

# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We have so much to celebrate this week and in particular the wealth of sporting opportunity available for our children!

Good luck to our Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket Team - We wish our fantastic Year 3/4 Rapid Fire cricket team the best of luck as they head to the county final next Tuesday! After advancing from the District Event a couple of weeks ago, they have already achieved so much. Congratulations to all of them for representing the school so brilliantly!

PTA Disco Fun - We hope everyone has a blast at tonight's PTA Disco busting out their best moves!!! Thank you to all the PTA members for organising this wonderful event and to Mrs Catlin, Mrs Conway, Mrs O'Dowd, and Miss Clifford for attending and supporting the children.

Community Collective Easter Worship - This year, our Easter service will be a little different – we are holding a Community Collective Worship at St Augustine's Church beginning promptly at 9:00am on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, so please arrive at 8:45am to ensure you don't miss out! We would love for you to join us as we celebrate this special time.

Please note that the final day of term will be Friday, 4th April and children will finish at 1:05pm with collection from school.

Next week is sure to be full of excitement, with the Rapid Fire cricket county final, a Year 3 sandwich workshop, lucky Year 4 visiting Harry Potter World at Warner Brothers' Studios, and our Class Assembly season kicking off with Year 1 on Friday at 10:00am.

We hope you enjoy the final round of the Six Nations matches, and that your weekend is relaxing!

Best wishes Paul Miller



*Dream, Believe and Achieve with God*

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## YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY

On Monday Year 5 visited the Royal Observatory and Planetarium in Greenwich.

Despite the long journey and overcast skies, it was a great day! In the Planetarium, we watched a film about looking after our planet and the galaxy. The film was projected onto the whole dome and you looked up from the comfiest seats to watch it! In our guided session, we found out how satellites are used to monitor different features of the Earth from space, like volcanoes and animal populations. At the Observatory we stood across the Prime Meridian which meant we had one foot in the eastern hemisphere and one in the western hemisphere! We have been learning about Earth and Space in our Science lessons so this trip was a fabulous way to support and extend our learning. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us - we hope you enjoyed the day just as much as we did!



## RAPID FIRE CRICKET

Congratulations to our amazing rapid fire cricketers for placing second in the local schools tournament!

As a result of this accomplishment, they are now heading to the county finals! This is an exciting opportunity for our young athletes, and we look forward to cheering them on as they represent our school.



## INTER PRIMARY CUP

Congratulations to our fantastic football A team on their impressive performance last Tuesday. Achieving 3rd place out of 9 schools is a remarkable feat, especially for our small school!

Let's continue to support and celebrate our young athletes, as they represent our school with pride.





## **KIND DONATION FROM JJ BUILDING SUPPLIES**

Many thanks to JJ Building Supplies for their kind donation of wood for the Early Years stage. As spring arrives and we begin tidying our gardens and doing odd jobs around the house, please think about supporting this local business with your building supplies.

*Thank  
You*

## **THE BRIAN PICKARD 200 CLUB**

The Brian Pickard 200 Club winner for February is

No. 26 Mr Ellmore—Parent of the School

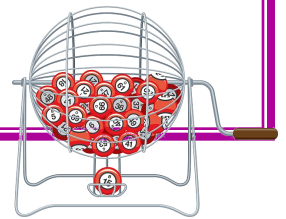
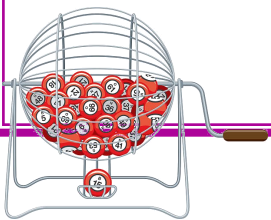
Many congratulations!

The next draw will be on Tuesday, 18th March..

New members are always welcome as are those whose subscription renewal is due. Annual subscription is only £12!

Please support the School in this way!

Please contact the office for details.



## **HOUSE POINT LEADERS**

This week's winners are.....

**Green Hedgehogs**



**REMINDER:** The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!



**REMINDER—LOTS OF SOCKS DAY!**

**FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH**

On Friday, 21st March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed! They might be mismatched socks or your boldest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The Lots Of Socks campaign exists to raise awareness about Down syndrome.

<https://lotsofsocks.worlddownsyndromeday.org/collections/lotsofsocks-socks>



**YEAR 4**

**Thursday, 20th March**

Trip to Harry Potter studios

Please meet the coach at the church at 8.35am ready for a prompt departure.



**YEAR 3**

Sandwich Workshop

Wednesday, 19th March



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX



Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

#### ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

#### MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

#### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

#### SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

#### PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

#### TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.





## **TRY TENNIS FOR FREE!**

We are BTA Tennis Coaching, running our unique tennis coaching programme at Broxbourne Tennis Club and we want to invite you along for a free taster session!!

Our sessions cater for children of all ages and abilities, welcoming complete beginners and children who have playing experience along to our fun packed sessions, full of games and drills to help children improve and thrive in tennis!!

Come along and book your child's' free taster session onto any of the following session this March!! Our friendly coaching team are excited to meet you and welcome any new tennis stars onto our programme and get you started on your child's tennis journey.

For more information contact [info@btatenniscoaching](mailto:info@btatenniscoaching) or hold down the QR code on the attached leaflet to choose which session you'd like to try.

Hopefully see you on the court soon!

Team BTA

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## **IN MARCH**

### **BOOK NOW**

ONTO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

**MONDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM (9YRS - 13YRS)**  
**WEDNESDAY 4:15 - 5:15PM (4YRS - 8YRS)**  
**THURSDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM (4YRS - 9YRS)**  
**FRIDAY 4:15PM - 5:15PM (4YRS - 13YRS)**  
**SATURDAY 9:30AM - 10:30AM (2YRS - 8YRS)**

**PERFECT FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES**

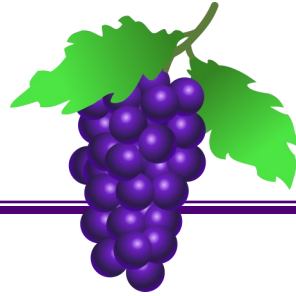
**SCAN HERE TO BOOK OR TEXT: 07538401063**



### **GRAPES IN SCHOOL**

If your child brings grapes into school as a snack, or as part of their lunch, please ensure these are cut in half. This is for the safety of all children.

Thank you.



### **YEAR 2 SWIMMING MEETING**

Friday, 21st March 9.00am

