longhoughton Rangers Football Club
Morpeth Junior Hockey	Morpeth Juniors Hockey Club Sunday 9:30 – 11:00
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Register your interest at https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/ Monday evenings during term time at Warkworth Primary School.