



Edison Primary School

Weekly News

28th June 2024

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal



Over and Above: Focus of the Week

Using Zones to Self – Regulate

Our dedicated attention this week centred on adhering to **our four school principles: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and Kind**. The primary objective was to surpass the norm in these aspects, fostering mutual assistance in enhancing our collective commitment. At Edison, continual improvement is paramount, and our weekly focal points contribute significantly to achieving this objective. See the outstanding individuals recognised for going "Over and Above" with the added privilege of enjoying hot chocolate with Mrs. Dokal.

Next week the Focus is "Showing Maturity".

Word Count Millionaire

This week's word count millionaires will be announced next week. Look out to see who have achieved this.

High School Transition Days

Good luck to our current Year 6's, who will be visiting their new high schools for transition day. Please see below the dates for each borough high schools.

- Hounslow Secondary Schools Transition Day is Tuesday 2 July 2024
- Ealing Secondary Schools Transition Day is today Friday 28 June 2024
- Richmond Secondary Schools Transition Day is on Monday 1 July 2024
- Hillingdon Secondary Schools Transition Day is on Tuesday 2 July 2024

General Election Polling Day – 4th July 2024

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July for the General Elections.

There will be online learning and packs for the pupils to complete and return to their class teachers.

There will be no enrichment clubs on this day either, missed sessions will be made up towards the end of term.



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Summer Term 2024 Parent Teacher Consultations

We would like to inform you that Summer Term Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on the following dates from 4pm until 6pm.

Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 – Monday 1st July & Tuesday 2nd July

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Wednesday 3rd July and Tuesday 9th July

Consultations will last 10 minutes.

Parents **must** book their meetings via **Arbor**, and state and choose any of the following:

Option 1:

Telephone meeting

Option 2:

Zoom meeting

Option 3:

Face to Face Onsite

It is important that you indicate which option you prefer in the notes section, if no preference is specified, the teacher will carry out the meeting via telephone. (Please ensure your contact numbers and/or email address on Arbor are all up to date).

You will be able book your appointment in Arbor from today (Friday 21st June) from 17.00.

Kindly book your appointment slots before the dates below.

Sunday 30th June by 12pm for Monday's meeting.

Monday 1st July by 12pm for Tuesday's meeting.

Tuesday 2nd July by 12pm for Wednesday's meeting.

Monday 8th July by 12pm for Tuesday's meeting.

If you incur any difficulty booking your appointment via Arbor, please contact the school office.

If you are unable to attend any of the above meeting dates, please kindly message your child's class teacher via Seesaw and they will arrange a suitable time with you on another day.

Attendance Winner

Well done to Reception, Bell Class for being the winners for the highest attendance this week with a percentage of 98.5%.

Registration Form	Attendance Week 24.06.24 - 28.06.24	
YR Bell	98.5%	1st
YR Newton	86.0%	
Y1 Franklin	95.5%	
Y1 Watson	93.3%	
Y2 Fleming	92.2%	
Y2 Pasteur	96.7%	
Y3 Curie	98.0%	
Y3 Faraday	91.8%	
Y4 Carson	93.2%	
Y4 Goodall	98.3%	3rd
Y5 Armstrong	98.4%	2nd
Y5 Jemison	92.3%	
Y6 Einstein	90.7%	
Y6 Hawking	89.6%	

Early Start for Early Birds!

In response to requests from parents, we are pleased to announce that our 'Early Birds' breakfast club is open at **7.45am** from 15 April onwards.

The following charges will apply:

'Early Birds' Breakfast Club - £6 per session (one hour)

'Night Owls' After School Club - £6 for one hour and £12 for two hours.

Early Birds runs from 7.45am to 8.45am, and Night Owls runs from 3.45am to 5.45am daily. At each of these clubs, children get the opportunity to catch up with their friends, play games and have a healthy snack.

Parents and carers can book their child's sessions on ParentPay 48 hours in advance. However, if you should need to book a slot at short notice, please contact the School Office to check availability.



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Attendance – Late Arrivals

This is a polite reminder that if your child/ren are late in the mornings, please ensure you bring them to the school office as they would need to be signed in by the adult.

We have a new electronic sign in system, the office team will assist you with this. Please **DO NOT** drop your child/ren at the gate and allow them to come into school on their own.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

If you require to collect your child/ren early for any reason, you would be required to send an email to info@edisonprimary.org with a reason to why you are requesting an early collection, the email will be passed onto Mrs Dokal to authorise.

