

New Brighton Weekly News

Friday 17th October.

Today we wore RED to show racism the red card.



As a community we have a shared responsibility to raise awareness and do our bit to stop racism.

Racism is treating someone badly or unfairly because of their race, skin color, or where they come from.

Some things you could do at home and in the community are:

- Speak about anti-racism
- Have age-appropriate conversations regularly
- Talk about recent history and culture
- Encourage children to appreciate diversity
- Keep talking!!

TOGETHER
we are stronger

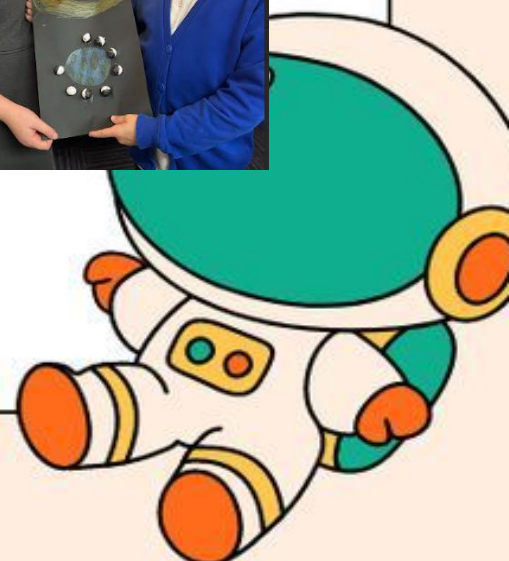




Science in 5LC



This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about Earth and Space. So far, we have researched the planets that make up our solar system, how they move and the order they are in. We have also learned about how scientists views have changed over time from a geocentric to a heliocentric model. This week, we looked at the moon's evolution, why it is important and the phases of the moon. Check out our amazing moon phases diagrams.



This week in 2JH.....



Our new DT topic is Remarkable recipes. So we looked at where the food we eat comes from and why it needs to be cooked.

We identified cooking utensils and their different uses.

Following this, the children were given a yummy recipe for Eton mess!! They mashed, chopped, squashed, and stirred their ingredients following the instructions given.



They loved the final product. Some even asked for seconds. Miss Harrison is going to do the recipe in case the children would like to make it at home.



Promise Heroes

THESE STUDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR
SCHOOL PROMISE WELL THIS WEEK

FOUNDATION



KS1



LKS2



UKS2



Happy Grandparents Day

We were so lucky over the past two weeks to welcome so many grandparents and other special people into school to celebrate how awesome they are. The children loved sharing their learning with you. Thank you to each and every one of you that came.



Happy Grandparents Day





Spooky Discos

Can we ask that all our spooky guests in Years 1 to 6 are dropped off at the car park entrance and collected from the Year 5/6 playground at their allotted disco time.

Entrance is £3 payable on the door. Come and join us for a spooktacular time 🎃



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources



Zig Zag Yellow Lines

Can we remind parents that the zig zag lines outside school are not for parking. This includes pulling up on them to let children out. They are here to protect the children in a very busy and potentially dangerous time. Thank you for your support.



In support of our 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, this week's Makaton phrase is:

We are all equal

Brought to you by children from our School Council.



Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
HUB 1	50%	3LM	43%
HUB 2	57%	4JJ	79%
POPPIES	-	4ML	92%
BUTTERCUPS	-	4LM	71%
1RB	84%	HUB 3	78%
1LB	67%	5NM	37%
1OT	57%	5LC	78%
2JH	33%	5MC	85%
2RB	52%	6HC	48%
2BT	38%	6SJ	71%
3DN	52%	6TS	65%
3CC	46%	Total	61%

Well done to class 4ML who have the highest reading average this week and to class 4JJ who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.



Wednesday 10th December
4pm - 6pm

After half term, in preparation for our Christmas Fair, our PTA will be asking for donations of gifts and non-perishable food items. More information will follow. *There is no expectation to donate every week but we appreciate all contributions, big or small.*



Week 1 - chocolate/sweets

Week 2 - small gifts or sets



Week 3 - toys/books (unused or very good condition)

Week 4 - non-perishable food items



Week 5 - bottles

Week 6 - cakes



ROBLOX: A Parent's Guide



What is Roblox?

Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform. It is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.

What does it look like in the app store?



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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with any app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.



Main Concerns for Parents

ROBLOX

Chatting and friend requests

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

The Roblox Studio

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.

Robux (online payments)

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.

ROBLOX: Tips for Parents



Regularly check what your child is doing

Even though you trust your child, they may not tell you who they have been talking to or what exactly they have been playing on the platform. If you wish, you are able to check your child's history on Roblox, including:

- Their creations, such as games, items, sounds, adverts...etc (You can find this in the develop section when logged in)
- Their private messages they have sent and received (When logged in, open the Chat & Party window in the bottom-right of the page. Click on any of the users which will open a window and show you the chat)
- Their Friends and Followers (You can find this in the friends section when logged in)
- Virtual item purchase and trade history (Find this in the transactions section when logged in).

Blocking and reporting

Roblox has tools in place to make it easy for users to report inappropriate behaviour and block users from making contact. It is important that you and your child know how to block and report users and functions within the platform. Have the discussion with your child to make sure they are confident in knowing what should be reported and how to report something. You can find the red 'Report Abuse' buttons throughout the platform.

What should be reported?

- If a user is being offensive in a chat or private message
- If a user is being offensive when playing a game
- If anyone asks your child for their personal information
- Harassment and cyberbullying
- Impersonation/Illegal activity
- Discrimination
- If somebody breaks the Roblox community rules

You can disable in-game chat

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

Enable a 2-step verification

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account. It means that when there is a log in on a new device, users will be asked to enter their username and password followed by a 6-digit security code. This code will be sent to the email address used to set up the account (your child's) so significantly reduces the risk of hacking. To set up the 2-step verification, simply go to the account settings and click on the security tab.

Unlist social media accounts

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

Is your child under 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

Do not use a real name to sign up

Roblox encourages its users to use a fake name to sign up. This helps to protect your child's identity, but they should be aware that this means they don't know who exactly they are talking to.

Have a discussion with your child about online payments

It is important to talk to your child to make sure they know it is possible to spend real money in the game, as well as Robux. When having the conversation, it may be worth making some promises with them, such as asking your child to let you know if they are prompted to make a payment in the game which could prevent unwanted payments.

