



Dear Parents & Carers,

Today our pupils have marked Red Nose Day for Comic Relief by wearing red clothes and making a donation to the charity. I would like to thank our School Council for organising this event and we will communicate the total amount raised early next week.

Last week marked Science Week, all classes took part in a range of scientific investigations and activities as part of the week; it was lovely to see our pupils engaged in collaborative learning!

Our Y5 and Y6 pupils led a whole school assembly to share their learning and celebrate Sikh New Year. The children and family members enjoyed finding out about the celebrations; thank you to everyone involved.

This week we have submitted art work produced by pupils across the school for the Local Primary Schools' Open Art Exhibition. The event at Didsbury Parsonage from 30th March to 21st April will show our exhibits alongside other local schools. We hope that Broad Oak families will be able to support the event during the Easter break.

Tomorrow we will be holding a 'Work Day' at school between 9am and 12pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this great community event.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher

Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm - Faris & Liam, Pine - Owen & Romy, Ash - Jamie & Mia.

Beech - Berry & Norah, Hazel - Laith & Summayah,
Larch - Hema & Kalista.

Aspen - Ishaq & Reeya, Rowan - Ahmad & Momin,
Spruce - Mustafa & Eredzheb.

This week we held our Always assembly.

Those children that consistently model our school Core Values received their special badge in front of their family members.

Well done to everyone who received their badge today!

Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97%.

Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 21.03.25 was 94.6%

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 14.03.25:

Pine - 100%, Beech - 98%.

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 28.02.25:

Elm - 99%, Pine - 98%, Beech - 98%, Larch - 97%, Aspen - 98%,
Spruce - 99%.

This term LKS2 has been out doing Forest Crew Sessions. This week they were designing Tree Spirits using clay and natural materials found in the wood. They had to give them a name too; such as, The Prowler, Wild of the Face, Oakley the Treester, The Incoming Danger and Sharak. Hazel Class were very imaginative with their designs. These have been left in the woods and over time will fade and return to the forest.

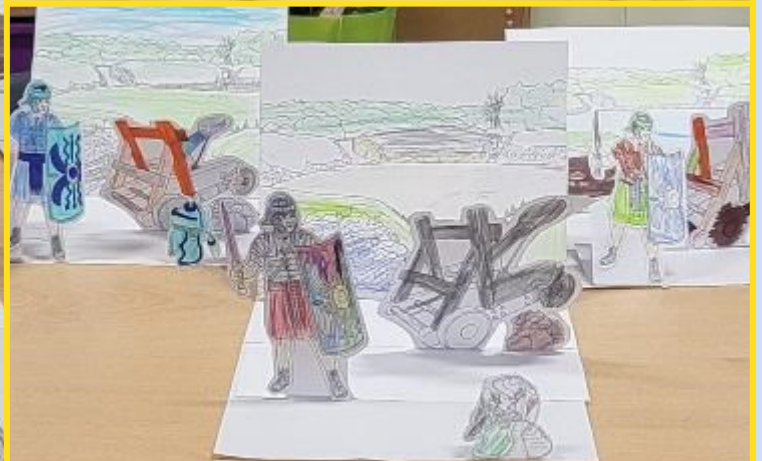
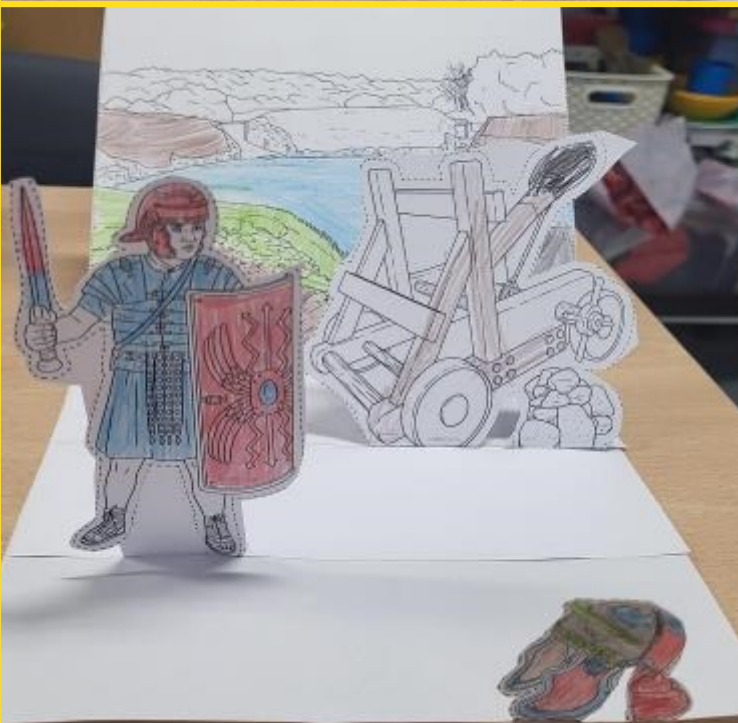


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Acorns have been learning about why The Romans Invaded and settled in Britain. They have made a diorama of a Roman Soldier.



This week Elm class have been reading the story 'Who is in the egg?' and we have been learning about animals that lay eggs. In our continuous provision we have had the opportunity to explore egg related activities!





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BROAD OAK WORK DAY



Join us for a Spring work day as we work together to support our school and keep it looking great! Drop in any time or stay for the whole morning.



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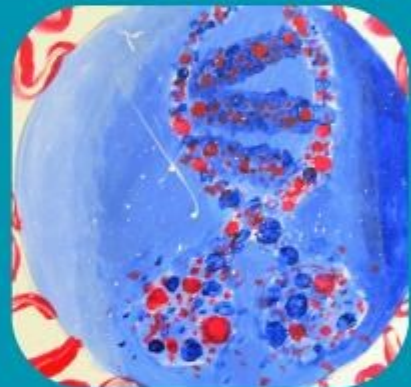
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LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS' OPEN ART EXHIBITION

Spring 2025

Sunday 30th March to Monday 21st April 2025



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Didsbury Parsonage Trust, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2RQ

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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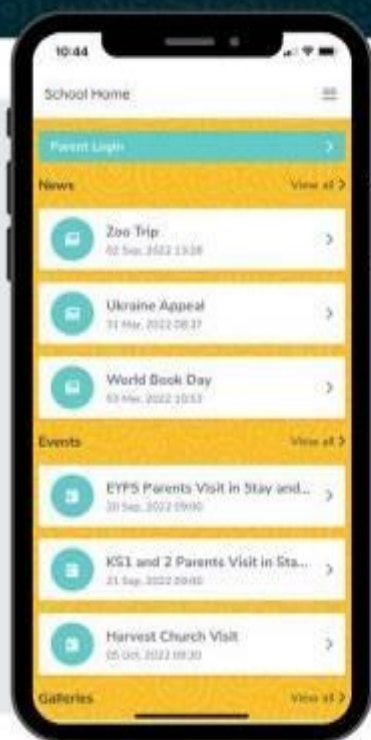
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