If collection is for medical appointment, you would need to provide proof of the appointment, and this should be provided to the office at least 24hours before the appointment.

To help the attendance of the pupils in class and ensuring that they are getting the best out of the education, early collection will not be permitted unless authorisation has been by Mrs Dokal in a reply to your email.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Car Parking

Please remember that parking on school premises is for **STAFF ONLY**. Please support our school and its safety by parking a short way away and walking with your child. **Please** can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents' driveways, double parking and bus routes. Also please remember parking on double yellow lines is **NOT** permitted at any time. We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been mindful to the local residents when parking.

Scooters and Bikes

We would like to remind you that if your child rides a scooter or bike to school, you must park it under the bike sheds, near the main school entrance. Wherever possible please keep them locked too. These should only be left here for the duration of the school day. Please **DO NOT** leave anything overnight or over the weekend as this would be left at your own risk. We appreciate your support with this.

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards.

Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1.

Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious.

Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.



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Key dates for your diary

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Friday 28 June	Summer Fair 4pm to 7pm
Monday 1 July	Parent Meetings Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 2 July	Parent Meetings Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 3 July	Parent Meetings, Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 4 July	School Closed due to Polling Day – online learning for pupils No Enrichment Clubs
Monday 8 July	Meet the teacher
Tuesday 9 July	SATS results out Parent Meetings, Year 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 10 July	Year 6 Leavers assembly 2.15pm to 3.15pm
Thursday 11 July	Year 6 Prom 5pm to 7pm
Monday 22 July	Last day of term 1:30pm

Night Owls Collection

Our school office closes at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and Mrs Mahal or Mrs Gill will come to meet you, and fetch your child from the club.

If you have rung the bell and there is no answer, please call the school mobile: 07814 021729. This will only be necessary on the occasions that the children are taken outside to play. We appreciate your patience and support with this.

Thought of the Week

Science is facts; just as houses are made of stone, so is science made of facts; but a pile of stones is not a house, and a collection of facts is not necessarily science.

Jules Henri Poincaré



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Flower Festival

In Bulgaria, the town of Kasanlak is considered the heart of the rose valley. Here, conditions are almost perfect for growing beautiful roses. The country grows thousands of roses every year, which are used to make rose oil and rose water. These go on to be used in a range of luxury products, such as skincare and perfume. Around the time of the rose harvesting, usually in early June, Kasanlak and the nearby towns and villages host a flower festival! The process of growing and harvesting roses is a long and arduous one. So, the festival is a celebration of

all the hard work that goes into cultivating these pretty flowers. The roses are very delicate so even slight changes in weather can easily ruin them. The flowers must also be picked before lunchtime to avoid the heat of the sun drying out the precious petals. Three main events make up the festival itinerary - the electing of Queen Rose, the harvesting ritual in the rose gardens and the parade along the streets of the town.



Pictured: Picking roses in the Rose Valley, Bulgaria. Source: Canva.

Orca Encounters!

Reports have recently highlighted an issue that orca whales seem to be attacking small boats and fishing vessels off the coasts of Spain, France, Morocco and Portugal. The whales have intentionally collided with nearly 700 boats, causing at least seven of them to sink and damaging many others. While orca are known to work in groups to hunt prey, they are rarely aggressive towards humans, so the behaviour is puzzling for experts. A team of marine biologists has been observing a pod (group) of whales and they are beginning to believe



Pictured: A pod of orca whales. Source: Canva.

that the orcas are, in fact, teenagers, who are just being playful. A teenage orca can measure up to 4m long and so, even a playful nudge to a boat can be quite forceful and can cause damage, even if the whales do not mean it that way. The researchers suggest staying away from areas where orcas are living, and the behaviour should subside.

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



I want to be more prepared for risks in the future. That way, I can keep myself and my friends safe. **Sadie**

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER 1st - 7th July

Our BIGGEST Live Assembly

Will you be joining us as we aim to create the biggest live online school assembly? There will be children taking part from classrooms and assembly halls across the country! We will be joined by special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE, to learn all about the journey to become a world-class athlete, ahead of the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, starting in Paris this month. Stef will tell us about her experiences as a sportsperson, and of previous games.



Paralympian Stef Reid MBE will be joining us for...
Our Biggest Live Online Assembly!

Wednesday 3rd July 9:30am - 10:00am



The BIGGEST Live Assembly!

