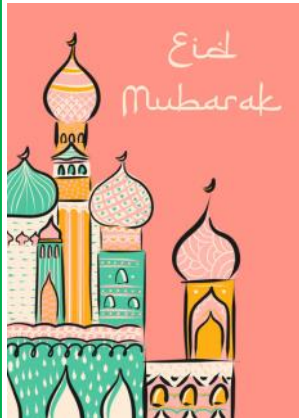




# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 21st April



Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim families celebrating Eid this weekend. We hope you all have a wonderful time.

Children in years 1-6 will take part in Eid festivities in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and children in early years will celebrate on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We would like the children to come into school in party clothes on the appropriate day. Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. It will be nice to celebrate together as a school community.

Thank you.

## Beech Hill Values

This year at Beech Hill, we will be focusing on 8 core values.

These values are something that we feel our pupils need to learn and demonstrate throughout all aspects of life.

Each half term, we will have a focus value and we will be rewarding children for demonstrating excellence in each value. We encourage you to help your children to demonstrate these values at home and in the wider community. We also welcome you to let us know different ways that your children have demonstrated the different values.

Please see below for each half term's focus value.

Autumn 1 - **Honesty**

Autumn 2 - **Tolerance and Respect**

Spring 1 - **Determination and Perseverance**

Spring 2 - **Appreciation**

Summer 1- **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**



This half term's value is: **Friendship**



Every now and again, we feel it is important to remind all of our children and their parents that we are a nut free school.

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies so it is extremely important that we keep the environment safe and nut free.

Please be conscious when sending food into school with your child that it does not contain nuts.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## Going for Silver



We would like to inform you of our journey towards achieving the silver accreditation of the UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA).

Over the past couple of years, we have been working hard to ensure the values and core principles of the UN Convention of the Rights of the child are fully embedded into the whole school's practice, and shared with the wider school community.

As a Rights Respecting School, we not only teach about rights, but also model them. The fundamental ethos of our school reflects our passion to promote children's rights to empower them to become global citizens. We effectively address the values and principles of the 'United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child' (UNCRC) through assemblies, collective worship, classroom activities and any curriculum areas where links can be made. As global citizens, our children learn about the Rights of children in less economically developed countries and have the opportunity to raise the awareness of such issues through fundraising and campaigning projects throughout the year such as raising money for the Islamic Relief charity and for children's mental health and wellbeing.

At Beech Hill, all adults and pupils have been made aware of their roles as Duty Bearers and Right Holders. The UNCRC applies to all children and they are Right Holders. Adults such as parents, teachers and the local government are Duty Bearers who help children. All pupils are taught they can both enjoy their rights and respect the right of others.

### What are our Rights?

Each right in the United Nations Convention (UNCRN) is called an article. There are 54 articles. We are learning about these articles at Beech Hill in assemblies and during daily reflection in classes. All rights are:

- Universal - for ALL children
- Inherent - there from birth
- Inalienable - cannot be taken away
- Unconditional - do not have to be earned
- Indivisible - equally important

The children know these by the acronym ABCDE of Rights.

<b>A</b> Rights are for ALL children. <b>UNIVERSAL</b>	<b>B</b> Rights are there at BIRTH. <b>INHERENT</b>	<b>C</b> Rights CANNOT be taken away. <b>INALIENABLE</b>	<b>D</b> Rights DO NOT have to be earned. <b>UNCONDITIONAL</b>	<b>E</b> All rights are EQUALLY important. <b>INDIVISIBLE</b>
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### Right of the Week

Keep your eyes peeled in the weekly newsletter and speak with your child about the Right of the Week. This will help to support your child in class when we discuss the right as part of our daily reflection.

## TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy



Year 2 - Noor Fatima (Canada)

Year 3 - Samara Tariq (Jordan)

Year 4 - Phoebe Greenwood (South Africa)

Year 5 - Alexander Greenwood (Denmark)

**Class with the Fastest Average Speed**  
Tanzania (0.85 seconds per question)

### House Points

These children have all been awarded a **bronze** certificate for receiving **50** House Points.

Mohammad Faizaan  
Inayah Hussain

Andrea Kolacaiova  
Zarah Hussain

These children have all been awarded a **silver** certificate for receiving **100** House Points.

Jayden Shilu  
Sohan Kodidasu

Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!

### Upcycling

Thank you to Myers Building Suppliers who have donated spare pallets and tyres to school.

These have been upcycled by Mr Bowling into a bug hotel, a pallet car, a mud kitchen, an outdoor blackboard and some tyre planters in the nursery unit.

The children have already started to enjoy exploring and playing with these new provisions.

Thank you Mr Bowling for doing such an excellent job!



### **Information: the government's new emergency alerts system**

The government's new emergency alerts system is live and will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. The system will be tested nationally on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm.

An emergency alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone or tablet screen.

To check an alert is genuine, visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).



## Open Minds Parent Workshop - Difficult Behaviours

This is a reminder about our next parent workshop.

The workshop will be run by Open Minds and our next workshop, Difficult Behaviours, is on **Thursday 4th May @ 2pm**. You can book your place via Parent Pay, under the 'trips' section and it is free to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

This workshop covers different difficult behaviours a child may display. It will also look at why a child may display these behaviours and how we can understand the needs of the child more clearly. We will also look at resources and strategies for you as a parent and how you can support your child when displaying these behaviours.

**This workshop is suitable for parents/carers of primary-aged children (5-11 years) and is for everybody, not just those who feel their child may need support.**

Learning objectives:

- To understand what difficult behaviours are.
- To understand why a child may be displaying difficult behaviours.
- To learn practical ways to support your child when they are displaying difficult behaviours.
- To be made aware of resources and services that can be accessed for further support.



**Helping  
parents  
return  
to work**

Thinking about  
returning to work  
and have questions?

**Call in for  
a chat on**

**Weds 26th April (9.30am – 2.30pm)  
Bull Green House, Halifax HX1 2EB.**

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**Quote of  
the week**  
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“A friend is one of the best things you can be and one of the greatest things you can have.”

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Role Models

FREE PARENT WEBINAR

**REGISTER TODAY**

# 'Supporting children to develop positive friendships'

with Louise Treherne & Frances Waller



**TUESDAY 9TH MAY**

**7.30PM**

"Really, really fantastic talk. I was tired and stuck it on in the background but then found it fascinating. Everything resonated!"

Webinar Attendee, February 2023

## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 24th April

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 4, 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 Or Battered Fish 2, 5	Full English Breakfast  Sausage 5 Or Quorn Sausage 5	Roast Chicken Dinner  Gravy	Pizza 5, 8, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Loaded Potato Skins 10	Omelette 10, 12  Hash Brown 5, 8, 10, 12	Samosas 5  Homemade Savoury Rice	Vege Burger 5
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Beans Tomatoes	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Potato Cubes 5 Beans
Served daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Chicken Tikka, Bolognese, Chilli, Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	Eid theme Cupcakes and Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 8, 10	Pancakes 5, 10, 12 Syrup	Ginger Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 8, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
		Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Meringue with Fruit and Cream 4, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

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 of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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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.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### 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

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