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### Stars of the Week

Well done to all our stars of the week this week. We have been so impressed by all the hard work and effort that has gone into achieving this award.



Year Group	Name	Name
Reception	Callum	Arina
Year 1	Leo	Noah C
Year 2	Hope	Sienna
Year 3	Isobel	Cerys
Year 4	Rowan	Annie
Year 5	Scarlett	Odin
Year 6	William	Alliyah

**Re: Further planned strike action at GEORGE GRENVILLE ACADEMY on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you probably know, there are two further days of strike action on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. As it currently stands, we do have some staff striking and as a result, I will be taking the following action:

- For both days, school will be **closed** to the **Reception class**
- Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to attend as usual.
- We will send children in Reception home with some paper based work and ideas for further learning on Wednesday 26th April as the teachers who are striking do not engage in school work during a strike day.


I am sorry for any further inconvenience, but am also very aware of the strength of feeling in the profession. This is particularly the case in the light of the government's decision not to provide schools with the funds to cover the proposed salary increase, thus putting extra pressure on already inadequate school budgets.

Yours sincerely


Emma Killick

Headteacher

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The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



What parents need to know about

# NINTENDO SWITCH

### NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers; 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.

### ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.

### NINTENDO eSHOP


The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.

### NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.

### PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



## Top Tips For Parents

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.

### ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

### PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.

### NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.

### LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

### SET PLAY TIMES


Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.

### SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.

### Meet our expert

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## Nursery Corner

### Eid Murbarak

We have been busy making cards to celebrate Eid. We threaded a colourful new moon to hang on the front and added gold and silver stars using a cotton bud.



### WoW Walks

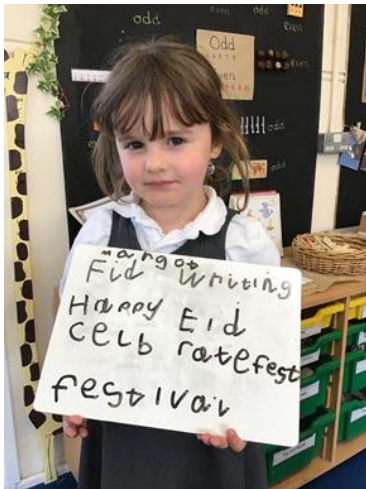
Nursery really enjoyed our **WoW** (week of walks) the week before half term, following the railway line and along the river.

Over the week we experienced a range of weather conditions which meant various sized muddy puddles for us to explore.

With some help we were able to closely observe a frog and a toad and learned about why they are similar and what makes them different.

We saw new growth in the trees and plants along the route and even noticed details of interesting manmade objects, from Victorian Post boxes, information about the railway station to a very unusual church door.





### Reception

This week, we have been reading Handa's Surprise. We have been retelling the story and we have been learning about fruits and animals found in Africa. In Maths, we have been exploring number patterns associated with odd and even numbers. We have also celebrated the Eid'Al'Fitr festival.

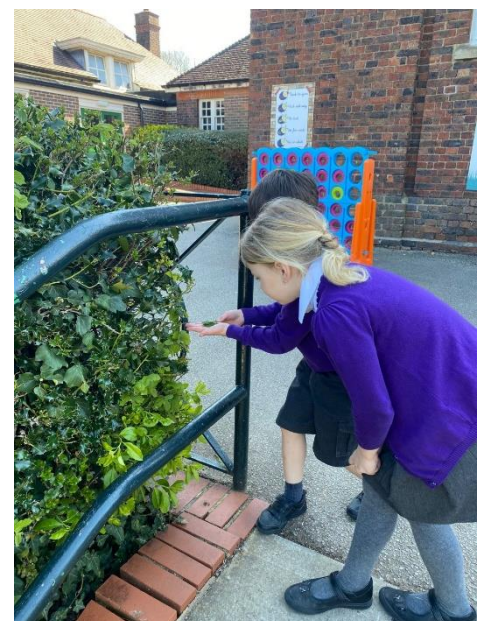


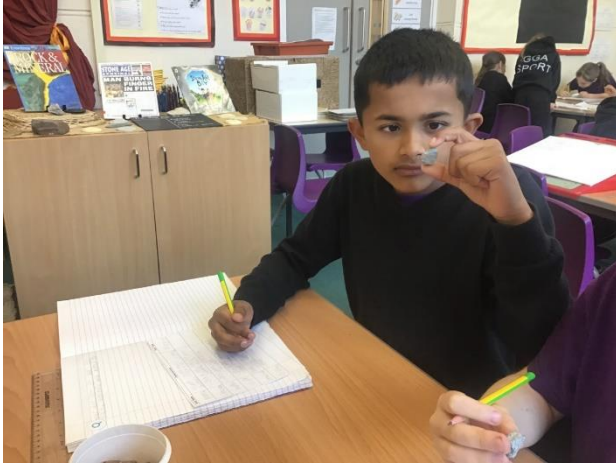
### Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring equal and unequal groups. They have also been practising their rolling numbers and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### Year 2

This week in Science, Year 2 went on a plant hunt to find common trees on our school grounds. We found all our house trees, but Willow were not impressed with theirs! In Art, we have been practising the skill of changing tone using pencils and varying pressure and pencil hold.