With special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE!

To celebrate the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we'll explore the journey to becoming a world-class athlete and hear Stef's experiences!

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 9:30am - 10:00am Free live assembly

Pictured: All about our live online assembly. Source: Picture News on Facebook/Stef Reid.

Stef is a British Paralympic long jumper and sprinter. She is a World Champion, four-time Paralympian, triple Paralympic medallist, and five-time world record holder. She has also been an actor, model, and reality TV star. Stef has lots of exciting things to tell us, and you will also be able to ask her questions!
Can you think of a question that you would like to ask Stef?
Do you have a favourite Olympic sport?
Will you be watching the Paris 2024 Olympic Games?

Album made from River Plastic

Coldplay's new album is going to be their most eco-friendly album yet - made from recycled plastic collected from rivers! Coldplay, working with Ocean Cleanup, have announced that when their 10th record is released in October, the vinyl copies will each be made from nine recycled plastic bottles. The British rock band's upcoming album, Moon Music, will be a world-first for sustainable vinyl production. Coldplay are one of the best-selling music acts of all time, with over 100 million albums sold globally. This is not the first time that the band have considered their impact on the environment. They actively reduced the carbon footprint of their last tour by making changes to be more environmentally friendly, such as, using solar powered lights and sustainable aviation fuel.



Pictured: Coldplay. Source: Coldplay on X.

Do you think that it is important for everyone to try to recycle more and reduce waste?
Can you think of any other ways that famous and popular bands could help the environment?

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?



Yes. I think everyone should have a first aid kit and a torch in case of an accident or the power going off, so everyone can be well looked after. **Muhammad**

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What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?



In the news this week

This summer, the 2024 Olympics, held in Paris, will run from 26th July to 11th August, and the Paralympics will take place from 28th August to 8th September. The Games will see the world's greatest athletes come together in France's capital city to compete for their place at the top of the podium. For many athletes, these Games are the peak of their sport, with a gold medal as the highest accolade. The competitors are likely to have spent months and years training for numerous hours per day to prepare.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your knowledge of the upcoming 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ask someone at home to share their experience with you.
- > Will you be watching any of the events? Which sports do you find most interesting and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

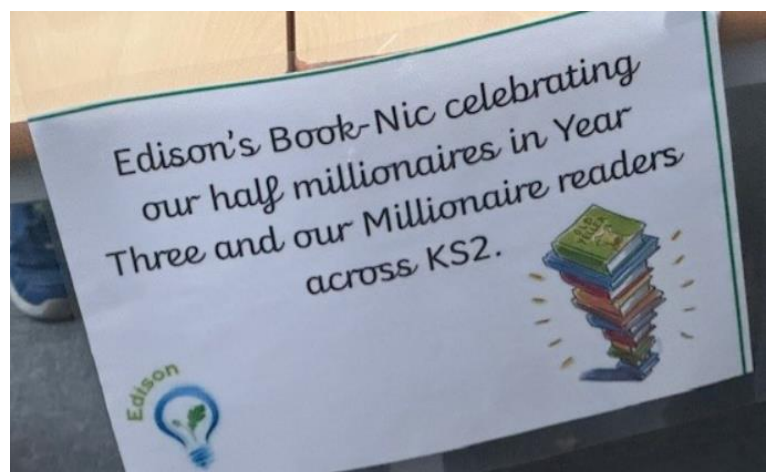
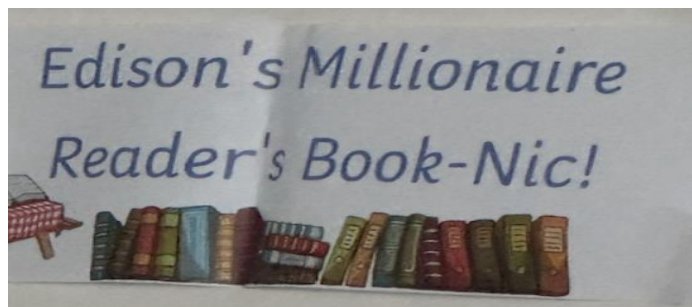
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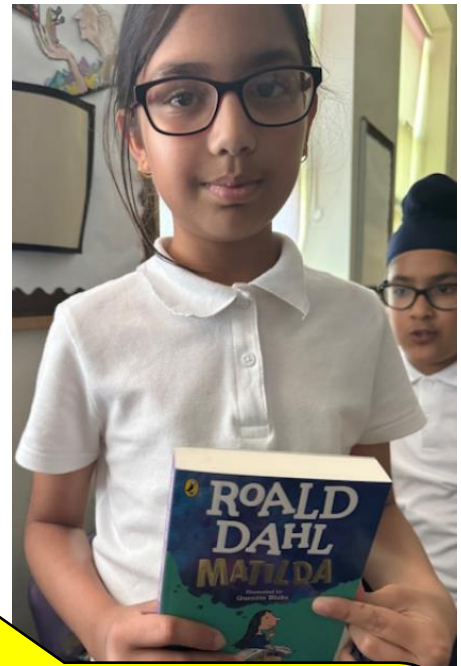


