

Dates for Diary

May

Friday 13th – School closed staff inset day

Tuesday 17th – Reception and Y6 height and weight programme

Wednesday 18th – Coffee morning at 09:00

Wednesday 25th – Class photos

Friday 27th – Queen's Jubilee Day and PSA cake sale

Monday 30th – Week of half term – school closed

June

Monday 6th – Y3 to Regent Park Mosque

Monday 13th – Y5 residential week to Gordon Brown

Wednesday 15th – Y5 Gordon Brown day trip

Monday 20th – Y5 to St Pauls Cathedral

Tuesday 21st – Y6 Graduation photos

Tuesday 21st – Y2 to Brighton beach

Wednesday 22nd – Y6 Prize winners from Shakespeare Company going to the Lyceum Theatre

Monday 27th – Y1 to Kew Gardens

Tuesday 28th – 4MO to Welsh Harp

Wednesday 29th – Music assembly with parents

Thursday 30th – 4E to Welsh Harp

July

Friday 1st – 4I to Welsh Harp

Friday 1st – International evening

Dear All

Lovely to see so many parents at the last coffee morning. If you can, do pop into the school on the 18th and meet and chat with the other parents and the leadership team. Kristen from Place2be will be joining us to introduce herself and answer questions.

This week has been SATs week for Year 6 students. The children have been very calm and handled them well, we are very proud of them.

Year 2 are also doing their SATs and again, are very calm as the teachers are ensuring they feel no stress.

Finally, thank you to the parents who attended the Year 1 phonics meeting. It's always helpful, as a parent, to know what your child is facing at school so you can support them at home.

Do enjoy the long weekend and the sunshine we've been promised!

Angela Anterkvi (Head Teacher)

SPORTS DAY

Nursery – Tuesday 28th June at 9.30 at school

Reception – Monday 27th June at 09:30 at school

Years 1 & 2 – Tuesday 28th June at 13:30 at school

Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 29th June at 13:30 at the park

Years 5 & 6 - Thursday 30th June at 09:30 at the park

School Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a local school governor?

The purpose of the LGB is to support Anthem in implementing its core purpose of advancing education for the public benefit and to be a link to the school community while providing challenge and support at a local level.

Local Governors are appointed by Anthem Schools Trust. They serve for a term of four years and can be re-elected for a further four years to serve a maximum of eight years.

The LGB's delegated responsibilities are sub-divided into three core functions:

- strategic improvement
- support and challenge
- communication and collaboration

For more details, please contact Liza Silvanian on lsilvanian@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk or call 020 8452 1350 ext.221

Queen's 70th Jubilee



On Friday 27th May we will be celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne. The school will be decorated in union jack bunting and there will be a 'royal' theme to lunch. Children and staff are invited to come to school in red, white and blue, or dress as a member of the royalty as a queen, king, princess or prince.

After school there will be a cake sale in the years 3 and 4 playground. Please drop off your baking contributions to the office. Thanks!

KEW GARDENS VISIT

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens on 26th April, to reinforce their learning on tropical rainforests. They explored the plants in the extremely warm tropical palm house.

The children spent an instructive time in the temperate house and the Prince of Wales Conservatory where they took great joy moving from room to room discovering all the different plants that provide the indigenous people with food and medicine and learning their botanical names. The climb to the tree top walkway was a bit scary at first but the view of Kew and beyond that it offered was spectacular.



Egyptian Day

On Friday 6th May, Year 3 held Egyptian Day to support their history topic of Ancient Egypt. The children were excited to come to school dressed up in Ancient Egyptian costumes (with some mummies too)! They enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, including constructing pyramids, making their own papyrus paper, decorating necklaces and even baking delicious Egyptian bread.



Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you to all those parents who drop off and pick up children safely.

Unfortunately, there are a number of parents who are pulling up carelessly, letting their children out of the car and enabling the children to run across the mini roundabout at Cullingworth Road, Waterford Way and Burnley Road.

I appreciate that there is nowhere to park but please ensure you drop your child so they can safely cross at the crossing.

I have written to Brent Council with regards to having a 20mph speed limit put in place and to have clear School signs.

There are safe places to cross so please be cautious with your child.

Thank you

Attendance

The ideal attendance at school is 100%, but anything above 96% is on the right track.

Classes where there has been 100% attendance in the previous week get a very special certificate presented to them at assembly, and teachers proudly put them on the classroom door.

In the month of April the classes with the highest attendance were:

Attendance



5PM – 98%

3P & 6D – 96%

Well done!

You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.



-Dr. Seuss



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.

Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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