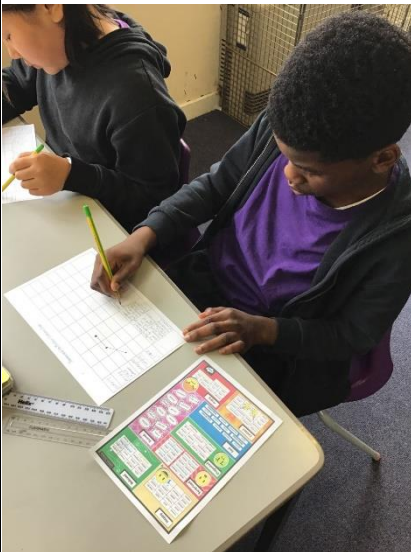


### Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been identifying and classifying different kinds of rocks by observing their features.

### Year 4

This week in maths, Year 4 have been counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000. We took our maths outside and counted in multiples of numbers using a ball to throw around the circle.



### Year 5

In English this week, Year 5 have been learning about the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. They have produced emotion graphs, linking to their line graphs work in maths, to consider the different emotions Theseus would have felt throughout the myth.

### Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about shapes this week and one of their challenges was to create nets of 3D shapes and then put them together. They worked hard to identify which 2D shapes were used to make the nets before building the shapes. They did a super job!



## FROGGS – Sponsored Bounce

**FROGGS NEEDS YOU!!!**

**SPRING INTO SUMMER**

A sponsored bounce event

Friday 28th April

All sponsorship will go towards the new outdoor play equipment!

Help us reach our £30,000 target! To make a donation please scan the QR code. Thank you!

This event is generously sponsored by

**GILROY STEEL SOLICITORS**

**SPRING INTO SUMMER**

**Sponsorship Rewards**

Every sponsored child will receive a certificate and a sweet treat

**PLUS**

£5+ sponsorship - printed wooden medal

£20+ sponsorship - medal and printed mug

£35+ sponsorship- medal and printed t-shirt

Please put your child's name on the sponsor form and return in the envelope with any sponsor money by Monday 24th April.

This event is generously sponsored by

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### Sponsored Bounce

We now have a date for this and all children who get any amount of sponsorship will complete their sponsored bounce during the school day on **FRIDAY 28TH APRIL**. Each sponsored child will have a turn on the bouncy castle and the inflatable slide that we will have up in the hall and will receive a certificate and a treat. There are also some sponsorship rewards depending on the level of sponsorship (please see the attached flyer) which will be given out a couple of weeks after the bounce.

**Please return all sponsorship money and forms by Monday 24th April so we can make a list of children who will be completing the sponsored bounce and order all the rewards.**

The bouncy castle and slide will also be up after school. It will be £1 per inflatable- if you have non-school age children then we will aim to have a chance for them to use the inflatables. FROGGS will also be running a tuck shop. We will be accepting card and cash payments on the day.

If you have any questions about the event then please contact us on [froggspta@gmail.com](mailto:froggspta@gmail.com).

This event will get us one step closer to the funds we need to replace the outdoor play equipment! Watch out for an update on our current total very soon! Many thanks for your continued support!

The FROGGS team



## CELEBRATING THE KING'S CORONATION

Dear Grenville parents,

You are invited to celebrate the King's Coronation with the whole school on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm.**

We will be having a whole-school afternoon tea (bring your own) picnic outside as part of the celebrations for the week.

Children are also encouraged to come to school on Friday dressed in red, white and blue for the day (or they can come dressed as a king or queen!)

Lunch will be provided to the children as normal, so if you would like to join in the fun, please just bring a small snack for them to enjoy as a treat. The children will also be decorating a biscuit or cake during the morning that they can eat!

At 2.15, the children will be on the playground and we will start the celebrations by singing the National Anthem.

We are looking forward to as many parents joining us as possible. There will be refreshments available.



