

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below for the yearly planner, please check for updates.

<https://loatlandsprimary.net/news-dates/letters-home>



Thank you for your understanding with strike days. There is one further day that has been announced on Tuesday 2nd May which we have communicated with you about. Currently there are no further dates announced but we will inform you as quickly as we can.

Please remember that any staff that decide to take part in strike action are not doing so lightly. They will lose a day's pay in their plight to highlight the strong concern about the lack of funding being given to schools to fund proposed pay increases.

They believe this is now the only way to let the Government and the wider public know exactly how funding in schools is affecting teachers, CHILDREN and other school staff. This is not just with regards to their pay, but also how current funding in schools is just not enough to meet the demands from government that are becoming overwhelming. School staff stretched to the limit trying to meet the needs of ALL learners, support services for families, and especially children with special educational needs, have been severely affected and school staff are doing everything they can, on top of their normal duties, to support our children as much as they can. Unfortunately due to Union guidance we are unable to ask staff to cover alternative classes on strike days. We are extremely grateful that staff are giving us prior warning as this is not recommended by their unions but the prior warning does mean we can inform parents as soon as possible of the disruption. I am sorry for any inconvenience but I do hope you will join me in supporting our teachers for standing up for our children. *Mrs Willis*

Reminders

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

School closed for the day 😊

Strike Day – Tuesday 2nd May – Certain classes only

Please refer to the letter emailed home for further information

KS1 SATS – Year 2 pupils – W/C 2nd May

Beginning on the 2nd May and will take place throughout the month.

Kings Coronation Picnic – Friday 5th May

Lunch available to order on School Money by Wednesday evening

Children to wear Red, White and Blue



KS1 Cross Country Event

A group of our Year 1 and Year 2 children were chosen to represent the school in a cross country running event this week at Rothwell. They were all beautifully behaved and ran their socks off!

We were very pleased to come back with 4 medals!!.

Y1 Boys – Stanley (2nd) Frankie (3rd)

Y2 Boys – George K (1st)

Y2 Girls - Portia (2nd)

Well done to every single one of our children who took part ☺

Mrs Proctor



*Label
It*

Please can we remind parents to make sure any belongings children bring in to school is labelled with their name.

Lately we have had lots of lost water bottles, jumpers and coats with no names on them. Having things clearly named makes it much easier to reunite lost property with their rightful owners ☺



To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd we will be having a picnic in school on Friday 5th May for all the children to attend. A special Coronation picnic menu has been put together (by our catering providers ABM) for the day and can be ordered through your child's school money account in the normal way. See attached poster. Please note, there will be no hot dinners available on this day. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue for the occasion.



Timetable Rockstars

**Year 4 remain victorious with a huge 18,728
V's
The rest of the School with 8,242**

Well done Year 4 😊

The results for this week's battle of highest scoring class are:

- 1st place – Cowell, 15,161
- 2nd place – Morpurgo 3,213
- 3rd place – Lewis 2,130

Largest improvement in accuracy in 7 days

- 1st place Ava-Grace Y5 Pullman
- 2nd place Martha Y5 Pullman
- 3rd place S-J Y5 Pullman

Well done to everyone who took part 😊



Safeguarding Spotlight – Roblox

Roblox is a gaming platform where players can create and publish their own games. The platform can be a great educational tool to help teach children new skills like coding. However, there are also some risks. Roblox allows players to build and publish their own games. This means that other users could build games that contain adult or inappropriate themes that your child might see. Players can use the communication features of Roblox to talk to one other while they are playing. This means that there is a risk of cyberbullying or unwanted contact.

Click on the link for more information around the safety of Roblox

[Is Roblox safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

Please also refer to the poster below for more information.



According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



What parents need to know about ROBLOX

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.



CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.




Top Tips for Parents



UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2 STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click 'Settings'. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.



RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.




YOUNGmINDS

fighting for young people's mental health



Parenthood..
The most rewarding job in the world
And also the toughest
Need some advice about your child's behaviour?
Contact YoungMinds
Parents Helpline
0808 802 5544
www.youngminds.org.uk/parents

YOUNGmINDS

We know parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. It can feel especially hard if your child's mood and behaviour seem different and you're not sure why, or what you can do to help.

But you are not alone.

We have lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services.

No matter what you and your child are going through, things can get better.

We also have our Parents Helpline who can provide advice and support if you're worried about a child or young person.

Click on this link for lots more help, advice and information

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)



Celebration

FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE

Wednesday 31st May

2023

3-7 pm

MAPLEFIELDS ACADEMY
CORBY, NN18 0TH

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Arts and Crafts, Hula hooping,
Face painting, DJ workshops,
Skittles, Climbing wall, Photo
booth, Circus skills, Potting plants
and more



REVISED Pathfinder Schools - 2022-23 academic year Term Dates

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	School days
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Pupils	189
Teachers	194

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