

# **The Phoenix Flier**

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## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

## A message from Mr Sawyer

t has been a reflective week for the nation and our school community, and one in which we have had the first of our focus weeks on our School Values. We take our School Values seriously at Yarm Prep, they are the code by which we conduct ourselves and the bedrock of our culture. Our focus weeks allow us to explore the importance of fulfilling our School Values, they really bring them to life for our pupils. This week we have explored the value of 'safe' through a range of assemblies, workshops and form time sessions across the school. The message has been delivered by a number of visiting speakers and our staff, from our building contractor Meldrum to the NSPCC and the Police. Throughout the sessions our pupils have been really engaged and keen to take on board the key messages. Safety comes in many forms and it is everyone's responsibility.

Visiting our pupils during their lessons is always a real pleasure. This week has been no exception and at this point in the term it is excellent to see them well settled and working effectively across the curriculum. Their boundless curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning is very evident, as is their ability to collaborate positively in a range of ways. These are superb signs and they bode well for the learning adventures ahead. With trips and fixtures starting there is much to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Bill Sawyer

**Photo of the Week:** It has been our Safety Week this week. Among the visitors were Meldrums, who are building the new Prep School and came to talk to us about being safe in and around building sites.

Head's Challenge: What do you get if you divide 30 by half and add 10?



## **Tooled Up Education**

One event has captured everyone's attention within the past week and dominated global news outlets. At Tooled Up, we are profoundly saddened by the death of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**. The thoughts and condolences of our team, like those of so many others, are with the royal family and all those impacted by this great loss.

The sad news is likely to impact on children in different ways. If you'd like some support in talking to your child about this issue, especially when they are very little, have a look at our evidence-based tips on <u>talking to children</u> <u>about the death of The Queen</u>. Should you need further information or advice,

please take a look at our other <u>grief and bereavement resources</u>, which includes a <u>list of organisations and support services</u> that can help.

We also talked to author Justin Bowen about his own family's experience of loss and what prompted him to write support books for parents, schools and children experiencing bereavement. In this podcast episode, we discuss <u>how schools can</u> <u>best support children who have lost a loved one</u> and dwell on Justin's personal insights. His story is an inspiring and empowering message of hope and optimism, and will help schools to see what an important role they can play.

The Tooled Up library is already packed with almost 350 evidence-based resources, including interviews with over 80 leading experts from around the world. But, it's your library and we want to know how else we can help you? What new resources would you like to see? Which ones do you love? What could we do better? We always value your feedback and want to ensure that we are giving you the resources that you need. Email us at <u>re-</u> <u>search@tooledupeducation.com</u> to let us know how we are doing!

Do you have any burning parenting questions? Did you know that Dr Weston will answer any parenting question that you ask? Have a peek at this week's

parenting question on the front page of the <u>Tooled Up Education</u> site. If you have a question, why not submit it? All questions are treated anonymously and we promise we will answer.

A quick reminder As a parent at a Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click <u>here to register for an account</u>. It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: **YPSI103** and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at <u>support@tooledupeducation.com</u>. If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, then simply click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

## Dr Kathy Weston



Talking to Children About the Death of The Queen



Dr Weston Talks with Justin Bowen: Supporting Bereaved Children at School – a Father's Story



Grief and Loss Organisations

## Welcome to Year 4



#### Here's what our new Year 4 think about their year so far...

I love everything because it's all so fun and exciting, but my most favourite subject is Art because I love crafting and sketching. Manha A.

I am enjoying being challenged more in English lessons. Marianne D.

I enjoyed going on our trip to the Yorkshire sculpture park because it was fun and it was fascinating. Also it was fun building our own sculptures. *Rosa W.* 

I like the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the Buddha sculpture and the activities. Fathe C.

I like the school already because I like micro bits and the climbing wall. George Y.

My favourite part of Year 4 so far is going to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park - seeing sculptures and learning about sculpture. Zara M.

I enjoy doing clubs after school and at lunch time. Jack A.

I love to write, there are lots of opportunities to write. Daisy C.

