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It was fantastic to see all of the amazing blinged up bikes and scooters coming on to site this morning. It was also great to see some toddlers joining in with the Big Pedal and blinging fun! Thank you so much parents for going to such a great effort on a Friday morning – we take our hats off to you all!

Thank you so much to Mrs Wells for organising. Look out for our fantastic winners below.



Wow! It has been fantastic to see and hear about our children walking, scooting and biking to school these past two weeks. We have been entering our data on to the Big Pedal website and we have had an average of 62% of pupils undertaking active journeys to school. Even though traffic still passes us by on our way to school so you may not think you are having an impact, you really will have made a difference with your combined efforts. Whether you have taken part in active travel for the first time or it is part of your regular routine, thank you for making the effort to support our school. We hope you can continue to partake in active travel as much as possible to contribute towards our children's healthy lifestyles and improving road safety and pollution around our school.

Mrs Wells

Parent Consultation Days

Thank you so much for booking your parent consultation appointments this week. Staff enjoyed catching up with parents and talking about our wonderful children and we hope you did too.

End of day pick up

If childcare arrangements have changed and your child is going to be collected by someone else at the end of the day, please remember to let the office know who will then pass on any messages to class teachers.

Thank you

Nursery News

We still have a few places available for Nursery in September, if you know anyone who may be interested please encourage them to contact the office and/or submit an application.

Mrs Carrick

Online Safety

Over the next few weeks Miss Coughlan, Computing Lead, will be adding some information for parents about the latest APPS and games and how to stay safe online. See below for this week's which is ...

What parents and carers need to know about Roblox

Remember: Bank Holiday

It is a bank holiday on Monday. School reopens on Tuesday 4th May.



It has been fantastic to see all of the amazing bikes and scooters in school today and there has been outstanding, creative efforts to decorate them and add some bling! Well done to all of those who took part. It wasn't an easy task to select the winners.



Well done to the following children who won a prize this morning:

Nursery – Rory and Brooke

Reception Miss Coughlan - Heidi and Alexander

Reception Miss Walsh – Alexa and Jack

Green – Maisie and Zoe

Orange – Eleanor and Lucy

Yellow – Megan and Scarlett

Indigo – Oliver and Immie

Violet – Alexa and Eliza

Blue – Abi and Evan



We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Dear Parents

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 7 May 2021**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC needs our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we would love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Please make your donations via ParentPay.

It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Gosforth Park First School will make an enormous difference to children today and help NSPCC prevent abuse be there for children and their families.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Miss Gasper

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety



We have been asked by Cheryl Ford Lyddon, Road Safety Manager, to bring to your attention some issues which are occurring at the school crossing patrol site on the Great North Road.

Some drivers are stopping on the crossing points and not stopping for the traffic lights.

Drivers have even told the School Crossing Patrol off for pressing the button too much and holding up traffic.

I am sure this won't be any of our parents but please can you make your friends and families aware.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

PRELOVED UNIFORM INFORMATION AND PRICES

Uniform can be purchased via text followed by a covid safe collection from 6 Burnside Road. Text Kate on 07947846974.

Prices subject to available stock: Jumpers £2.50, Cardigans £2.50, Polos £1.50, Summer Dresses £1.50, Pinafores £1.50 - Skirts, trousers, shorts, PE tshirts, PE shorts sold for 50p.

Kate has a huge amount of school PE shorts for 50p sizes 18/20, 22/24 or 24/26.

Unwanted uniform can be dropped at the door of 6 Burnside Road. No need to knock. However please note, marked red items are unable to be sold. Due to Covid all items should be clean before drop off.

Thanks

Kate Watkins



Yellow class are our Mathletes of the week – well done everyone! Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Hania Pervez, Beth Toal and Christopher Lazenby have all worked hard on Mathletics this week! You're all superstars!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent are our Rock Legends! David Taylor and Millie Anderson are so close to Rock Legend status too, so well done everyone!

Ms Gasper



Oxford Reading Buddy

Jessica Fagandini in Reception Miss Walsh is Oxford Reading Buddy this week. Well done! And huge congratulations to both Reception classes - your engagement levels have shot up this week. Keep it up!

Mrs Lambert

Think COVID first

If you or your child are unwell and have any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school. Think COVID first and book a test.

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change or loss in taste or smell





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



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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AND PRICES

Often people ask how much uniform stock Mrs Watkins has:

Cardigans £2.50 (Low stock)



Polos £1.50



Jumpers £2.50

Dresses, Pinafores £1.50. Trousers, shorts, skirts



50p

PE t-shirts, plus a box of shorts - sizes 18/20, 22/24 and 26/28 – 50p



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