Year 6 SATs
Congratulations to all our year 6 children who took part in their SATs tests this week. We are very proud of you all. The children tackled the tests with great maturity and confidence and were all able to say that they did their very best. This is all that we ask of them. We will now have to wait until the test results are sent back to us in July. They will be ready for all children and parents for the end of year reports given out at Parents’ meetings on 9th July.

Year 2 SATS
Year 2 children start their SATs tests next week and they will be supported by their Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant alongside members of the Leadership Group. They have been practising tests for the last week to get them used to what they look like and so that they know what they have to do. SATs week for year 2 children is a supportive week and we try as far as possible to keep it balanced and calm for the children so that they do not worry. Please support us by getting the children as prepared as possible by eating well, getting to bed on time so that they have plenty of sleep and making sure that they arrive in school on time ready to learn. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the SATs please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s class teacher or Mr Haydon the Assistant Headteacher for the Middle Phase.

Fasting
May I respectfully remind all parents that it is only Year 6 pupils who are offered the opportunity to take part in fasting during Ramadan. Parents of children who do wish to fast must complete a form each week indicating which days their child intends to fast. This is so that we can supervise the pupils effectively during the lunchtime period and provide the correct amount of food.

Thank you for your support.

Umbrellas
There are an increasing number of children who are walking to school with umbrellas when the weather is wet. Parents please be advised that the children will not be able to take these out onto the playground as they could be a danger to others.

Thank you

Friday Closures
Following the consultation about school closing on Friday afternoons an agreement was reached by all four schools within our Trust. A letter has been sent out to all parents informing them of these changes.

If you would like to make an application for your child to be looked after in school each Friday afternoon, please complete the form and return to the main school office.

You will need to ensure that you match the criteria included on the proforma and attach proof. If you have any queries please speak with a member of the office staff who will be happy to help you. **Forms must be returned by Friday 24th May.**
**Attendance**

We expect all our children to have a minimum attendance of 96% or more. Congratulations to these classes who had the best attendance last week:

- REC: RRJ 95.7%
- Y1: 1MK 98.3%
- Y2: 2TA 99.7%
- Y3: 99.3%
- Y4: 4AN 99.0%
- Y5: 5DG 99.7%
- Y6: 6SB/6NB 100% FANTASTIC

Total attendance for the whole school for last week was: 96.4%

**Word of the week:** invigilate

**Definition:** When teachers invigilate an exam, they supervise it and check everything is correct.

E.g. The teachers invigilated the year 6 SATs tests this week to ensure they went smoothly.

Please talk to your child about this word at home, and see if they can use it in a sentence too!

**Milk**

Milk is now available to purchase on ParentMail for NEXT term at a cost of £7.50 per child.

If you have a child aged 5+ that would like to have milk next term please complete the purchase online before 5pm on Wednesday 22nd May.

If you need help with anything on ParentMail please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help you.

**Y2 London Trip**

Please remember that the deadline to pay for the Y2 London trip is Tuesday 4th June on ParentMail.

It is important for parents to note that pupils who do not go on the trip are still required by law to attend school on that day.

**Dates for your diary**

**EVENTS:**

- **Monday**
  - 3.15-5.30pm - GGML

- **Tuesday**
  - 8.50am-9.30am Parent drop in session with Miss Foley and Miss Fryer. Please come in and talk about any concerns you may have.

- **Wednesday**
  - 9.00-11.00am Talking Together English Course is in the lower phase staff room

- **Thursday**
  - 9-10am - Y5 Performance 1
  - 2-3pm - Y5 Performance 2

- **Friday**
  - 9.00-11.00am Parent drop in with Mrs Herring. Please come in and talk about any concerns you may have.

**3.15pm - School closes for the last day of term on Friday 24th May at the usual time of 3.15pm.**

**School opens for the new term on Monday 3rd June at the usual time of 8.55am.**

May we wish you a very happy half term holiday!
Fortnite - Battle Royale is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.

What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

Microtransactions

Newly released games can be purchased daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These can come in 'loot boxes', 'gift boxes' and 'random packs', each one containing a unique item to the player's character. These items can have a variety of different themes such as weapons, clothing and accessories. The items in loot boxes are often of low value and may not be of interest to the player. However, they may be of interest to the player if they are looking for a specific item.

Hackers

News site Forbes stated that it had seen 'dozens' of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the last two weeks. The accounts were used to buy items in the game.

Talking to Strangers During Squad Mode

Interactions with other players in the game are part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their position. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for players to hear sounds clearly and children may be exposed to inappropriate language.

Talking to Strangers During Squad Mode

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money known as 'vbucks' for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN accounts. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before sharing any personal information in order to avoid claims of 'vbucks'. Websites or accounts may ask you to enter your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

Age Restrictions

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say 'more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap', making the game suitable for children aged 12 and over.

Top Tips for Parents

Limit Game Time

Parents can set parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though games last around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game without it. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

Look Out for VBUCK Scams

It is important that your child is aware of the game, that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

Restrict Payment Methods

Fortnite: Battle Royale is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. Be happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest selling a PS4 or Xbox console or gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

Use a Strong Password

It may seem like a no-brainer, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.

Show Them How to Make a Report

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. You can report a player in-game when spectating them.