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News Update 22nd March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week in school! A reminder that we close for the Easter break on Thursday 28th March 2024 at normal times – school finishes for Nursery at 3:00 p.m., Main School at 3:30 p.m. and After School Club at 5:30 p.m

Comic Relief: A big thank you for your support with our Comic Relief Event last week. The children had a great week in school with the Masked Singer, wearing red on Friday and a fun-filled assembly. Our grand total for Comic Relief - £467.00. Well done everyone. Thank you to Miss Hope, Mrs Coulson and Mrs Milligan for organising the events.

Easter in School: On Wednesday we will be holding an Easter Assembly led by Rev. Si Walker. On Tuesday we will be launching our annual Egg Dumping Competition. Watch out for Facebook to see how the competition unfolds!

Scarecrows are alive!

We are inviting all families to make and place a scarecrow in their front garden over the coming weekends. We would love your scarecrow to be a defender – linked to our Anti-Bullying Work in the Autumn term. Before the Easter Break we would like you to send us a picture and its location so that over Easter we can run a Scavenger Hunt Competition. We will plot them on a local map and send you a letter of the alphabet to be displayed with your Scarecrow. Children can then collect the letters, unscramble the words and send their entries into school after the holidays for a prize. Please send your entries to goingtheextramile@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk. Please do consider entering our challenge. Follow the link for a quick guide on making a scarecrow <https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR RECEPTION STARTERS SEPT 2024: Please help us spread the word – Reception places for Sept 2024 are available for all children regardless of if children already attend our Nursery. Some parents have contacted us thinking that they cannot apply to attend Jericho if their child does not attend Jericho Nursery. This is not the case. Our places are open to all in the community. We have 60 places in Reception and have only had around 55 children apply in previous years. There are plenty of places available for all in the community.

Open Evening: We will be holding an open evening for all prospective parents on Tuesday 26th March between 4 and 6 p.m. Members of the team will be on hand to help prospective parents around the school and answer any questions. Please join us between 4 and 6 p.m.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR NURSERY PARENTS: Nursery Return to School After the Easter Break - School reopens after Easter on Tuesday 16 April, however our Nursery will remain closed on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April due to staff training.

Shout outs -

Congratulations to Sophia Park who attended her grading at the weekend for Taekwondo. She has now achieved her green tag. Well done Sophia.

Congratulations also to Georgie, Nella and Edie who danced in the "that's Showbiz" finals at the Winter Gardens Blackpool for Stage Stars last weekend.

NHS Dental Spaces

Queen Street Dental Practice have been in touch to say they currently have some children's NHS spaces available. Please contact them directly on 01946 590388 if you are looking for a dentist for your child.

Our Golden Superstars this week:

Hattie in nursery for observational painting of a sunflower

Nate y5 Arithmetic improvements

Ada in y1 superb ICT portraits

Darcy in y1 ICT portrait building

Ted and Joey y1- Fantastic ICT Skills

Ethan y1 superb ICT skill

Ethan and Bodhi in y4 Beowulf writing

Sienna Y6 – great progress in Maths work

Lucia Y3 – skilled mapwork

Jacob Y3 – impressive writing

Grayson Y3 – skilled use of adjectives

Essie and Pearl in Y3 for their wonderful podcasting

Penelope Y2 – fantastic Antarctica geography knowledge

Hetty, Lisa and Juwel in Y3 for wonderful podcasting

Sam, Katie and Emmie in Year 5 for superb creative writing.

Top Tips:

This week a reminder of some useful top tips to help parents monitor the use of Roblox. Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans. However, it does encourage players to communicate online. A parent has reported a new link called "Don't call at 3 a.m." This appears to be a messaging service full of inappropriate scary messages and images. Please beware that it encourages children to ring late at night!

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential hazards such as online daters, in-app purchasing and contact with strangers.

Bransty Rangers – A shout out to all Under 9 Girls in year 4. Bransty Rangers are looking for new team players. See the flyer for more details.

Save the dates:

26th March – Nursery Trip to Muncaster Castle

27th and 28th March – Year 5 Tree Planting

28th March – School Closes for Easter Holidays.

Tuesday 16th April – Reception – Year 6 Return to School after Easter Holidays

Thursday 18th April – Nursery return to school after the Easter Holidays.

13th May – all Week – KEY STAGE TWO SATS

Residential

Year 3 Blencathra – 20th May – 21st May

Year 4 – Hawse end – 3rd June – 5th June

Year 5 – York – 13th May – 16th May

Year 6 – London – 24th June – 27th June



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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