I like games, particularly playing hockey and am also looking forward to some fixtures. Isla R.

I love music and playing all of the different musical instruments. Henry Sk.

I like the art clubs with Mrs Shepherd. My favourite club is Art Attack. Livvie C.

I love games and my favourite lesson is rugby. Roland M.

I loved the Buddha at YSP, it had lots of bright, beautiful colours and it had a seat at the back which was pretty. Martha L.

I loved making sculptures from scratch at YSP. We were given two words, my group's words were 'crying trees'. Building our sculpture was a team effort. *Rory F.* 

At the YSP, we gathered around a rock and the lady said something quite surprising. She said it was a sculpture by David Nash. We did a sketch with some graphite pencils for rubbing. I really enjoyed it. *Thomas M.* 

I really enjoyed the Jason Wilsher-Mills sculptures at YSP, they were really detailed. Annalise D.

## **Clubs and Activities**

It has been wonderful to see our clubs and activities programme get into full swing recently. Whether it is squash, chess, creative writing or STEAM, there really is something for everyone!



simultaneous chess; Wednesday afternoon hockey for Years 5-6; Year 3 Crazy Crafts have been making butterflies!; and our first squash club took to the court at Yarm Squash Club.



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## **STEAM**

Lots going on in the STEAM subjects this week, with Year 4 learning about the digestive system, Year 3 making skeletons out of dog biscuits and Year 6 planting herbs and vegetables for their DT salad making project.



















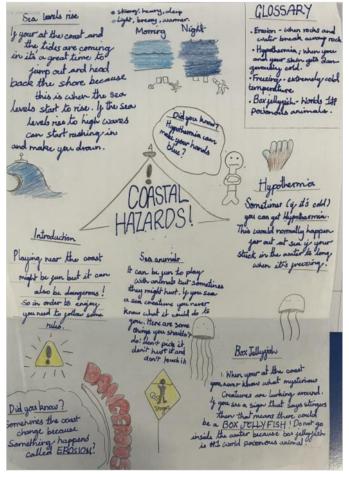


## In Year 6 this week...

6W have been focusing on embedded clauses using brackets, dashes and commas. The challenge was to add the weekly spellings into their sentences. Meanwhile, over in 6G, the class have been looking at coastal hazards and sea creatures (made from recycled materials)—both in class and as homework.







## **School Values Poetry**

When you are Ambitious, you can achieve anything! From really small, to really big! Chase down your dreams with resilience You can have such an experience.

> Be respectful to absolutely everyone By listening very carefully Pay others with your respect And kindness you shall expect.

By being compassionate, Means being sympathetic to others Make everyone feel happy and bright To people who are any height.

Be resourceful by finding easy solutions Without all the hassle Solve every problem Making it easy is awesome.

Being safe means watching out for hazards That is how you don't get hurt Watch out for yourself and everyone else By having common sense.

Responsible is to be trusted with a task at hand, To look after something, someone, a secret or yourself, Being responsible is not being boring Being responsible is being supporting Thomas F.

## News

## Come in wearing PE/Games kit

A reminder to all pupils in Years 3-6 to come in wearing PE/ Games kit on the days they have PE, Games or a sporting club.

It is also strongly recommended that, on the days children come to school in PE/Games kit, that they have additional dry kit in their school bag (e.g. tracksuit), as well as a school coat. This ensures that they will have dry clothes in school when it is wet weather.

## **Parent Handbooks**

You can access the parent handbooks on the school website by clicking here. At various points over the coming weeks, we will post some reminders and key pieces of information from the handbook.

## **After School Care**

After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Mrs Sylvia Taylor. The care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School clubs and activities are not charged until these activities have finished.

Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.

If you need to book a place for your child in after school care but have missed the form deadline, please contact Mr Stone (gns@yarmschool.org).

## **Music lessons**

If you child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in taking part in individual peripatetic music lessons, <u>please fill in this form and</u> <u>Mr Gooding will get back to you</u>.

## **Holiday School**

Our Holiday School dates have been set for the forthcoming year. Booking forms will be released closer to the time.

