



# News and Information

Date: 24th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been incredibly busy as always. It was fantastic to see so many parents and Carers attending the Sports Day Morning and supporting their children in their races. A huge thank you also, to all the staff who spent a lot of time organising the events and then reorganising them to adapt for the weather. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was just so nice to return to some of the events that we have not been able to do over the past couple of years.

Another hugely successful event that has just taken place is the Summer Fair. The FOBS Core Team have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to put the fair together. The sun was shining down on us and the event was incredibly well attended. A massive thank you to the FOBS team for all their hard work on the lead up and on the day of the Fair. A big thank you as well to everyone who gave up an hour or two to support a stall at the Fair. It was a hugely successful day and without any kind of match funding we raised a total of £4335.85!!! Incredible! I think this is a record amount. Congratulations to all!

Our Year 1 children have been working incredibly hard and have all taken their Phonics Screening Checks over the last few weeks. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them!

Children in Year 4 have also been working hard and had their Multiplication Check over the last couple of weeks. You all put 100% effort in and we couldn't have asked for any more! Well done!

As you can see from the diary dates, there is still lots to come over the next few weeks. In the meantime, I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Ms Martin—Headteacher

## Key Dates coming up:

### June

Wednesday 29th—Race for Life Event

### July

Friday 1st - School Reports will be sent out via ParentMail.

Saturday 2nd— WhizzFizzFest—Parade through Aylesbury—Year 2

Tuesday 5th—Transition Afternoon to new classes

Wednesday 6th—Transition All day to new classes.

Thursday 7th—Year 6 visiting Doncaster Church for Reflective experience.

Monday 11th—Guinea Pig Talks for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thursday 14th—FOBS—Disco.

Monday 18th—Year 6 Leavers Party

Wednesday 20th—Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents.

Wednesday 20th—School closes at 1pm for the summer holidays.

### Reminder

Please can we remind all parents to park with consideration to others and to our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways or on corners of the road.

Thank you to those that 'Park and Stride' or walk to school. It really helps.

### Reminder

Please can we remind all our parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Please can we ask that any dogs remain outside the school gates.

Thank you



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# Online Safety

In this guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, inappropriate content and possible exploitation.

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 issues 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 ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

#### TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

#### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

#### PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

#### GET EXPERT HELP

If your child does start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract; a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

#### UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the game is unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

#### BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

### Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTEC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.



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# Let's Celebrate!



## Summer Term Achievements in Maths

	Top Classes (% of pupils playing)	Highest Number of Coins	Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed	Fastest Current Studio Speed	Most Improved (Accuracy)
<b>Key Stage 1</b>	1st: Cherry 2nd: Cedar	1st: Mahi B 2nd: Pranshu D 3rd: Marcel K	1st: Ella-Marie E 2nd: Khayrah M 3rd: Mahi B	1st: Vidyut C 2nd: Pranshu D 3rd: Mahi B	1st: Georgia A 2nd: Marcel K 3rd: Zaydaan U
<b>Key Stage 2</b>	1st: Pine 2nd: Spruce 3rd: Sycamore	1st: Finch G 2nd: Riley O'H 3rd: Joseph S O	1st: Finch G 2nd: Harper S 3rd: Layla W	1st: Micah F 2nd: Zachary E 3rd: Tommy S	1st: Effie D 2nd: Leela N 3rd: Lilly S
<b>Current Rock Heroes:</b> Sebastian B, Stanley B, Amelia B, Vidyut C, Zachary E, David F, Kavinuyan K Maxwell Sa, , Micah F, Toby H, Sumaiyah K and Tommy S					



Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Top Classes	Highest Number of Coins	Top Classes	Highest Number of Coins
1st: Ash 2nd: Beech 3rd: Cherry	1st: Arya B 2nd: Angel L 3rd: Vidyut C	1st: Pine 2nd: Holly 3rd: Hazel	1st: Aryana D 2nd: Kavinuyan K 3rd: Musa K



**I have liked subitising  
this year.**

George, Alder Class

**I like learning new  
things in maths.**

Neveah, Beech Class

**I liked it when my  
teacher has challenged  
me.**

Clara, Cedar Class

# Maths in Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Bierton

Our Maths Ambassadors, Amelia and Kruthi, asked the children what they have enjoyed about maths this year. Here are some of their responses:

**I like counting. I can  
count to 200.**

Darcey, Ash Class

**We have enjoyed: using the  
rekenrek, learning about  
numbers over 100, using  
numberlines and adding and  
subtracting.**

