

Friday 24th April

Hello Year 6,

We have some **very exciting news** !

We have managed to get each Year 6 child a **free gold level access to the ChessKid website** until **20th July**..

Chris has been using it and says it is FANTASTIC !

The [**ChessKid for Parents and Carers leaflet**](#) tells your parents all they need to know about ChessKid. Click on the link and show it to your parents.

The next few slides will show you how it works. After you have read the slides, we want you to sign-up this morning and start doing some of the lessons. You will see the puzzles after each video are really good fun. We think you will love it !



If you read the previous slide and groaned because you are not interested in chess then think about this.

1. This is an opportunity that you are unlikely to get ever again.
 2. As school is closed, you have the time to do the lessons and puzzles.
 3. You are very likely to enjoy it !
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If you read the previous slide and groaned because you can already play chess then think about this.

1. There is still so much more to learn if you want to improve.
2. Use the lessons and challenges - they go to a high level.
3. You will become an even better chess player and will enjoy it even more !

What can I do on ChessKid ?



← These are your settings..The speech bubble is where you may get a message from Chess in Schools or ChessKid.

← This is your user name. It is created when you sign up. Make sure you write it down. **Do not change your user name.**

← Play chess matches against the ChessKid computer or your friends.

← Play chess puzzles against the ChessKid computer or other children.

← Lots of lessons that teach you how to play chess. There are many more lessons to improve your chess skills if you can already play. More details on the next slide.

← Send a friend request to other Smithy Street children. When this is set up you will be able to play matches against each other in ChessKid.

Lessons

Each lesson has a teaching video followed by exercises for you to complete. If you are a beginner, start at the first lesson. If you can already play, scroll down the list and choose where you think is best to start for you. The lessons become more challenging as you work through them.

Videos

Here you can find videos to teach you all aspects of chess for example: openings, endgames, tactics and strategy.

The screenshot shows a green-themed interface for a chess learning application. At the top, it displays 'Your Level: PAWN 3' next to a cartoon chess pawn icon and a progress bar at 0%. To the right, it says 'Next Lesson: Meet the Queen!' with an orange 'START' button. Below this are three menu items: 'Lessons' (with a book icon and the text 'Take interactive chess lessons'), 'Videos' (with a clapperboard icon and the text 'Learn from the best!'), and 'Workouts' (with a brain icon and the text 'Play set positions'). A large white arrow points from the 'Lessons' text in the main text to the 'Lessons' menu item. Another large white arrow points from the 'Videos' text in the main text to the 'Videos' menu item. A third large white arrow points from the 'Workouts' text in the main text to the 'Workouts' menu item.

Workouts

Get better at chess by practicing these key positions over and over! Sometimes the goal is to win, sometimes to draw. If you get it right three times in a row, you've probably mastered it!

How do I sign up for chess kid ?

Click on this link and follow the instructions to set up your own personal Smithy Street account.

<https://www.chesskid.com/register/kid/group/GC5FSG>

YOUR PARENTS NEED TO ENTER THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS DURING THE SIGN-UP. IF THEY DON'T DO THIS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CREATE YOUR OWN ACCOUNT.

MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD AND KEEP IT SAFE.

Remember, your account will only work until **20th July. After this date it will be inactivated.**

Make the most of it !

Website or app ?

You can access ChessKid through their website or by downloading their app. **It is better to use their website** as the app does not have everything on it.

Maths

Today you are going to solve these reasoning problems.

1. **I See Maths Challenge - Numbers, Shapes and Holidays.**

- a) Watch the video. [Click here.](#)
- b) Now complete this task. [Click here.](#)

2. **BBC Bitesize - Friday Challenge.**

Try these problems -they're nice! [Click here.](#)



Creative Writing

There are footprints in the snow, sunken marks picked out by the moonlight. They weave a path through the forest, round the ring of ancient oak trees and on towards the wooden hut. But there they stop, and the smoke curling out of the chimney is the only sign that anyone is inside.

Write what happens next...



Reading Comprehension

Read: [Early Islamic Civilisation](#) and answer the questions.



Daily Exercise

1. Find your next exercise video from **Joe Wicks**. [Click here](#).
2. **Dancers** Watch the trailer for 'Some Like it Hip Hop' a street dance music from Zonation. [Click here](#). What do you think the story might be about?
3. **Exercise for the Brain:** Check out Harold the Giraffe's [Daily Diary](#) - there are activities and tips for staying positive during this strange time. It would be nice to look at it with younger siblings as well!

Golden Time

1. Visit this online word search website [here](#) - there are hundreds to choose from!
2. Have fun on Sporcle, a quiz website [here](#). It's designed in America so if you select Grade 5 or Grade 6, there will be lots of games suitable for you. (Lizzie can't stop playing the Harry Potter quizzes and this [happy animals quiz](#))