**October Half-Term Holiday School**—Monday 17th—Friday 21st October 2022.

Christmas Holiday School—Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st December 2022.

Easter Holiday School— Monday 3rd—Thursday 6th April 2023.

Summer Holiday School—Monday 17th July—Friday 4th

August 2023. Holiday schools runs from 8am-5pm each day.

Mr Simpson

## **Clubs and Activities**

To ensure your child comes with any kit or equipment, and you know about picking up or any other arrangements, please keep referring to the Clubs and Activities booklet, <u>which can</u> <u>be found by clicking here</u>.

If you have any questions or queries regarding clubs and activities, please contact Mr Stone.

#### **Music News**

Our young musicians have made a great start to the year with ensembles up and running and many children beginning a new instrument. Year 3 and 4 have been exciting as always with our wider opportunities scheme, allowing everyone to sample eight different instruments over two years.

We have a number of music events coming up this term, so please pencil some of these in.

**12 October**—Year 5&6 Informal concert, 4p.m. in the Prep hall, for solos, choir and some ensembles (ensembles may include children from other year groups).

**16th November**—Year 3&4 Informal concert, 4 p.m. in the Prep hall for solos and choir.

**17th November**—Small ensembles concert at 7.00 p.m. in Yarm Parish Church - a joint event with Senior School

Participants to be announced at a later date.

We have so much young talent in our school that it is not possible to include every child in every concert. We do our best, however, to give everyone a chance at least once in the academic year. Letters will come out in the coming weeks with precise details of who is in each concert.

Mr Gooding

#### **Term Dates 2022-23**

Autumn 2022—Thursday 1st September—Wednesday 14th December 2022 (Half-term: Saturday 15th— Sunday 30th October inclusive).

**Spring 2023**—Thursday 5th January—Friday 31st March 2023 (Half-term: Friday 17th—Sunday 26th February inclusive).

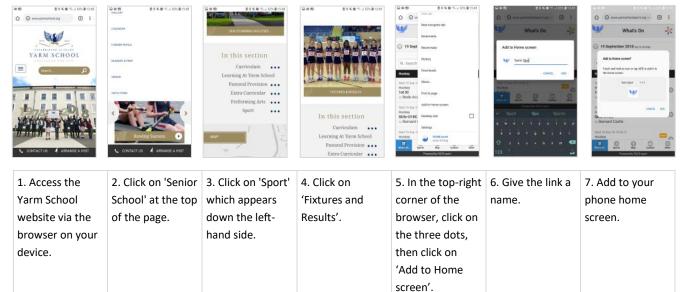
Summer 2023—Thursday 20th April— Friday 7th July 2023 (Half-term: Saturday 27th May—Sunday 4th June inclusive).

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: Roe River, 62 metres.

## How to set up Fixtures Pro on your Smartphone

It's how to find details of sports fixtures and team line-ups for the Prep School. It is also very easy to set up on your Apple or Android device. Please follow these instructions.

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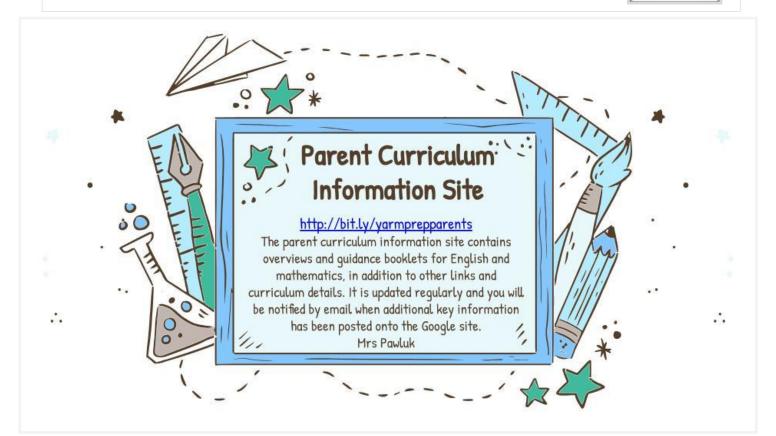


#### FOR APPLE DEVICES:

Follow steps 1-4 above, then:

5) At the bottom of your phones screen drag your finger up and you have a square and arrow icon (photo left) and if you click this you can then see the icon that says 'Add to home screen'. Click this.

