



'ad omnia paratus'



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Dear parent(s) / carers,

To help raise our children's interest and determination to make progress with their recall of their times-tables, I am very pleased to be re-introducing the 'Battle of the Bands' feature! On a week-to-week basis and occasionally for 2 or 3 weeks when I suspect interest will be even greater, various groupings of children will be competing with one another!

Children will be able to contribute to their respective groups' totals by correctly answering questions in any of the TTR game modes.

Each of the 'battles' will start at 7.00am on a Monday morning and will conclude at 7:00pm on a Sunday evening (with a few exceptions to take account of school holidays). To avoid children spending every waking every hour behind a screen, I have placed a 45-minute limit on the period of time during which their points will count towards their groups total. This is not to say that I expect every child to spend 45-minutes per day competing!

During Monday assemblies, 'Mrs Cook or the teacher who is leading the assembly will announce the winner of the previous week's battle(s) and announce who will be battling in the forthcoming battle(s).

The children will be pitting their skills against one another in various groupings. Classes will compete with other classes, house groups will compete with other house groups and year groups will compete with other year groups! For more information, please see the attached file called '2022/23 Battle of the Bands timetable'.

With the exception of the Easter break, from halfway through the Spring term, I have withdrawn the Year 6 children from battles so their competitive streak does not interfere with their efforts in the preparation for the end of KS2 SATs tests. Rest assured, the moment the tests have been completed, the Year 6's are right back in the thick of the action!

As referred to above, I suggest keeping a copy of the '2022/23 Battle of the Bands timetable' so you can remind your child when they are involved in a battle.

Whilst I am very confident the introduction of the 'Battle of the Bands' will further heighten the children's interest levels in TTR, they can continue to make full use of the application even if they are not actively participating in any of that week's group battles. The children should always be aspiring to reach a higher rock status (based on their accuracy and speed of recall) so the more they play the better they will get.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jonathan.smith@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mr Smith

