



Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Special events coming soon

October:

20th – last day of term

31st – Secondary application closes

November:

5th – PTA – Firework Night

6th – first day of term

7th – Hook Day

7th – Coffee with the Head 2.30pm –

Inclusion focus

8th – NHS flu immunization visit

13th-17th Anti bullying Week

13th – Yr1 Odeon Matilda the Musical

13th – Odd Sock Day

13th – Yr6 – Women of WW11

workshop

13th- Year 3 Victorians Trip to Kent Life

15th – Yr R Odeon Matilda the Musical

17th – Friendship Day

17th – Children in Need Day

29th – Yr 5 – Harry Potter World

December:

7th – Yr 4 Harry Potter World

11th – Yr R – Nativity

12th & 13th – Yrs 1&2 Christmas

(more details to follow)

KS2 Christmas (to be confirmed)

20th – last day of term – whole

school finishes at 1.15pm

Mrs Rogers Message

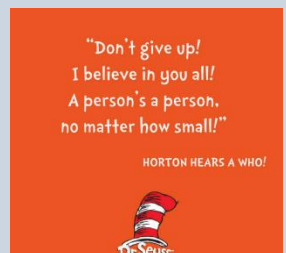
We have arrived at the last week of the first term and it has been full of learning and adventures! This week, we welcomed back our year 6's from PGL and heard all about their exciting trip to Marchants Hill. We have also had school photos this Tuesday, with the children looking so smart and grown up. The links have been sent home to parents to order their photos, so please look out for this piece of paper.

Tonight, is the first of many PTA events in the Autumn term with school discos in the KS2 Hall. This will be a fun occasion! Then, the PTA will be holding the annual fireworks display on the 5th November, please buy your tickets if you would like to attend this event as we have a number limit for safety reasons. This is always a lovely community evening and we hope to see lots of our families there!

Today has been our creativity fun day. There has been a focus on Art and DT, with the children decorating their own Halloween biscuits, our KS1 children making pumpkin plates and our KS2 children painting their own pumpkins to bring home..

We are in the process of putting together our after-school club offer for term 2, so more information will be with parents in week 1 of the new term. This term, we have seen Forest School Club, Lego Club, Choir, Football PSA, Hockey Club and Drama Club for a range of year groups. Next term, we plan to offer LAMDA, which leads to formal accreditation and UCAS points, as well as preparing for Young Voices at the 02 in January!

I hope you all have a lovely two-week half term, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th November, Mrs Rogers.



HOOK DAY Term 2 – Tuesday 7th November 2023

Please see below for your child's termly topic, and what they could come dressed in for the day

Year R – We're Going on a Bear Hunt !

The children can wear their own clothes and bring in a Teddy Bear (*not just a soft toy please*) for the Bear Hunt

Year 1 - Superheros

We will be launching our new topic of 'Superheroes Assemble' by taking part in intensive superhero training. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite superhero. This could be a fictional character or someone that they look up to in their life as a 'real superhero'. Alternatively, children can wear their own clothes.

Year 2 - All Aboard

Our topic is 'All Aboard'
During this topic, we will be learning all about the Titanic.
We would like the children to wear comfortable own clothes, as we will be completing topic-related activities on this day. In addition, the children will be taking part in a Titanic workshop in school on Thursday 9th November.

Year 3 – Victorians

We will be looking at Victorian age railways. The children can come dressed as Victorians such as long mono-tone dresses for girls and dark trousers/white tops (with tie or waist coat) for boys. As part of the topic, we would be grateful if you could bring in cardboard boxes

Year 4 – Mountains

We will be learning about "Magnificent Mountains" in term 4. We are really looking forward to this topic and have some exciting activities planned.

For our Hook Day, we invite the children to dress up as a Mountain Climber (own clothes are optional). We will be creating a mountain themed music piece, as well as Mountain sketching and walking the equivalent height of Mount Kosciuszko!

Year 5 – Egyptians

We will be immersing ourselves in our new topic, which is Walk Like and Egyptian.
During the day the children will take part in different activities to introduce them to the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. Year 5 can dress up as an Ancient Egyptian or just wear a plain white top.

Year 6 - WW2

To launch our new WW2 topic, the children in Year 6 will be taking part in a range of fun and interesting activities. They will imagine what it would be like to be a child at the time, learn some popular games from the era and experience some of the popular music of the time. Also, they will enjoy taking in part in code breaking challenges and even pretend to be an evacuee. It is going to be a brilliant day to remember!

To help the children get into the mood, the children should dress up in WW2 / 1940's era clothing. If this is tricky, an army green would also fit with the theme



Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



PE Uniform
Victory

PE Champions:
Reuben M

Attendance Stars:
KS1 Pippin
KS2: Windsor

Nursery Star:
Ella-Rose

Year 4 Timetable Stars:
Felicia, Eve, Teddy, Chenlin

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Pippin	Evie-Rose	Ronnie	Emily	Jasper
Sunrise	Annabelle	Olivia	Edward	Maze
Elstar	Blake	Jamie B	Jamie C	Olivia
Kanzi	Summer	Aidan	Erin	Theo
Fortune	Albie	Ava	Ashanis	Patrick
Liberty	Kian	Vinnie	Alfie	Austin
Opal	Olive	Luella	Milo	Samuel
Topaz	Evelyn	Rosebelle	Farah	Alex
Enterprise	Nancy	Aya	Mahad	Alfie B
Victory	Oliver	Leo	Daniel	Riley
Blenheim	Tyias	Emelia	Laynie	Ronnie S
Windsor	Emma	Ollie	Lyall	Zachary
Discovery	Libby	Rex	Holly	Phoebe
Pioneer	Emily-Paige	Hayden	Isla	Jamie

Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about your child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn or Mrs Stevens. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help! Today's focus is on the online dangers of the popular game of Roblox! If your child plays this, then please read this article!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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.

PEGI RATING 7+

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, griefters and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

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.

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.

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, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

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 some genuine friends to 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 other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, 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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Coffee with the Head

Tuesday 7th November – 2.30pm
KS2 Hall

Focus on Inclusion with
Ms Rouse & Mrs Flynn



Just One Tree

Thanks to your support, we have raised £246 to plant 246 trees in forests around the world bringing our total to 597 trees that Thames View have planted.

Thank you



Congratulations Thames View

Thames View have been selected as winners of a Green School Award 2023!

These awards recognise pupils, students, schools and colleges who are making a real difference to the environment we live in.

Royal British Legion

Each year we proudly support the British Legion by selling Poppies and some small goodies

From Monday 6th November the children can bring in their donation to class and the Poppies and good will be on sale



Please see the suggested donation cost for these items

Do you shop at Tesco in Rainham Precinct?
From 21st October – 14th January your blue tokens will go to help us purchase an APPLE MAC for pupils to make their own short movies !

