

Thursday 26th Oct 2023

DIARY DATES

25/10/23 Individual school photos

25/10/23 Harvest Crumble in the hall

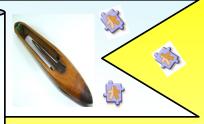
26/10/23 Spooky Dress Up Day Break up for half term

> 27/10/23 INSET DAY

06/11/23 Back to school

10/11/23 Remembrance Day 10.55 in the playground

The Shuttle



Gosh that was a long half term! Have a great half term break everyone!

Once again the Harvest CrumBle was a great success and raised £383! This money will Be used to fund the FaBulous extra Curricular Prizes and Christmas gifts!

A huge thank you to the PTA who organised the event and to those of you who donated goodies, gave up your time to help and those of you who Came along!

What a great team!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT TOMORROW IS AN INSET DAY!

On WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 3.30PM we would like to invite you in to school to have a look around, visit your child's classroom and look at your children's work.

Some of our Y6 children will be there to show you around and answer any questions you might have! We hope you can come!





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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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Reblox is one of the most popular, video games on the market. By 2020, the games, makere were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it As a 'sanabas' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom; it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of lans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose childree to fisks such as scammers, anime predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some tillers, but isn't perfect players con still send harmful messages to others - such as general hostility - while predators can reach out to children directly.

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PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblex has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their trienals, but this costs maney. Most Roblex players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can hast games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strongers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblex. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the interfuent of linding someone to date anline – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the itablax community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some proyer built Roblax game worlds have even been designed with online dating specificativ in mind.

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IN-APP PURCHASES

Robias is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extro Robus(the in-game curreacy) to apend on costmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Robics comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's affield website. It's essential to enter the comect date of birth for your child, as that allows Robios to outernatically apply the appropriate chall filters. The game also allows parents and corres to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Robias'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, taskicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyelie who hasn't been added as a mend on your child's neceunt.

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If your child has genuine mends who they pay readex online with, paying for a private or VP server decreases the risk of contact from strongers. Even then, however, some players could infle other people - who might not recessorily be child friendly - into the private server. If your child is a hobics fon, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game 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 centrols to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasky financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-tactor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.



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