

# Tapestry information session



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# Why we use Tapestry



- Assess children's progress through observations
- Photos, videos, comments, long observations
- Can track children's interests, trends in play, set enhancements, next steps for learning
- Assessments are ongoing
- Staff will endeavour to publish one observation weekly for you to access
- Encourage observations from other sources; PE specialists, other childcare settings, parents.

# How to access your account



- Via website [www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com)
- Download the tapestry app
- Please change the password you have been allocated ASAP
- Don't share your log in details with anyone else
- Any problems see Mrs Burton – be patient as I have to wait for Tapestry helpdesk to get back to me!!!!

# Commenting on staff observations



- Staff to publish one observation per week (this will be reviewed throughout the year)
- Nursery and Reception will publish an observation on one area of learning per week ~ staff constantly observe/assess all areas of learning
- Feel free to comment on an observation but staff will **not** comment back
- Staff will **like** a comment to acknowledge receipt
- Commenting on observations isn't designed to replace face to face dialogue!

# Group observations



- Sometimes observations will take place during group activities, co-operative play
- Each observation/information shared will be personal to your child
- Other children's photos may appear
- Do not download photos that show other children
- Age band refinements attached to observations won't always reflect the overall judgement of all children included in the observation

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://tapestryjournal.com/s/corbridge-first-school/observations". The page has a blue header with "Observations" and "Children" menus, and a user profile "check check". The main content area features a search bar, a "+ Add Observation" button, and a list of observations. The first observation is titled "Playing football in the garden" and includes a date, time, and a description. The second observation is titled "Test" and includes a date and time. Both observations are marked as "Not in journal" and attributed to "Dummy Child". The interface is decorated with a butterfly and a snail illustration.

Observations

+ Add Observation

Filter & Sort Observations

Search

Playing football in the garden

01 May 2017 10:12 PM by check check Relative

Today we played football in the garden and I was amazed at how many goals 'GB' scored. He was able to add up the score and was quick to tell his friends that he had scored two more than him.

Not in journal

Dummy Child

Test

01 May 2017 10:08 PM by check check Relative

Test

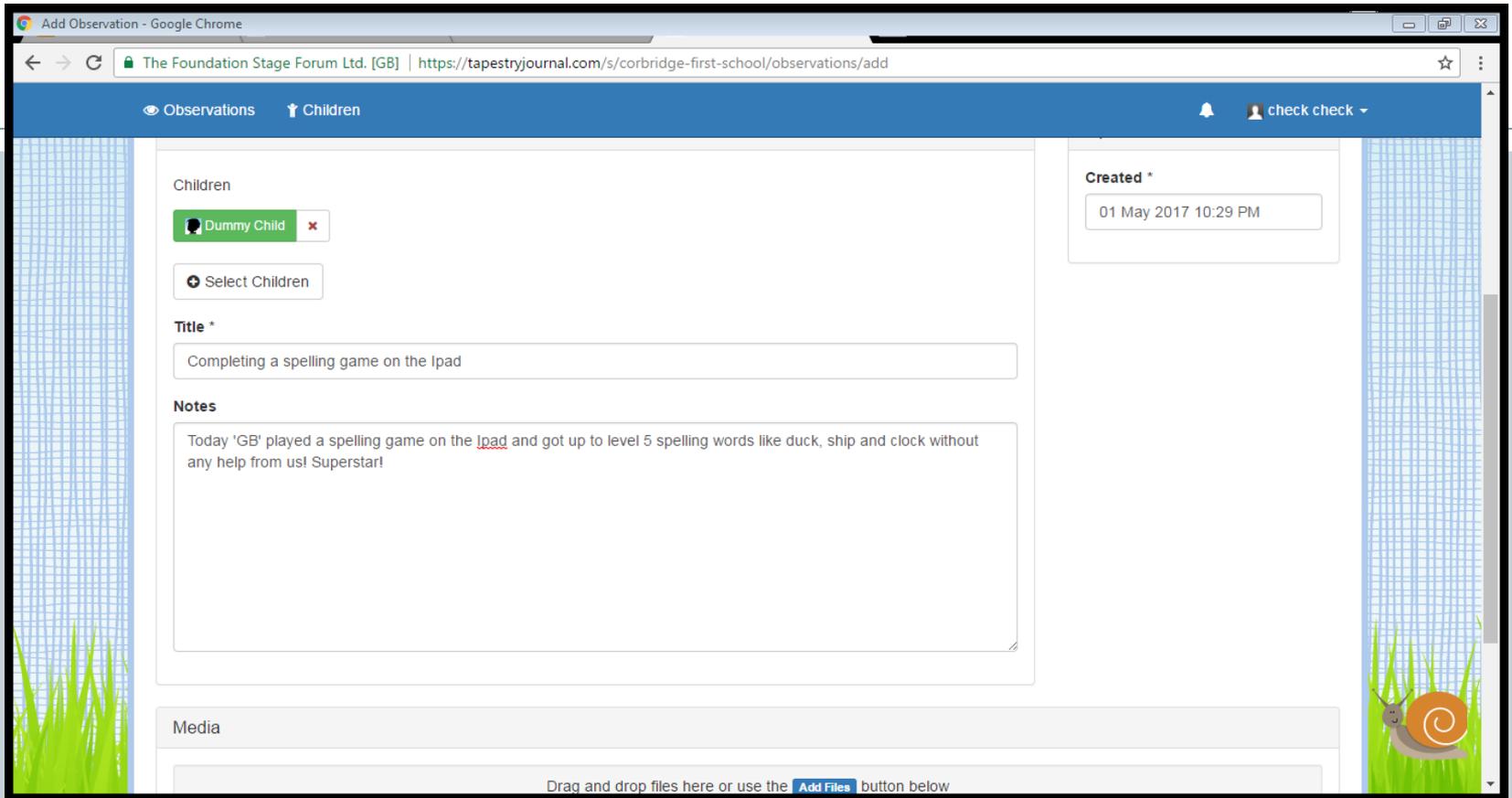
Not in journal

Dummy Child

1. Begin by selecting add observation in the top right corner of your screen.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd. [GB] | https://tapestryjournal.com/s/corbridge-first-school/observations/add". The page title is "Add Observation - Google Chrome". The main content area is titled "Add Observation" and includes a "Children" section with a "Select Children" button. A modal window titled "Select Children" is open, showing a "Filter..." input field, a "Children" input field, and a "Related Children" section with a "Select All" button. Below this, a list of children is shown, with "Dummy Child" selected. A "Done" button is visible at the bottom right of the modal. The background form includes fields for "Observation", "Title \*", and "Notes", and a "Created \*" timestamp of "01 May 2017 10:29 PM".

2. Next click on select children and add your child. Select done.



3. A short title must be added. Then write a short commentary of the activity you want to share.

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4. If you wish to add photos, select add files and then follow the on-screen instructions. Once you are happy with your observation click save at the bottom right of the screen.

# Adding observations



- Staff will like the observation to acknowledge receipt
- Staff will add observation to journal
- Staff may attach an age-band refinement
- Physical development – ie riding a bike, swimming, football, dance clubs, performances
- Communication and language – bedtime stories,
- Understanding the World/Personal and Social – celebrations, family life
- If observations/photos include other children you **MUST** have their permission to upload – journals can be used for in school/local authority moderation
- Where possible – observations will be shared with the whole class during show and tell activities.