Make sure your child only has ONE account

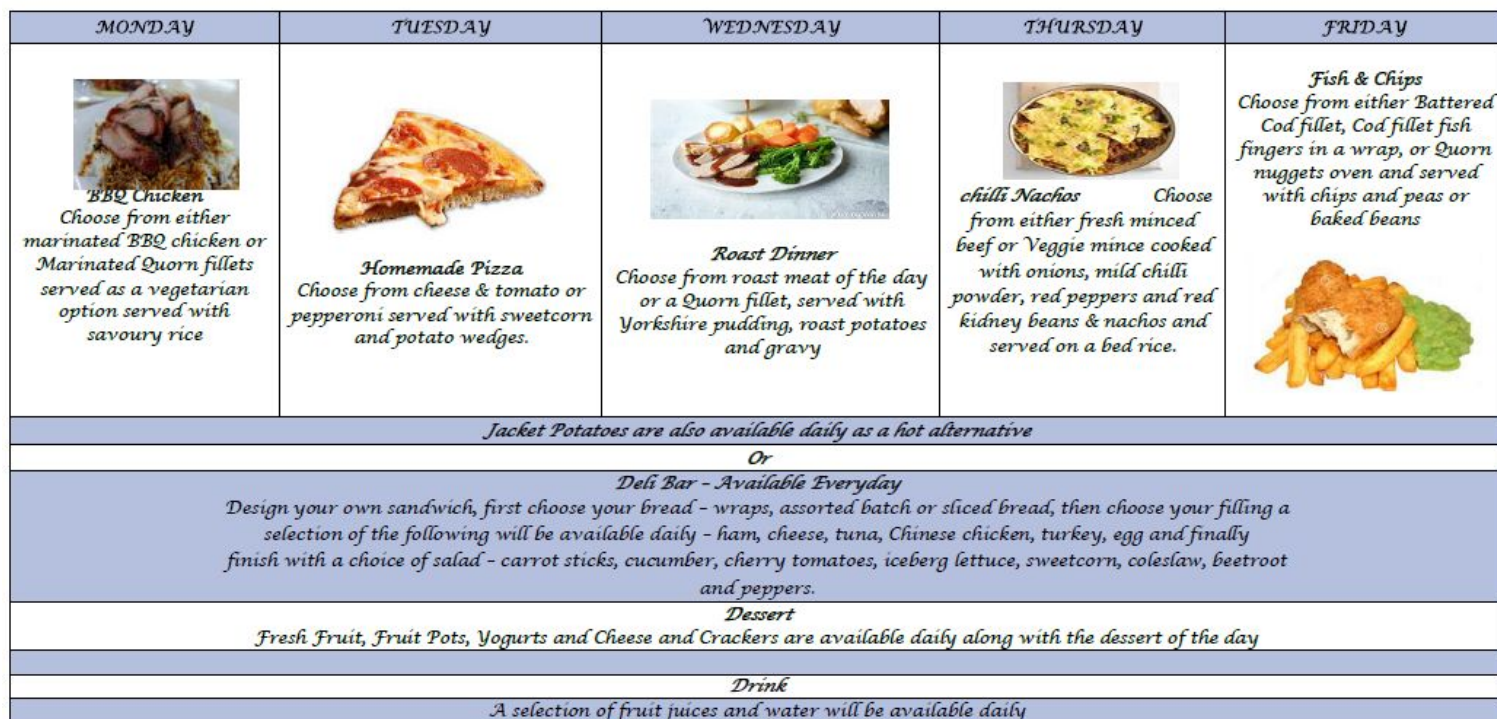
Even if you set up a Roblox account with parental controls for children under 13 years old, they are still able to create multiple accounts on their device (these are often called 'ghost accounts'). This means that your child may set up a 13+ account with less parental settings. We recommend having a discussion with your child about account creation to make sure they do not have accounts you don't know about.

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Check what personal information they share

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

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Attendance

We aim for 100% our target is 98%

Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nutmeg	96.9	32	3DN	94.3	146
Poppies	90.7	159	4ML	95.1	243
Buttercups	92	0	4LM	95.8	26
1RB	95.7	20	4JJ	96.9	90
1LB	95.7	290	HUB 2	88.1	109
1OT	86.5	105	HUB 3	94.4	57
2BT	94.6	65	5NM	95.5	101
2RB	97.8	85	5LC	97.2	19
2JH	95.4	68	5MC	94.6	128
HUB 1	98.8	83	6HC	91.7	134
3LM	98.8	75	6SJ	93.8	0
3CC	86	23	6TS	87.8	53
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	93.8%		Lost Learning	35 HRS 11 MINS	

Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register. **Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**



School Promise Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

Nutmeg Freya	Class 3LM Elkie & Arthur
Buttercups Theo & Sonny R	Class 4JJ Charlie & Oliver
Poppies Lucy & Laurie	Class 4LM Minnie & Noah
Class 1RB Avaya & Koby	Class 4ML Autumn & Erin
Class 1LB Florence & Leo	Class Hub 2 Marcus
Class 1OT Ophelia & Teddy	Class 5LC Beatrice & Oscar
Class 2BT Evie & Hallie	Class 5MC Evelyn L and Catalina
Class 2JH Maelie & Nola	Class 5NM Maisie and Mia
Class 2RB Nyla & Fox	Class Hub 3 Alfie
Class Hub 1 Elliot	Class 6HC Oliver and Isla
Class 3CC Leo & Willow E	Class 6SJ Tilly and Evelyn
Class 3DN Chase & Heidi	Class 6TS Andre and Marc

