



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

Friday, 3 February 2023

### Newsletter



### Congratulations to Amarillo class for a weekly attendance of 97.59%

#### Weekly Class Achievers

On Monday, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being this week's achievers.

Nurse & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
Rainbow	<b>Leo</b>	Yellow	<b>Amaris</b>	Verde	<b>Connor</b>	Azul	<b>Berdnytho</b>
Red	<b>Ryder</b>	Blue	<b>Tahir</b>	Amarillo	<b>Renaii</b>	Morado	<b>Piper</b>
Green	<b>Jaxon</b>	Orange	<b>Henry</b>	Rosa	<b>Emelia</b>	Rojo	<b>Ke'moy</b>

#### This week's letters.

In case you have missed any of the letters sent this week, here are the links:

#### Year 6 SATs tests:

<http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/SATs%20dates%20letter.pdf>

#### E Safety

Each week we will be sharing hints and tips to help keep your children safe online. This week we are pleased to share a free workshop for parents and a factsheet below about FIFA 23.

#### Free E Safety workshop for parents

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-advice-for-parents-safer-internet-day-tickets-511593388597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&scrllybrkr>



#### Valentine Sweet bags

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the PTA will be selling Valentine sweet bags after school. These bags are £1 each. You will be able to find PTA members near the school gates.



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## University of Nottingham Study

Our school has been approached by some researchers at the University of Nottingham who are undertaking an interesting project looking at how children think about abstract concepts. Please read their blurb below and if you are interested in finding out more and taking part, please contact them directly on the contact details below.

**Your child is unique** and we would like to explore with you what they are thinking. We are researchers at the University of Nottingham and we are curious to discover how children and parents think about the things we cannot see, like God and germs. This research is international, cross-cultural and collaborative. Across the world children are being asked what they think about supernatural, spiritual and religious entities; questions like "Are fairies real?" and "Does God eat?" If your child is aged between 4 to 10 years and you would describe yourselves as Christian, Muslim or non-religious then we would love to hear from you. Interviews can be conducted via Teams or in person.

Please email [Joanna.stephens4@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.stephens4@nottingham.ac.uk) or call 07811592351 for more information and your family will receive £20 Amazon e-vouchers for full participation.



## Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February 2023

The theme for this year is Let's Connect. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. Watch the video to learn more about the theme. The link is [https://youtu.be/wb8SDnS-M\\_M](https://youtu.be/wb8SDnS-M_M)

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February we are inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform in an outfit to express themselves. Please ensure children who have PE on this day are wearing suitable clothes for this, including sensible footwear.

The main website for this is <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>. Here you will find many resources for families.

## Most Active Class Awards

We have had a super active week at Edgewood and it's really pleasing to see all of the classes working really hard during their playtimes to stay active.



This weeks winners:  
Yellow Class & Amarillo Class

## **Key Stage 2 Dodgeball**



The KS2 Dodgeball Team travelled to Hawthorne to compete in the Hucknall Schools Tournament. The team battled superbly across the 4 games they played against Hawthorne and Leen Mills with some excellent dodging and some brilliant catching.

The team did a fantastic job and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Again, as with all pupils who represent Edgewood, they did so with pride and were an absolute credit to the school.

## **Upcoming event – Author visit 7<sup>th</sup> February**



We are so pleased to have the author Gareth Baker visit our school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Gareth will take a whole school assembly and then spend time with Rainbow, Red, Green, Yellow, Blue and Orange classes throughout the day. At the end of the day, Gareth will be on our reception with a range of his books for sale.

Ed Seeley,  
Head Teacher

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

#### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

#### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

#### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexterto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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