



**EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy**

WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 14th March 2025 - Issue 24

A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

If you will be picking your child up from our main office for a medical appointment, please let school know in advance and the office team can have your child waiting ready for you.

Please read the information regarding food being brought into school (for celebrations etc) in this newsletter.

On page 4 this week, there is a poster detailing our Easter Egg competition. From Monday 31st March, the children can bring in decorated Easter eggs. The winners from each Key Stage will win an Easter prize.

Red Nose Day is coming up next week too - further details about our plans have been sent out in a letter from Miss Dosanjh.

Happy weekend everyone!

N - 91%	RBT - 97%	RDO - 99%
1AD - 97%	1MM - 98%	2HW - 99%
2RK - 96%	3JH - 98%	3NB - 98%
4CS - 100%	4RM - 98%	5NP/LW - 97%
5HW - 97%	6FA - 97%	6LB - 99%

Whole School attendance this week is 97%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

Biscuit Bears: RDO, 2HW & 4CS
Extra Play (97%+): RBT, RDO, 1AD, 1MM, 2HW, 3JH, 3NB, 4CS, 4RM, 5HW & 5NP/LW, 6LB & 6FA
Pizza Party (100%): 4CS



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DIARY DATES 2025

Friday 21st March 2025 - Red Nose Day

Thursday 27th March 2025 - Class Photos

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - Easter Discos

Friday 4th April 2025 - School closes for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - School reopens for Summer 1

Tuesday 23rd April 2025 - Guide Dog visit to Reception

12th - 15th May 2025 - Y6 SATs Assessments

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Yr 3 Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half-term

Monday 2nd June 2025 - School reopens for Summer 2

23rd & 24th June 2025 - Y4 Residential Trip

7th - 9th July 2025 - Y6 Residential Trip



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Please be sure to park very safely and sensibly around school at Breakfast Club, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. On some occasions, the main gate has been blocked by parents/carers cars. Parents/carers and visitors must not park in front of the main gate so that cars (including emergency service vehicles) can get in and out at all times.



Child Friendly Leeds City Centre Map

Find out what activities and events are going on in the city centre
www.breezeleeds.org/places-to-go-and-things-to-do

- Covered Picnic Area
- Food Stalls
- Play Area
- Bowling
- Cinema
- Escape Room
- Big Screen
- Public Piano
- Community/Library Hub
- Indoor Golf

- Car Park
- Park & Ride Stop
- Water Taxi Stop
- Hospital
- Cycle Rack
- Free Wifi
- ATM
- Toilets
- Changing Places

- Museums/Art Gallery/Library
- Shopping Centre
- Transport
- Education
- Theatre & Area
- Status & Landmarks
- Pedestrianised Area

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Love Exploring is a FREE fun app that uses the magic of augmented reality to bring to life amazing local sights – opening up magical worlds including Dinosaur Trails, Bug Hunts, Fairy Walks and more.

Scan this QR code for local bus and train info.



Easter Egg Competition



**EBOR GARDENS PRIMARY IS HOLDING A
DECORATE THE EGG COMPETITION**

**ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025
AT 9:00AM**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ENTRIES IN BETWEEN MONDAY 31ST MARCH 2025 -
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025.**

PRIZES FOR EACH KEY STAGE



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NATASHA'S LAW

NATASHA'S LAW, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1ST, 2021, REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL PRE-PACKAGED FOOD SOLD/GIVEN OUT ON-SITE WITH A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS, EMPHASIZING THE 14 ALLERGENS, TO PROTECT STUDENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR SCHOOLS?

SCHOOLS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL PRE-PACKAGED FOOD THEY SELL, SUCH AS SANDWICHES, SALADS, OR CAKES HAVE A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS AND THAT ALLERGENS ARE CLEARLY HIGHLIGHTED.

THIS MEANS THAT ANY FOOD GIVEN TO SCHOOL FOR BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS MUST HAVE A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS (INCLUDING ALLERGENS) SO THAT THEY CAN BE SENT HOME FOR PARENTS TO DECIDE IF THEIR CHILD CAN HAVE THEM.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION FROM THE FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AND [THE NATASHA ALLERGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION](#).



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

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.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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