6) Congratulations! You are all set and on your phone screen you should see the Yarm School logo which is now your very own shortcut to team sheets etc.

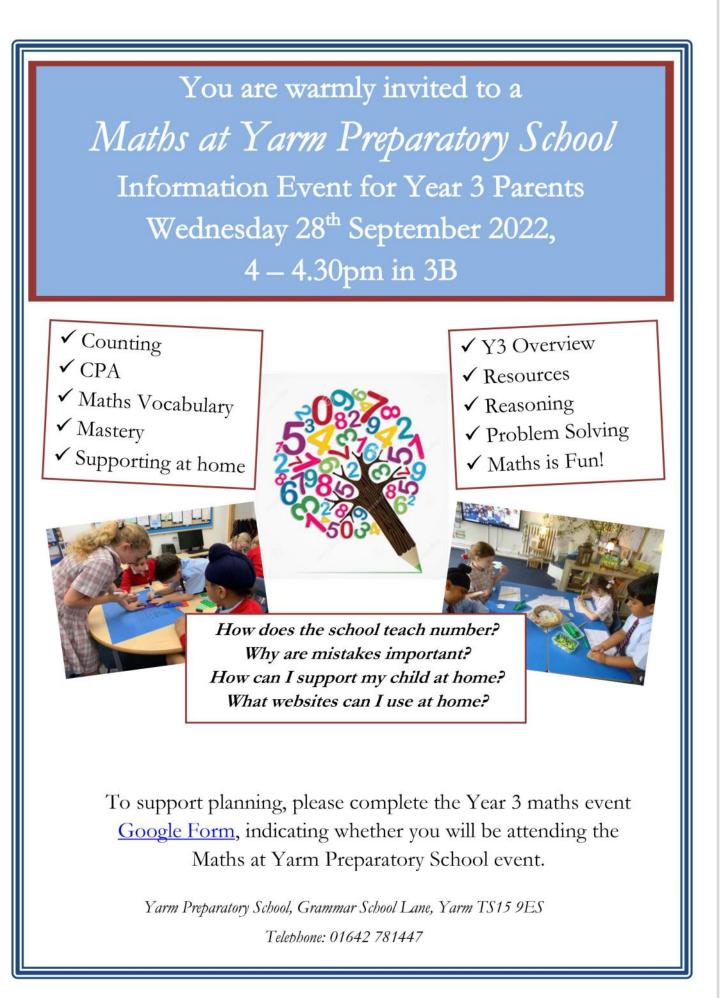


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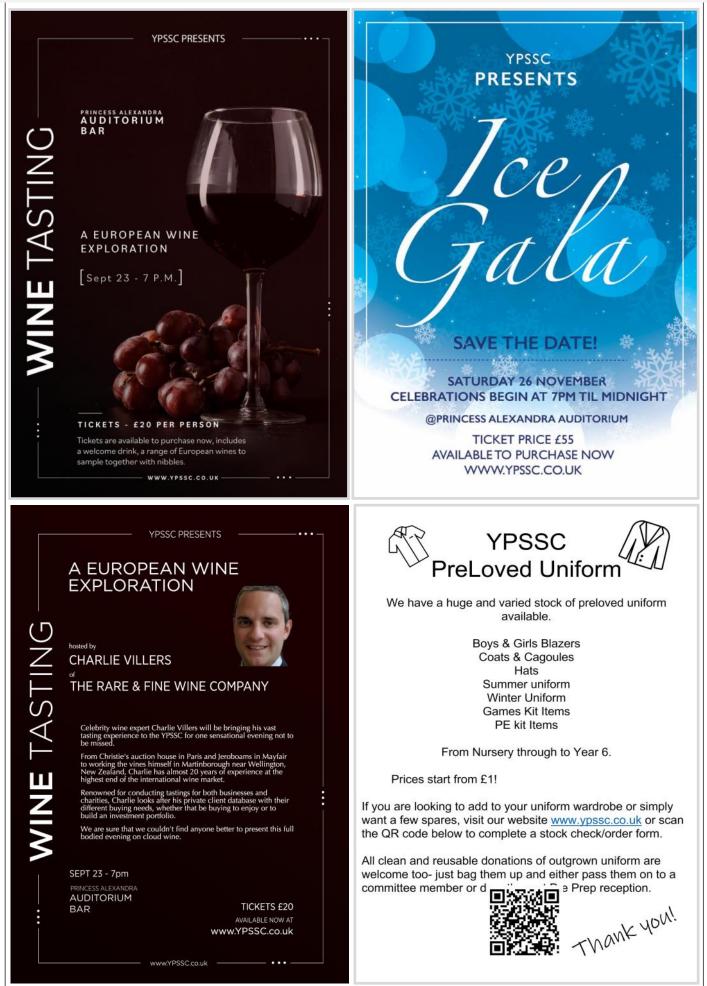
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## Yarm Preparatory School Social Committee





## Hello from the YPSSC!

#### WHO/WHAT IS THE YARM PREP SCHOOL SOCIAL COMMITTEE?

The Social Committee is made up and run by parent volunteers. Our function is to provide a social network for the whole school community and raise funds for the children and local charities. Every parent/guardian and member of staff is automatically a member of the Committee and is welcome to attend meetings and volunteer at events.

Each year we look to facilitate a varied programme of events to enrich the children's school experience and to help bring parents together.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead particularly the upcoming Ice Gala Ball which promises to be a spectacular event.

Come along and say hi at this term's meetings at the Prep School on Thursday 15th September @4pm Thursday 6th October @4pm

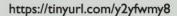
#### SAVING THE PLANET! PRELOVED UNIFORM

As parents we know that kids grow so fast and sometimes there is a lot more life left in the uniform once they have outgrown it! Our online preloved uniform shop means we are able to extend the lives of the uniform whilst saving parents a bit of money AND raising funds for the children!!

All donations of good condition uniform are welcome.

Currently preloved uniform is kept at various volunteers homes while we wait for a more permanent solution. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

If you would like to order uniform, you can do so using the following link:







SCAN NOW TO **BOOK TICKETS** & VISIT OUR WEBSITE

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



- I 3th October Pre-prep halloween themed day
- I4th December Reindeer fun run
- Christmas card/gift design
- Prep new year disco (Date TBC)

#### **REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**



#### You too can volunteer!

We love including new people!! Find out how you can join in - whether you have a spare half hour, a spare cardboard box, or you fancy a role as a class rep, it's all hugely appreciated.

Follow the link (https://ypssc.co.uk/) to see what is currently going on and how you can get involved.

Don't forget to join your class WhatsApp group loads of useful info is shared here.



