



The Orchards

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Newsletter

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CHILDREN IN NEED

The Orchards School have spent the day celebrating Children in Need in lots of different ways!

Thank you for sending the children into school in their "come as you are" clothes - everyone looked amazing and your donations were gratefully received by our children in need visitors. As part of the 'Children in Need Primary School relay', we had several of the children in need cars that came to school this morning and each class went outside, one class at a time to write their names on a spot, our names will now be driven across the Northwest - look out for them on BBC one tonight!

A big THANK YOU to Woodland 5 children who took it in turns to use the kettle and make our visitors a hot chocolate each - they really appreciated your kind gesture!

Classes have been enjoying lots of different activities throughout the day, we've had Pudsey collages, spotty painting, biscuit and cake decorating, making bookmarks and exploring different yellow activities! It has been lovely to walk around school and see all of the children engaged in wonderful activities, I am sure you will enjoy looking at the photographs on Marvellos Me!



Internet Safety

We ask that you please monitor and check your child's access rights on the internet and online games. It has come to our attention that Squid Game is now on Roblox as a game and we ask that you please check the age restrictions on your child's devices.

We have added some useful links below to support you.

- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>
- <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/primary-school-issues-advice-parents-21837613>

What parents need to know about NETFLIX (18+)

Launched in 1997, Netflix is now one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing access to a huge selection of TV shows and movies. It's also becoming increasingly popular with a younger audience. This surprising growth comes at the cost of the changing laws in the UK around children's online safety. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Netflix is about.

Inappropriate content
Netflix has a large selection of content for all ages, but it also has a large selection of TV programmes and movies which are not suitable for children. Parents should be aware of the content that their children are watching. Netflix has a parental control system that allows parents to restrict what their children can watch. This is done by setting a PIN code that prevents children from changing their profile's maturity rating.

Risk of hacking
Netflix is a popular service, but it's also a target for hackers. In 2016, a major data breach exposed the personal information of millions of users. This included names, email addresses, and passwords. While Netflix has since improved its security, the risk of hacking remains.

Binge-watching
Netflix is known for its binge-watching culture. This can be a problem for children, as they can watch hours of content in a short period of time. This can lead to sleep problems, poor school performance, and other issues.

Screen addiction
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Safety tips for parents & carers

- Create a Netflix Kids experience profile**
One of the best ways to protect your child's safety is to create a Kids profile. This allows you to restrict what your child can watch and to set a PIN code that prevents them from changing their profile's maturity rating.
- Set maturity ratings & block content**
Netflix has a maturity rating system that allows you to restrict what your child can watch. You can also block specific content that you don't want your child to see.
- Have an open & honest conversation**
Talk to your child about what they are watching and why. This can help you to understand their interests and to set appropriate boundaries.
- Set screen time limits**
Set a limit on how long your child can watch Netflix each day. This can help to prevent screen addiction and to ensure that your child has time for other activities.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX (PEGI 7+)

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 through 'towing' other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. It's a fun tool that can help foster creative thinking.

No Age Dating
Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have an age restriction. This means that children of all ages can play the game. However, the content of the game is not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Chat Functionality
Users can join group chats with other players through the Chat feature. However, the chat is not moderated, which means that users can be exposed to inappropriate language and other content.

In-App Purchases
Roblox has a virtual currency called Robux, which can be used to purchase virtual items and experiences. This can be a problem for children, as they can spend a large amount of money on these items.

Online Predators
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Advice for Parents & Carers

- Take Note of Ratings**
Check the PEGI rating for the game you are playing. This can help you to understand what content your child is exposed to.
- Set Parental Controls**
Roblox has a parental control system that allows you to restrict what your child can watch and to set a PIN code that prevents them from changing their profile's maturity rating.
- Disable Messages**
You can disable messages from other players in the game. This can help to prevent cyberbullying and other issues.
- Block and Report**
If you see a player who is behaving inappropriately, you can block them and report them to Roblox. This can help to keep the game safe for all users.
- Encourage Creativity**
Roblox is a great platform for children to express their creativity. Encourage your child to create their own games and experiences.

Diary Dates



Please see below lots of upcoming dates for your diaries. Some of these will be subject to change due to COVID but we will let you know this as much in advance as we can.

25/11/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT PECS Workshop

26/11/2021 - 9am Parent Coffee Morning with our Family Support Team

02/12/2021 - 9am till 10am SALT Sensory Feeding Workshop



Class Awards

Brambles 1 - Am - Albie for great mark making

Pm - Joseph for using PECS to choose a toy to play with

Brambles 2 - Joshua excellent communication and listening skills

Brambles 3 - Lewis for wonderful participation in activities and exploring new areas of the classroom.

Meadows 1 - Lleyton for excellent toilet training this week

Meadows 2 - Saad for working hard in Maths using equipment to add numbers.

Meadows 3 - Alexander for excellent work in Phonics and English

Riverside 1 - Harmony for using PECS to choose things she would like

Riverside 2 - Ryan for working hard with his independent skills.

Woodland 1 - Destiny for working hard on her communication, independence and engaging in class activities.

Woodland 2 - Seb for working hard on his communication and using an adults name to gain their attention

Woodland 3 - Srija for some brilliant phonics work

Woodland 4 - Labeeqa for always using beautiful manners

Woodland 5 - Fatima for always being kind, helpful and caring to her peers

Hilltop - Whole class for staying safe while learning from home.

Head Award - Rivae for excellent counting skills, well done!

Sign of the week

Each week the children will focus on learning a new 'core' sign. We will share these with you in the school newsletter and Marvellous Me.

This weeks signs is ... **'LATER'**



Working index hand (palm forward, pointing up) rests against supporting flat hand (palm in, pointing up) and bends sharply forward from wrist while moving forwards off supporting hand.

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