



Butterfly Club
Breakfast from 7:45am £3
After School until 4:30pm £4
After School until 5:30pm £6

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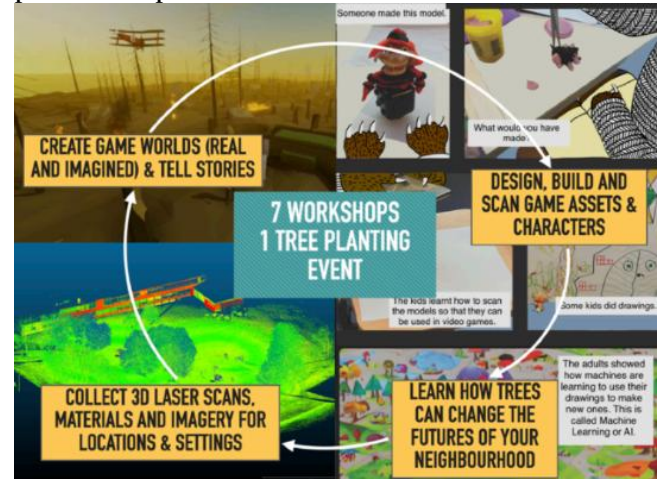
Parklands Bulletin –Autumn 2 - Week 2

Gold Award Winners

- Nursery - Raya
- Reception – Jackson, Ivy-Rose P & Ivy-Rose J
- Year 1 – Ruby G
- Year 2 – Yura
- Year 3 – Luna W
- Year 4 – Thomas J
- Year 5 – Isaac H
- Year 6 – Billy

Digital Voices of the Future

Some of you would have noticed we were joined by a film crew on Friday! This was part of an incredible project that explored different ways that young people relate to trees and treescapes. Last year, pupils in Y5 & Y6 had the opportunity to design, create, and share their own online tree-planting games, empowering them to make a positive impact on their local environment.



The researchers have returned to follow up on this, working with this year's Year 5 class as well as the Year 6 crew.

**CHRISTMAS
TOMBOLA**

COME ALONG FOR A TOY AND
BOTTLE TOMBOLA

3:15PM 26TH NOVEMBER
SCHOOL HALL

Please send in donations of
good quality toys, stationery,
gifts, bottles (toiletries or
drinks)

Treescapes_V2 - Roblox

If your child would like to play the game that has been created by Parklands, use the QR code or link. For further details on Roblox, including how to stay safe see the information at the back of the bulletin.

<https://www.roblox.com/games/112320875314191/Treescapes-V2>



**THE PORT
GROCERY**

**FOOD
WASTE Warriors**

£10 for a grocery box
Every Thursday from 2:30pm
School Car Park



Passion for Learning

We have worked closely with Passion 4 Learning for several years. They often help our school with exciting activities for the children, funding trips and providing resources.

They LOVE helping people and LOVE Christmas. They are fundraising to ensure they can help more schools, families and children through December. If you can, please give to their fundraising page or share this on your socials.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/passion-for-learning>

Remembrance

Thank you to all the children and families who joined the Remembrance Parade, especially those who came in the school uniform to help lay the wreath. A special mention to those children who joined their Beaver and Cub group in the march.

We would like to recognise Charlie H who was the flag bearer for the Beavers at the Remembrance parade in Ellesmere Port and then also attended the parade in the afternoon in Little Sutton where he was chosen to lay the wreath.



Smoke alarms save lives - buying and fitting smoke alarms could help you to save your home and the lives of your family. When the Fire Service visited our school, they explained to the children that they can offer free fire safety check.

For more information visit

<https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/home-fire-safety-check/>

KOALA
North West
Supporting children
& their families

NEXT DATE 2ND DECEMBER

MONTHLY SEND + BEHAVIOUR DROP IN

FREE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON SEND AND BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

FRIENDLY FACES AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

COFFEE, TEA, AND OF COURSE, BISCUITS ON US!

A monthly drop-in session covering different topics, tips, and offering peer support for parents.

LITTLE ONES WELCOME!

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BRIO LEISURE CENTER, ELLESMERE PORT

Football with Coach Clyne

PE Kit on these days:

Friday 22nd November – Year 6 (changed)

Friday 29th November – Year 4

Friday 6th December – Year 3

Friday 13th December – Year 2

Friday 20th December – Year 1

PE Days

Monday – Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Tuesday – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

Wednesday- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 2 and Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Fridays 2:35pm – Celebration Assembly

26th November – Christmas Tombola

9th December – Carols at Cheshire Oaks

10th December – Theatre Porto Trip (Y1 to Y6)

12th December – 2pm Early Years Stay & Play

17th December – Christmas Movie Night

18th December – Whole School Christmas Play

20th December – Christmas Dinner (no other meal choices)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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.

AGE RATING
PEGI
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Roblox fans into exchanging their paid-for items for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The in-game chat has some filters, but it isn't perfect: players can still send unpleasant messages, 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 – usually a one-off payment. 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 lobbies, therefore, will put children at greater 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 doesn't usually deter such people. Some player-built Roblox levels have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some extra costs. These are usually indicated with the symbol for 'Robux' (the in-game currency). Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. People can also buy extra Robux to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Educators

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 younger players, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply 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. Keep in mind that the game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, the player who owns the server could invite other people – who might not be child friendly – to join them. Additionally, private servers can be set up in such a way that any player on the host's friends list can join, so it's important to discuss who children are playing 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 two-factor authentication is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, children must 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 okay to discuss – and what they should *never* tell a stranger – can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

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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