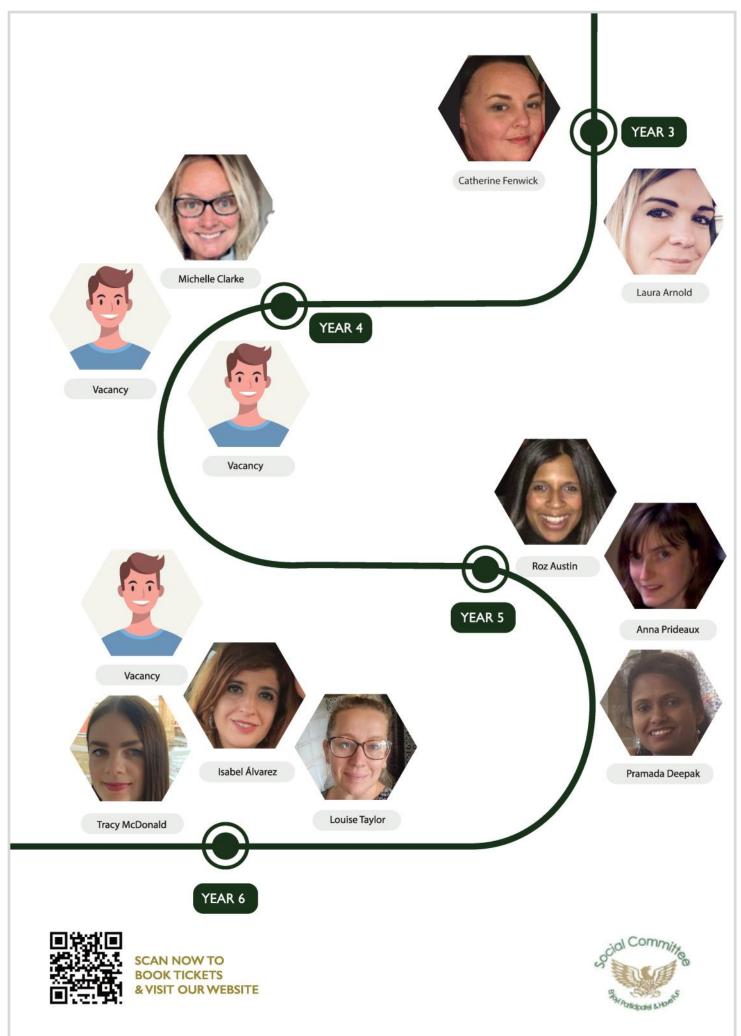
To get in touch, email: YPSSC@hotmail.com



To be kept informed of YPSSC news and activities, please also join the YPSSC Official WhatsApp Group: https://chat.whatsapp.com/C8LBv1LGyN053t 9HVOADaM



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## Yarm Prep Baccalaureate

You will hopefully have seen the new **Yarm Prep Baccalaureate** booklets brought home this week with your child. The YPB is an opportunity for the children to:

- Develop new skills,
- Stretch themselves; and
- Recognise their talents and achievements.

Every child in the Prep School can do it! The overall aim is to encourage and recognise pupil involvement in their school, with a clear focus on our School Values. There are also elements of *Education for Social Responsibility* within the tasks set—all of which are age-appropriate and achievable based on the year group of each child.



#### What do the children need to do?

Each page of the YPB covers one of our School Values. On each page, a child needs to complete **four TASKS** and the **PROJECT**. These need to be dated and signed by a teacher. Form time will be used to do this. There are also lunchtime club on Tuesdays for children to do this with Mr Stone.

#### What are the tasks?

The tasks are based around each School Value and offer a mix of those that can be achieved in school and those that will need some support at home to complete. Some will be completed during day-to-day life at school (and at home!), so we are encouraging children to look for these first before exploring and tackling some of the more challenging tasks.



Four tasks need to be completed from the 7/8 under each School Value. They need to be dated and signed by a teacher.

#### What are the projects?

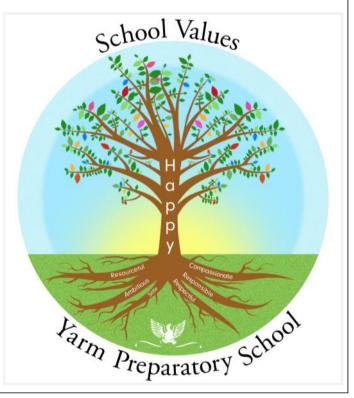
The projects are designed to promote the School Values. All your child has to do is record how they have demonstrated each value—on one side of A4 paper—and present it to their teacher or Mr Stone.

Some examples might include: demonstrating 'Safe' by producing a poster for Safer Internet Day; highlighting how they are being 'Resourceful' by drawing some diagrams of how an old item was fixed; or showing how they are 'Ambitious' by putting together a report and pictures of an assembly/event they took part in.

#### What do parents need to do?

- Discuss and share with your child what they are doing.
- Work with them to complete each of the projects (and sign them off!)
- Encourage your children to come along to the lunchtime clubs on Tuesdays.
- Make sure that the YPB booklet is kept safe and secure—both at home and at school!

