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## Newsletter 2 – 10th September 2021

### Article of the Month 29 Goals of Education

Children have the right to education that tries to develop their personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages them to respect other people's right and values and to respect the environment.

### Class News

Nursery	- have enjoyed the topic 'all about me' and drawing self-portraits.
YR	- have had an amazing first full week at school learning all of their new routines and getting to know all of their new friends.
Y1	- loved dressing up as Victorians for their WOW day and learning all about Queen Victoria.
Y2	- have really enjoyed sharing their London landmarks knowledge with each other and loved their WOW day.
Y3	- have thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Antics WOW day, particularly baking Egyptian bread!
Y4	- have had a great first full week back and have been finding out about "democracy"
Y5	- have enjoyed getting stuck into their new theme about Vikings.
Y6	- have made a fantastic start to the new year and are enjoying learning about their new theme.

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week of learning, KS1 have had their WOW days to start off their Creative Learning Journey themes and everyone has settled in brilliantly. I am really impressed with the commitment and effort both children and parents have made to reading at home, it really will and does help your child.

### Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Sports Ambassadors joining George Crossley and Katrina Ferioli: Emma Lendy, Jessie Green, Jayden Thornton, Finn Swift, Jack Crossley and Isla May.

We look forward to seeing you leading and supporting sport across the school.

### Reading Update

Enjoy finding out more about our love of reading here at St Ives and our 'sponsor a book' scheme on the reading update from Mrs Moore English Leader. This was emailed earlier today.

### Drop off/ Collection

Thank you for your patience this week whilst we all get used to gates. Please can you walk along the opposite side of the road until you reach the gate your child enters/exits before crossing the road and return to the opposite side of the road once you have dropped off/collected your child. This should avoid congestion on the school side of the road. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember Sandy Lane is an 'active' road with cars and cyclists therefore please walk on the pavement.

### School Led After School Clubs

School led after school clubs will be starting again! Information will be sent out early next week with clubs starting week of 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Outside agency clubs have already been sent out. Max's football Y4-6 starts Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and can be booked via bookwhen. [www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary](http://www.bookwhen.com/stivesprimary)

### **Internet Safety**

This week's guide focusses on the video game 'Rocket League'. It is what's known as a free-to-play title. That is, theoretically, users can download and play the game without ever thinking about it costing any money. However, like many free-to-play offerings, Rocket League contains in-game purchases which can accelerate a player's progress – a particular temptation for eager young gamers. Find out more information in the attached guide.

### **Secondary School Application**

For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2022, you can apply online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions). Applications are open now with a closing date of 31st October 2021.

If you live in Hampshire please ensure you apply via Hampshire.

[www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions)

### **Breakfast Club/ Afterschool Club**

Breakfast club is now available from 7.45am and after school club is available until 6pm. Please ensure you book in for these on <https://bookwhen.com/stivesprimary>.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

#### **September**

13<sup>th</sup> – Year 4/5/6 WOW days (information on Seesaw)

20<sup>th</sup> – School led clubs start

22<sup>nd</sup> – Individual School Photos

#### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> – Year 3 trip to Tutankhamun museum

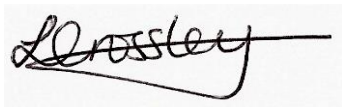
18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations

25<sup>th</sup> – Half term

#### **November**

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 4/5 – Leeson House Residential

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher







# What Parents and Carers Need to Know About... ROCKET LEAGUE

Age Restriction  
**PEGI 3**

Rocket League is a free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game. It was developed by Psyonix, now part of the Epic Games family (which also includes Fortnite and Gears of War). Rocket League is essentially a football game where, instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game was a surprise hit that took the world by storm when it first released in 2015. Rocket League is available for the Xbox One, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4 & PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Windows PC, MacOS and Linux.

## Fiercely Competitive Community

Competitive gaming isn't necessarily bad. However, playing purely to win (as opposed to simply having fun) can result in aggressive behaviour among some players if they're not successful in the game. Certain people can become hostile or "toxic" towards other players. Continually seeing this behaviour can cause children to think it is acceptable and lead to anger issues while playing.

## Grinding and Increased Screen-time

Features like the Rocket Pass and the ranking system can make Rocket League a grinding-focused game. This means players need to spend a lot of time on the game to progress through levels and collect rewards. Grinding encourages regular long gaming sessions for players seeking to climb the rankings (meaning increased screen time) but it doesn't always result in making much headway.

## In-App Purchasing

Free-to-play games (so called because they don't cost anything to download) like this depend on players making in-game purchases to turn a profit. Rocket League's in-game currency, called credits, are used to buy items in the game. Credits can be earned by playing the game or can be bought with real money – which could prove expensive if a child lets their love of the game and desire to progress get the better of them.

## Unsuitable Online Interactions

A video game's age rating cannot take player-generated elements into account. Rocket League is rated PEGI 3, but its online features mean that appropriateness can't be guaranteed. Audio and text chat, player usernames, player-to-player trades and other user-created content may not be suitable for young players. The game is moderated, but catching everything can be difficult.

## Scams and Bad Trades

Player-to-player trading is common in Rocket League. The game has lots of cosmetic items to collect, and some can be very valuable. Players can trade items among themselves, but younger gamers are not always the best judges of what constitutes a fair deal. This can lead to them being swindled in trades – or to children signing up to illegitimate trading websites, where they then get scammed.

## Advice For Parents & Carers

### Use Parental Controls

Psyonix has added some safety measures into the game. The text and voice chat can be disabled, for example, limiting contact from strangers. However, it's not currently possible to block contact from other players about trades. It's a good idea, then, to talk with your child about the possibility of scams and bad trades either before they download the game or early in their Rocket League 'career'.

### Monitor Gaming Time

It's impractical to sit and watch your child every time they play Rocket League. Keeping an eye on their gaming hours is crucial, however: it's easy to lose track of time while playing (even for adults), so "one more game" can soon turn into ten more games. Helping your child to balance their gaming time with their homework, chores and other activities is a life lesson in time management.

### Stay Aware of Spending

Free-to-play games can become money sinks without children realising. For peace of mind, make sure you don't have any payment methods attached to your child's gaming account to avoid accidental purchases. Rocket League credits can be earned through gameplay or bought with real money: encourage your child to use their earned credits first before they ask you to top them up.

### Encourage Regular Breaks

Sitting in the same position all day while gaming isn't healthy, but it is an easy habit to fall into. A short break every hour or half hour is important. It allows players to rest their eyes, brains, hands and arms. Learning the value of an occasional break from any activity is good practice for the future. Encouraging your child to rehydrate regularly can also help to lower any rising competitive tempers!

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books. With experience in esports and content creation, Clare has seen the benefits and drawbacks of all aspects of gaming.



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