**Don't forget to bring a small picnic and a rug to sit on!**

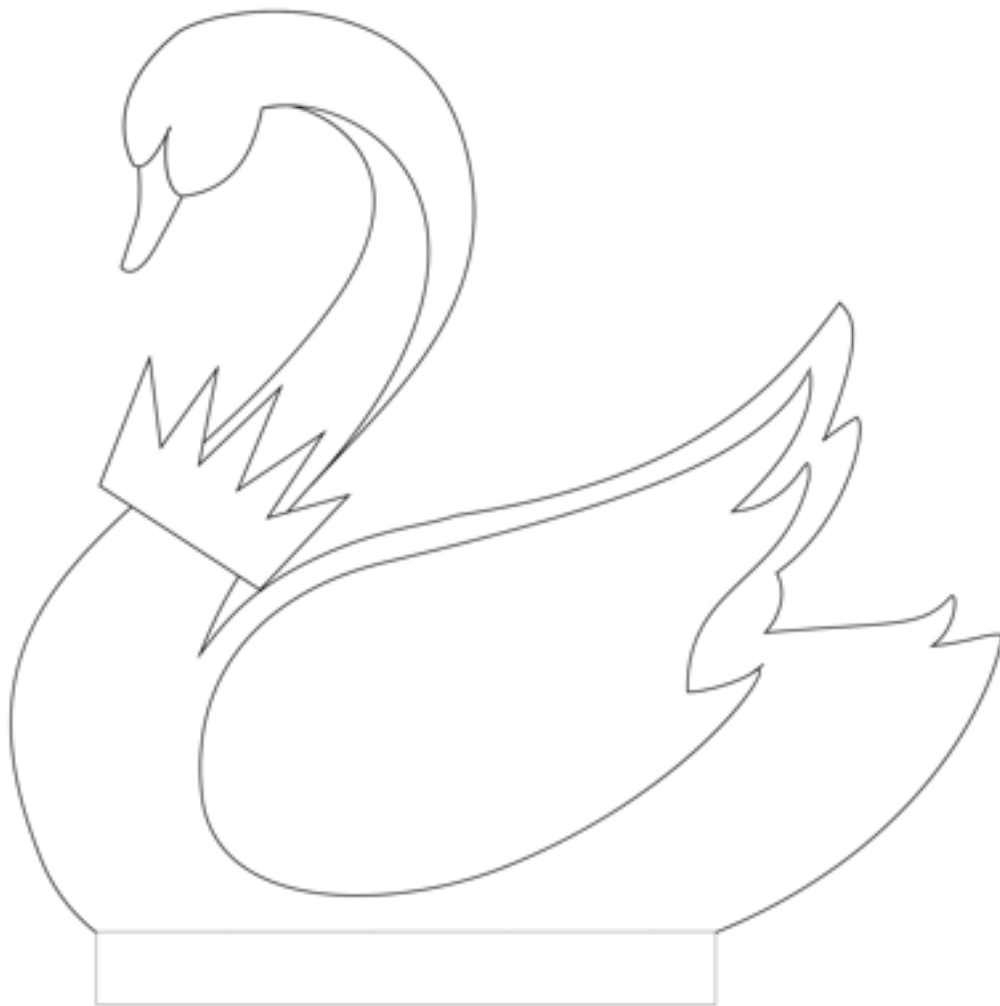


### Buckingham Swan Trail

We are very excited to be taking part in the summer Buckingham Swan Trail, where families can follow a trail around the town looking for a variety of giant swans. The children at our school will be designing and painting one of the swans and we would like to give as many children as possible a chance to participate.

Your child will have come home today with a swan template where they can draw their design. They can do as many different designs as they wish but they need to bring these back to school by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. (If they decide to do more than one, they can just draw the shape again – it does not have to be exact!)

The children can choose any design for their swan. They might like to do it in the style of a famous artist, take inspiration from nature, the upcoming coronation or even the school itself! They can do anything they want and we can't wait to see what they produce!



### **School Calendar**

Please keep visiting the calendar page on our website to ensure you have all the most up to date information.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 6 Parents' Meeting at 5.30pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - National planned strike action in schools (Reception – home learning)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Swan design deadline

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Sponsored Bounce

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - National planned strike action in schools (Reception – home learning)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Coronation Family Picnic 2pm onwards

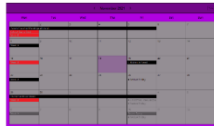
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 KS2 SATS week

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Hot Dog Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Leavers Assembly at 9.00am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 3.05pm** – End of Term



<https://www.georgegrenville.co.uk/school-calendar.html>