

*Small School  
Big Opportunities  
Great Achievements*

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week had a stunning start for Maple Class with their trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace learning about all things Roman. Acorn Class have focused on pizza all week and made their own pizza ovens, tried some new foods and cooked and eaten their own pizzas whereas Oak Class, know everything there is to know about polar bears! Elder Class have channelled their inner Highwayman and travelled back to 18<sup>th</sup> century rural England. Mrs Ronchetti and myself have been monitoring writing across the school this week and we are incredibly pleased with the progress we are seeing the children make in both their phonic knowledge in KS1 and writing across the whole school.

### Who are we celebrating this week?

**Positive,  
Persevering  
Perry**



Olivia (Oak)

**Co-operative  
Caring Chloe**



Grace (Elder)

**Headteacher  
Award**



Grace (Elder)

**Reflective,  
Reviewing  
Rowan**



Jasper (Acorn)  
Joshua (Acorn)  
Alhannah (Oak)  
Erin W (Maple)  
Marcus (Maple)  
George (Elder)

**Curious,  
Questioning Cleo**



Louie (Maple)

### Time to Shine

Luke has achieved his Core Skills 1 Gymnastics certificate and medal. Archie and George have once again, played amazingly well in a rugby festival.



Robyn has been practicing hard and has achieved her gymnastics medal!



Amaya attended a skate camp and conquered her fear of the highest ramp there at a whopping 11ft!



### Reading Ladders

The following children have reached the top of their class Reading Ladders. This means they have consistently completed their reading HW and developed that life-long love of reading.

Well done to:

**Amelie, Joseph, Jacob & Bertie (Oak)**

**Charlie, Erin W, Harrison & Max (Maple)**

**Ayla, Joshua, Lily, Luke, Mary, Reuben & Sadie (Elder)**



## Mr McDonald

Last Friday, our new Headteacher, Mr McDonald came to school to meet all the children and staff and to begin to find out what makes Thakeham 'Thakeham'. He will be back again on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and you will find him on the school gate with me that morning, so please come and say hello.

## Advice from the Internet Safety Centre - Roblox

I have attached some information from the National Online Safety Centre as we are starting to see the impact of some of the game's content coming into some of our younger children's writing. The PEGI rating for Roblox is 7 years plus and some of the content, especially from games including 'Huggy Wuggy' and 'Kissy Missy' is not appropriate for recreating in school through play or writing activities. Thank you for your support on this. For further information please see:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-a-guide-for-parents>



## Save The Date - FOTS

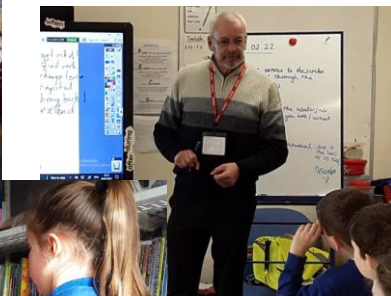
On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April FOTS will host a meet and greet afternoon at 2:00pm in the excess hall. Tea/Coffee and cakes will be supplied by FOTS. It will be a lovely chance for all parents to get together. During the event we will hold a raffle for an Easter cake. The teachers are very kindly donating Easter Eggs so the children can also take part in an Easter Egg raffle that day and they will also do an Easter Egg hunt within the school grounds. It would be lovely to see as many parents attend and support this event. We look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

## Car Parking

Please can I remind you that only parents with children in Elder Class can drop and go in the bus lane each school morning and all other drivers need to park in Steyning Grammar School car park. I am also seeing parking on both sides of the bus lane in the afternoon, which is incredibly dangerous for both Thakeham Primary and Steyning Grammar School pupils.

## World Book Day and C.S. Clifford's Author Visit

The children had great fun last week focusing on what makes a good reading book and bringing stories alive. The visit and workshops from our guest author were a great success and it was wonderful to see and hear the buzz on the playground on Thursday, when we all dressed up for our World Book Day celebrations. Our focus for the day was 'Diversity' in story telling.



## Science Week

Next week in school, to celebrate our Science Week, Mrs Stender has organised for some members of our school community to come in and work with the children on how they involve science in their work or their hobbies. We will also have a very exciting day on Wednesday with our 'Fizz Pop' science workshops for each class.

## Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

For Red Nose Day, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we would like the children to take part in Red Nose Day and raise money for Comic Relief. The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes with a red theme. This may be their t-shirt or socks, a hair band or onesie! Please ensure they are still wearing sensible shoes for school activities. Please bring in £1 donation on the day.

We would also like to do our part as well, in supporting the crisis in the Ukraine. If you also wish to donate to the Ukraine appeal, please click on either link: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal> or <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/>



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**Maple Class  
visit to  
Fishbourne  
Roman Palace**



**Acorn Class  
making  
yummy  
pizzas!**



Best wishes, Mrs Emma Hopkins (Acting Headteacher)





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX



PEGI  
**7+**

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.



### 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.



### 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.

### 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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