

John Rankin News

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Fortnite

It's the latest craze – but will it last for ever?

By **Gwen W** and **Oliver T**

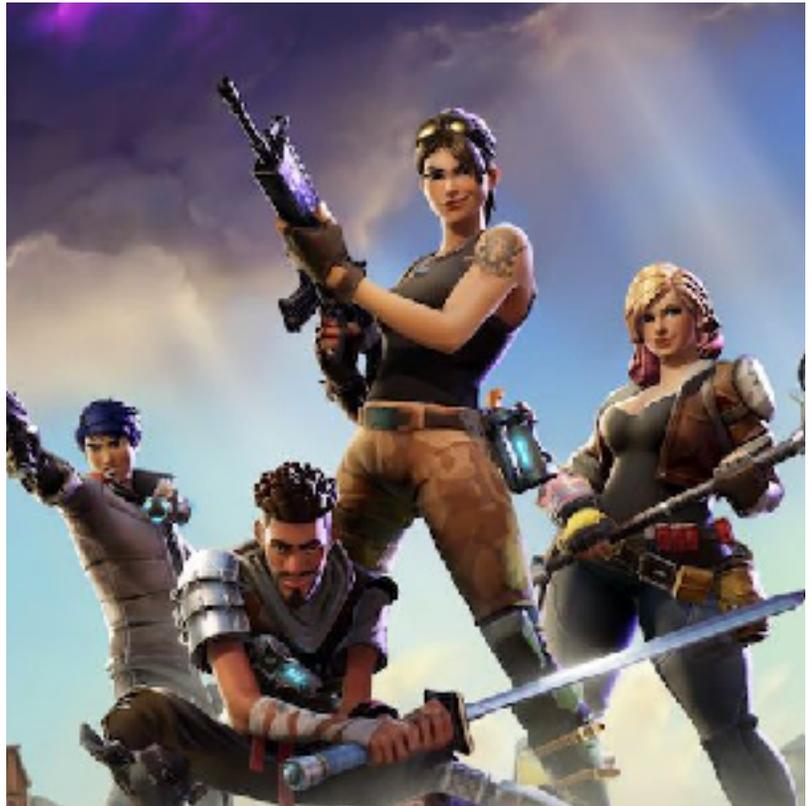
Epic Games created Fortnite about a year ago. Now it has over 200 million users all over the world logging in every day.

Lots of children like it. Ryan (Year 6 Birch) said: "I love to play Fortnite. It's a brilliant game."

Teachers think differently. Mr Swan tried it and said: "The graphics are not up to scratch." Ms Rance said Fortnite is a threat to education because some children are ignoring their lessons and talking about Fortnite in class.

In the UK Fortnite is rated as not suitable for anyone under the age of 12 but some as young as Year 3 are playing it. Do you think parents should have a look at this age rating and ban it for their children?

JRN's verdict Fortnite is addictive, violent and expensive. Try a board game instead!



Going quackers over ducks

By **Pippa W**, **Biba S** and **Ellie E**

Mrs Rance's duck addiction started when she was young. She had six pet ducks called Donald, Emily, Daisy, Albert, Wellington and Bigfoot.

Wellington and Bigfoot are Emily and Albert's babies, and Mrs Rance said she helped them hatch out of their eggs. Now she has two pet ducks called Dusty and Dolly, who are Pekin ducks.

We asked her what the best thing about ducks is and she said: "Because they're SO CUTE!"

Photograph: Ruby R

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Exclusive JRN fashion special



Our top reporting team for this issue of JRN:

Lila C, Tizzy C, Rowan C, Fleur C, Ellie E, Sophie K, Katie M, Isla M, Daniella O, Ruby R, Biba S, Ellie S, Oliver T, Martha T, Pippa W, Gwen W.

The **man** who wants to turn the world **Green**

How can young people help to save our planet?

Ruby R and **Ellie S** interviewed Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, for John Rankin News when he visited Newbury

What can children do to help the environment?

By making little changes in your daily lives you can be a big help, like trying to walk or use public transport instead of always taking the car.

What's the best way to help wildlife?

If you have a garden, ask your family to make sure there is grass and flowering plants for insects to live in.

Why is recycling important?

Recycling saves energy and reduces waste. Most things we throw away end up dumped in giant landfill sites which pollute the environment.

How can we stop plastic killing sea life?

There are things we can all do such as using a

The **slime** craze: it's coming to a sticky end



By **Rowan C** and **Sophie K**

Slime has been a massive craze for two years, but it is coming to an end.

Ella (Year 6) said: "Slime is cool but it can be annoying when it makes your hands itchy from the borax."

Miss Archibald said: "I hate it when my children get it in the carpet." Miss Goode said: "I just think it's weird!"

Slime recipe: • PVA glue • Food dye • Contact lens solution



Jonathan Bartley meets Ellie and Ruby (above)

A turtle trapped in plastic waste (below)



bottles. But the best way to save the oceans is to persuade the Government to change the rules so shops and businesses use less plastic.

What would you change about schools?

The Green Party thinks schools should be places of fun and exploration. But our current school system is so focused on tests we think it fails to prepare young people for life after exams. We would get rid of SATS, and focus on teaching young people the skills they really need, like creativity and curiosity.

Did you like school?

I am afraid I didn't really like school!

Ellie S joined Year 6 from another school

A new girl's view of JRJ

This school is a lot better. The people are a lot more kind, and in my opinion, the education is actually a lot better, too. I appreciate that staff are very kind, especially Mrs Rance. I also like the fact that lots of the teachers are funny, just like Mr Percy!

The rules are a lot better than my old school. They used to be things like "don't do this" and "don't do that ... " At John Rankin they're things like "Remember to be kind, and remember to be honest."

Although I love JRJ, there are two negative things although I am sure they are problems that the school could sort out easily. One is that the boys should stop talking about Fortnite so much. I understand that it's a good and fun game, but maybe they don't need to talk about it in the middle of lessons all the time. The final thing I'd like to see at JRJ is for boys and girls to get along better. I'm sure it would be very easy, and everyone would be a lot happier.