

Applegarth Primary School Newsletter



Friday 21st April 2023

Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Arthur C	Noah G
Mr Whiteley	Rafael V	Lacey C
Mrs Mitchell	Bella-Reux B	Alyssia-Rose W
Miss Gooding	Cohen S	Jaxon K
Mrs Crossley	Harley Mc	Charlie T
Mrs Jones	Isla-May S	Noah C
Mrs Cross	Lexi B	Andria P
Mrs Hughes	Maizee-Jai C	Felix R
Miss Mutch	Freddie B	Charlie A
Mrs Slinger	Shalom A	Ingrid D
Mrs H & Mr E	Paige T	Scarlett I

House Points

House Color	Points
Red	138
Yellow	126
Green	107
Blue	99

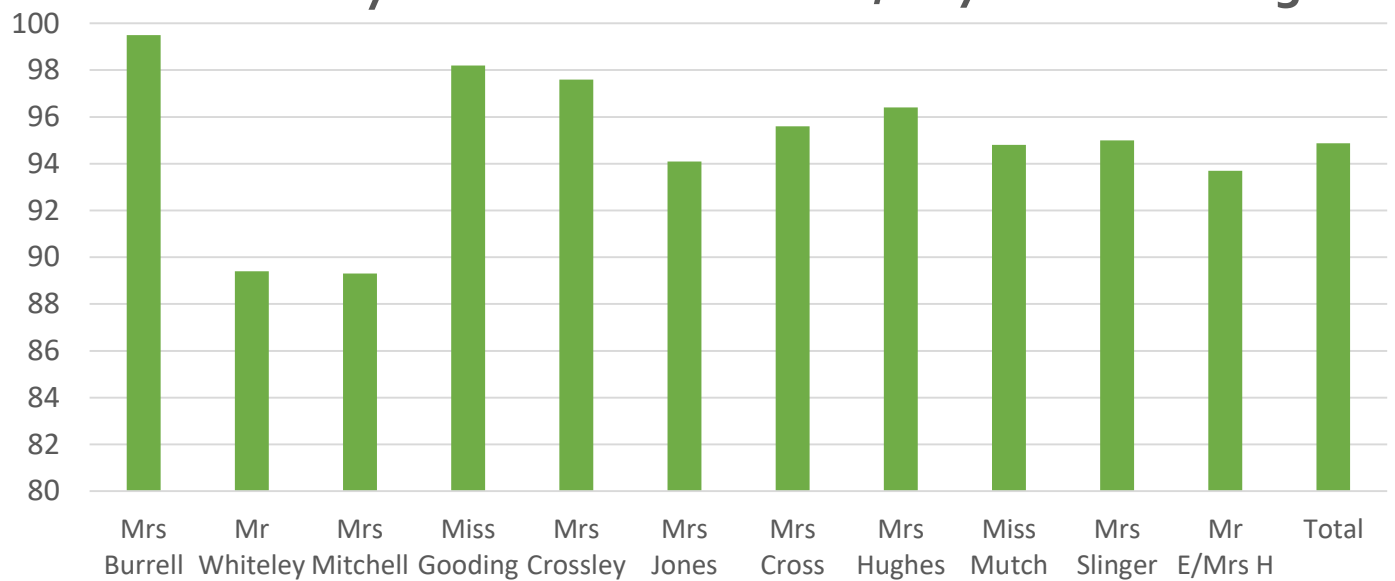
Applegarth Values Award
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **RESPECTFUL** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Applegarth Values Award
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **READY** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Applegarth Values Award
This week, _____ has demonstrated being **SAFE** by _____
A super display of our values!
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Attendance

Weekly Attendance Totals W/C 27th March 2023



Did you know?

10 MINS LATE EVERY DAY = 33
HOURS LOST LEARNING EACH YEAR



Persistent absences

Any child with attendance below 90% regardless of the reason of the absence, is considered to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just 2 days each month. Statistics show that persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential.



AN ENGAGING START TO OUR NEW Y5/6 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT HISTORY UNIT! 🇬🇧

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Year 5/6 had an engaging start to their new history unit, with questions that allowed children to think more deeply about the definition of 'crime' and 'punishment'. Children used what they knew, had heard about or read about in stories or online to debate how they thought crime had changed over time, and what was deemed an appropriate punishment...

Children then used timeline cards covering aspects of the unit to focus their discussions, ordering them in a chronological sequence that they could explain.

What a great start to an intriguing unit! Well done, everyone!



School Uniform

At Applegarth, we believe that a school uniform fosters a sense of identity, belonging and pride. We expect a high standard of appearance from all and our uniform provides parents with a practical and cost effective means to do so. We encourage our children to take responsibility for their own appearance and to look clean, smart and tidy at all times. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child is correctly dressed for school. Members of staff have responsibility for promoting the school's [Uniform Policy](#) by reminding pupils about the rules relating to appropriate dress.



We see a lot of waste in school with hundreds of unnamed items going into recycling every year. The initial outlay for clothing labels is significant, but you are guaranteed to save money (and the environment) by labelling everything your child brings in.

You can buy the package that suits you at: <https://www.easy2name.com/?msclkid=7c9d9b65a99119f4ec60f88a8e1459df>

School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Nursery Open Event	Prospective Families and Pupils	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 27 th April 3:30pm – 6:00pm
Key Stage One SATs	Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Throughout May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 1 st May and Monday 8 th May
Key Stage Two SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Carlton Lodge Residential	Year 5	Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott	Thursday 11 th May and Friday 12 th May
Robinwood Family Meeting	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 15th May 4:30pm – 5:00pm
Coronation Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 18 th May Reception, and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 29 th May –

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood, Alston	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 7 th June
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 16 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 th June – Friday 30 th June DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 20 th June 9:30am – 12:00pm
Armed Forces Day	Service Pupils	Catterick Garrison, Ypres Lines	Wednesday 21 st June
Key Stage Two Sports Day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 27 th June 9:30am – 11:30am

School Calendar (long term continued)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Summer Fair (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 30 th June 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Whole School and Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Break up for Summer Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 21 st July
Halloween Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 th October R and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Christmas Carols	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 6 th December T 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 th December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 th December 10:00am – 11:00am

Our Safeguarding Team

At school we have five members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. Mr Peoples is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); he is the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Hopkin, Mr Edwards and Mrs Crossley are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Jo Burnside is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body.

All staff at Applegarth know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our [Safeguarding Page](#).

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated [webpage](#).

You can also report any concerns you have to our **[recently-changed welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

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

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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OVER 9, COME TO OUR TASTER
AFTERNOON, HAVE FUN AND FIND OUT.
WHEN: ON SATURDAY 29TH APRIL
2023**



**TIME: 3.00PM – 4.30PM
PLACE: NORTHALLERTON SCOUT &
GUIDE HQ. BOROUGHBIDGE ROAD**

