



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a wonderful term with a lot of learning experiences for our children. We have had our school council elections, launched poetry and performance clubs as well as many other interventions to support our children to make as much progress as possible. We will continue to work with you in the new term to ensure a high-quality education is given to all our children.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break and see you in the new year.

Mrs Pacquette ☺

START OF TERM

**Wednesday 4th January 2023
at 8.40am.**

Please be on time!

ALL CLUBS WILL START FROM 09.01.23 NO CLUBS THE 1ST WEEK BACK.

WELCOME TO PARENTPAY

Trusted Cashless School Payments

CASHLESS PAYMENT FROM FEBRUARY 1ST 2023

From February 2023, the easiest and most secure way to pay for all of your child/ren's lunch, trips or any activity will be through the school's cashless payment system ParentPay. You will be able to securely pay online or at the local PayPoint shop using cash or a credit/debit card. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account please come to the school office to get your activation letter and help in getting set up in January 2023.

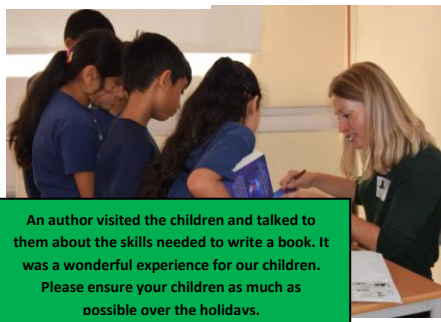
School Value of the Month: Sharing

"Great satisfaction comes from sharing with others."

SOME OF OUR PROUD MOMENTS THIS TERM!



We raised £546 for Save the Children through our Christmas Jumper Day!



An author visited the children and talked to them about the skills needed to write a book. It was a wonderful experience for our children. Please ensure your children as much as possible over the holidays.



Reception & Nursery Christmas concert!



School Council Elections



A group of Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to take part in a Heritage Workshop with the Jason Roberts Foundation. They shared their research on Ricky Hill and were able to interview Jason Roberts about his career and the shared experiences of growing up in Brent. The children asked a range of well-thought-out questions and some of them even did research before this meeting. Well done to all of the children involved.

Good Bye
&
Thank you!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to:
Ms Farrell - Reception class teacher
Ms Crabtree- Year 1 class teacher
Ms Mabel Ashitey - Nursery Nurse

We would like to thank all of the staff and wish them all the best for the future.

We would also like to wish Ms Eusebe - Year 4 Class teacher and Ms Dawkins (Teaching Assistant in 1L) all the best as they start their maternity leave.

We look forward to meeting the babies. 😊

PLEASE VISIT

nationalonlinesafety.com for more information.

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 to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS
What the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that 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.

ROBLOX ONLINE PAYMENTS
When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform and enables 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 ability 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.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS
Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/username information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to 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 Instagram name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove it immediately.

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

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'
Griefing is when someone purposely spoils another player's game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing everything in the game to spoil their gameplay. 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 restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT
Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot 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, then click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

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/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.

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or pop-up. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. and attempt to steal your child's personal information.

NOS National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

ONLINE SAFETY

Please find below some information about how to keep children safe online. Even though the advice about Privacy & Security is aimed at parents/carers with children in Years 1-6, we believe it can be highly beneficial to all families. You can find the information about Online Safety information for parents/carers on Common Sense Media:

www.commonsensemedia.org



READING PROGRESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

2L Yash Hitesh

3L Ansh Patel

4N Miguel Estrela Vieira

5Y Kushagra Bhatt

6Y Hiral Deugi

FOR THE MOST PROGRESS IN READING.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

In the meantime, if you need advice there is help available:
Visit www.brent.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help-and-advice

Help with the rising cost of living
This hub contains information and advice to help you during this difficult period.

Money and debt Find out if you're eligible for financial assistance and benefits, including Council Tax Support and the Resident Support Fund.	Help if you are facing homelessness If you are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, find out how we can help.	Energy and water bills Find out what support is available to help you pay for or reduce your electricity, gas and water bills.
Food and household essentials Ideas on how to save money on your broadband, make meals go further and information on local food banks in Brent.	Childcare and school costs Find out how you can get help with childcare costs, school meals and school travel.	Jobs and training Make the most of our learning and employment services to find local job and training opportunities.

STREP A/SCARLET FEVER

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Possible warning signs include:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other [signs of dehydration](#)
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable



LATE COLLECTION

Please collect your children on time at the end of the school day and from after school clubs. There will now be a **£5 charge** for all late collection of children. This will start in January 2023!

LUNCH MEAL COST

From 3rd January 2023, lunch meals will cost **£2.20** instead of **£2.00** due to the rising costs. We will continue to give the children a delicious healthy school meal.