Millionaire Reader's Party 2024:



We all met for our final Millionaire's Reading party to celebrate 500,000 words read by some Year Three's and then the Millionaire word count readers I am thrilled that we have 34 in total this year!





Kostya: "This was my first Millionaire Party and I enjoyed being with my friends and looking at the books we got!"



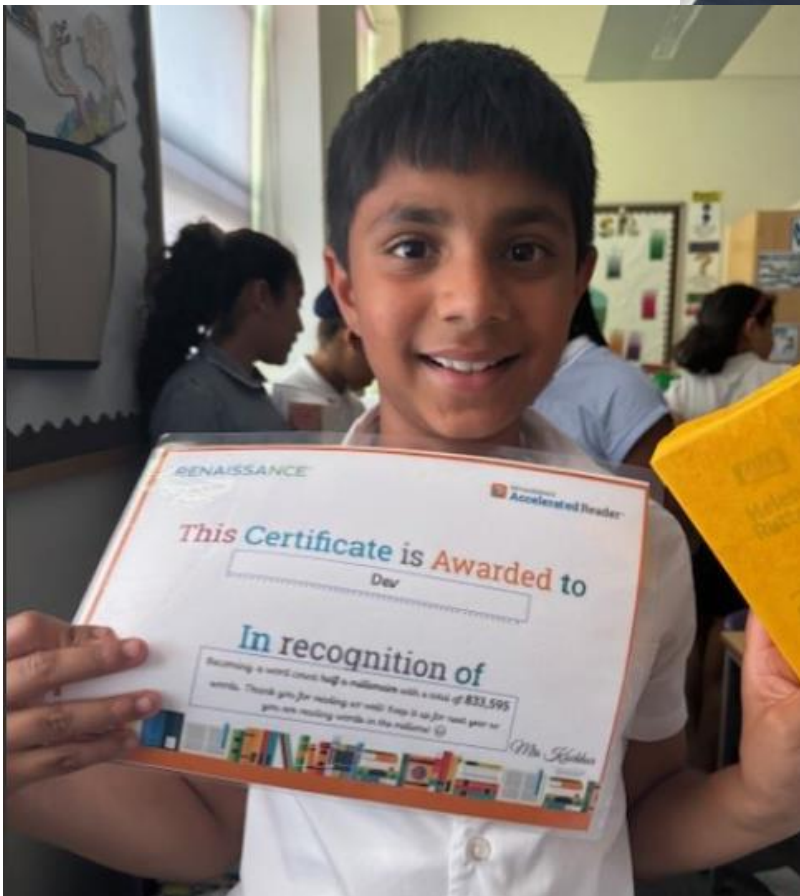


Kavin: "I have read 6,288 355 words this year! Reading is fun and you shouldn't just read to get rewards."