Children in Birch Class

**I have liked  
using Numicon to  
count and I  
know some of my  
doubles.**

Eden-Bly,  
Nursery

**I have enjoyed learning  
new things in Year 2.**

Pranshu, Cherry Class

**I have enjoyed learning about and I like challenges.**

Jack, Hazel Class

**I have enjoyed achieving things in maths.**

Stephen, Holly Class

**I have enjoyed getting better when using the four operations.**

Inayah, Pine Class

# Maths in Key Stage 2 at Bierton

Our Maths Ambassadors, Amelia and Kruthi, asked the children what they have enjoyed about maths this year. Here are some of their responses:

**I have enjoyed solving word problems.**

Karenza, Spruce Class

**We have enjoyed learning about: fractions, decimals and percentages; measuring angles and translating shapes.**

Children in Sycamore Class

**We have enjoyed: fractions, algebra and problem solving.**

Children in Walnut Class

# Literacy at Bierton

We have been very fortunate to receive lots of new books. Our local usborne book representative has completed a community book pledge on our behalf. She contacted lots of local business to invite them to make a donation. She raised an impressive £1072 that we have used to buy a range of new books for our school. Thank you to all of the business that made a donation please see on the attached pages to see who they where and a little about their business.

**Books for class story time**



**Books to support mental health**



**Books for our topics**

# Sport at Bierton

## Sports week

In the week commencing 30th May we had our school sports focus week.

During the week we had a huge focus on sports and physical activity.

Each day the children had a PE lesson which focused on a different sport, many of which we would not usually do at school.

We had lots of visitors including a visit from Dan the Skipping Man.



## School Games Mark

We are very excited to announce that we have just been awarded the School Games Mark—Gold Award.

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

## Come and Try It Festival

As part of our sports week we had a Come and Try it festival on Friday 3rd May. As part of this festival we had visitors from many Aylesbury sports clubs to come and show us a range of different sports. We have visitors from Aylesbury Tennis Club, Aylesbury Hockey Club, Aylesbury Vale Dynamos Football Club, Musical Theatre as well as some coaches from Reflections Gym.

This is one of our favourite days of the year at Bierton.



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## Year 2 Multi Skills Event

On Thursday 26th May all the children in year 2 visited Aylesbury High School and took part in a multi skills event.

The children took part in a wide range of games which enabled them to develop their physical skills and abilities.



## Representing Bierton

Many of our children have had an opportunity to represent Bierton at a range of sporting events this term.

All these children have shown their Bierton Values and great sportsmanship at all these event.

There will be many more opportunities to represent Bierton in sports events next year,

## A Big Thank You



We would like to say a big thank you to the team at Reflections Gym for arranging and supporting our sports week.

The support from reflection gym allows us to give the children a wide range of opportunities

## Year 4 Multi Skills Event

On Tuesday 14th June all the children in year 4 visited Cottesloe School for their multi-skills event .

The children from Bierton were able to join with other year 4 children to take part in some sport activities.

The event was led by year 10 sports leaders at the Cottesloe





# Sport at Bierton

## Sports Day

### KS1

On Friday 17th June, Key Stage 1 sports day took place between 10 - 11. There were two races. There was a straight sprint race and an obstacle race. Year 1 and Year 2 shone throughout the first track races, showing determination and sporting talent. Following this, we had the obstacle race. The children dealt with the obstacle race fantastically, showing maturity throughout. Many of the children grasped the speed that the race should be ran at, realising they could not run as fast as possible. They went slower and took greater care. The decision making and attitude from all shown throughout the day made it truly fantastic to be apart of. All children, parents and teachers let their light shine and it truly made it a Fabulous morning to be apart of.

### Early Years

Sports day was a very exciting experience for all the children, it was our very first sports day! We ran three races including a hurdle race, coit race (balancing it on our heads) and an obstacle race. The children all showed wonderful sportsmanship and cheered on their friends. Well done to everyone who took part, we had a wonderful time!

## After School Clubs

This term we have been able to offer a wide range of sport clubs after-school including : country dancing, hockey club, rounders club, tennis clubs, outdoor games club, girls football and athletics club

We have started to look at clubs for next term. More information will come in September and clubs will start in the first week of October.



## Dates

Monday 27th June—District athletics finals.

Wednesday 29th June—Race for life.

## Year 3/4 Girls football

On Monday 23rd May Mrs Wint took some girls in year 3 and 4 to a football tournament at Mandeville school. The girls played against 4 other team in a tournament. They had great fun meeting other teams and playing football.



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