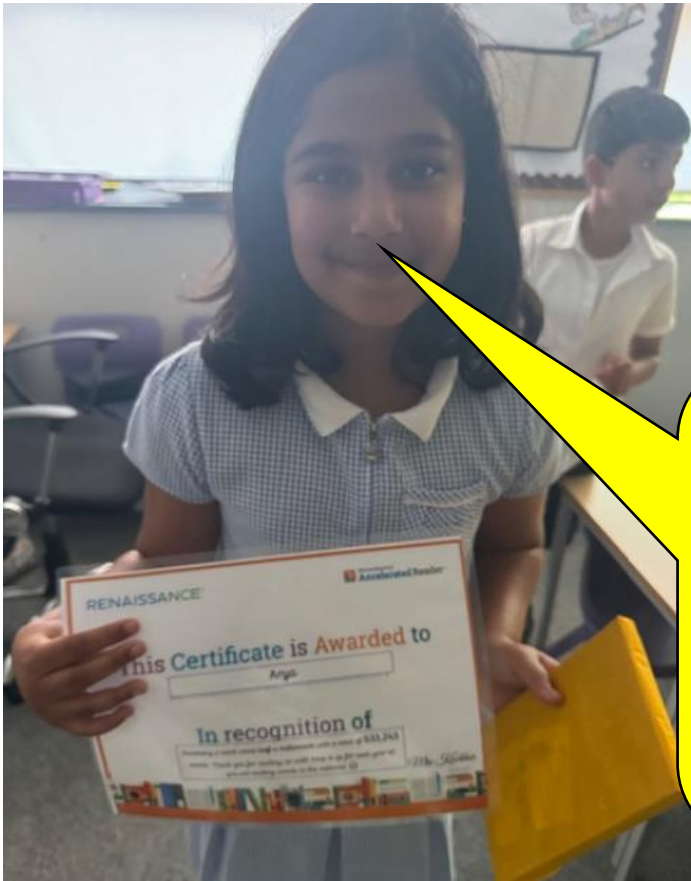


We enjoyed our book prizes and certificates to celebrate our achievements.

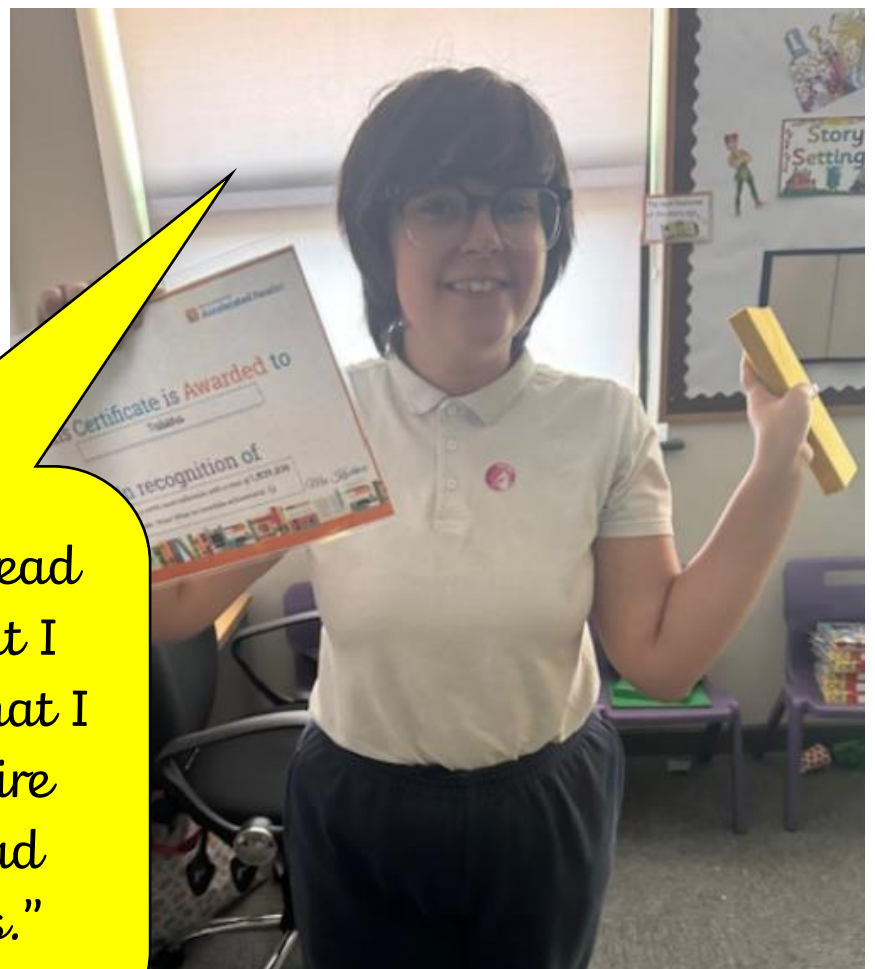


Congratulations to Zain for being the highest millionaire in Year 3 so far with a impressive word count of **3,204,726**.





Arya: "I am so proud that I was the first 500,000 reader in Curie Class (Year Three). I like reading about interesting stories."



Tabby (Year 6): "I read so many books that I didn't even realise that I became a millionaire reader. I like to read young adult books."

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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