## DON'T FORGET TO COME ALONG TO THE LUNCHTIME CLUB EVERY TUESDAY!



Mr Stone

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#### At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted aduits with the inf It is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted aduits should be ed conversation about online sa rlety with their children, should they feel in ther guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA playit. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom it late play. 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 fans.

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#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others - such as scam links or general hostility - while predators can reach out to children directly.

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#### PUBLIC SERVERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

bblox has private or VIP servers hich allow people to play exclusively th their friends, but this costs money, ost Roblox players will instead be on ubilc servers that anyone can join. Servers an host games which focus on all kinds of spects, including direct player interaction. me games and servers, therefore, will put lidren more at risk of contact from rangers than others.

#### ONLINE DATERS

ONLINE DATIENS These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Robiox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online duting is against the Robiox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Boblox game worlds have even been Robiox game worlds have even been

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

ox is actually free to downl play, but bear in mind that and play, but bear in mind tha there are some hidden costs. I are encouraged to make purcl in the game, for example, usin money, People can also buy a Robux (the in-game currency spend on cosmetic items in th

## Advice for Parents & Carers

Roblox'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, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn t bead as a friend on your child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

#### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

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Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. it's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and corres to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

#### 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 controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

## Meet Our Expert

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If your child has some genuine friends to play Robiox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might no necessarily be child friendly – Into the private server. If your child is a Robiox fan, it's important to talk with ther regularity about who they are playing the game with. Contract Contract

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#### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to – and what they should *never* tell a stranger online – will help understand how to communicate with other people online sa

Key Dates					. Rugby v Cundall M		
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				(away;	(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)		
Wed 21	Y5 Robinwood residential departs			Newcastle Eagles Basketball trip			
Fri 23	Y5 return from Robinwood (5pm)			(5.30pm depart, 10.30pm return)			
	U11 Hockey v Red House (away; 2pm start)	Sat 8 Mon 10	t 8	Teesside Team Chess Championships			
	U10 Hockey v Durham (home; 2pm start)			(Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm)			
	YPSSC Wine Tasting (7pm, PAA)		on 10	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)			
Sat 24	Open Morning (9am-12noon)		e 11	Parents' Evening (4-6pm)			
	U10 Clegg Cup Rugby	W	ed 12	Prep Informal Concert			
	(9am-2pm; Barnard Castle)			(Prep Hall; 4pm)			
Mon 26	6W trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)			U10/11 Girls' Tag Rugby v Dame Allan's			
Tue 27	6L trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)			(away; 2.45pm start, 5.15pm return)			
	U8 Hockey/Rugby workshop with Dame Allan's			Reception trip to Ormesby Hall			
	(away, 2.15pm start, 4.15pm return)	Thu 13		Bring it on! Engineering Fair (TBC)			
Wed 28	***NEW***			Pre-Prep Halloween Discos			
	Maths Information Event for Y3 parents (4pm)			Nursery visit to Yarm Library			
	6H trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)			U9 Yarm Invitation Rugby and Hockey Festiv			
	School Council (1pm)			(11.30am-3pm)			
Thu 29	6G trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)	Fri	14	Half-term begins (after school)			
	U9 Rugby & Hockey v Dame Allan's		<b>Talah</b> a		Diwali celebrations		
	(away; 2pm start, 4.20pm return)		Leiebr	ation	Assembly		
Fri 30	U10 Hockey v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start)				Values	Endeavour	
	U10 Rugby v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start)		3	В	Hugo K.	Harriet A.	
	U11 Rugby v Durham (home; 2pm start)		3	н	Robert W.	Paari M.	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>R</u>		4	G	Martha L.	Charlie M.	
Mon 3	Year 3 walk to Yarm,		4	IJ	Jack M.	Manha A.	
	Year 1 trip to Hartlepool Art Gallery						
Wed 5	HMC Rugby (venue tbc)		4	N	Rory B.	Elliott E.	
Thu 6	YPSSC (4pm; Learning Skills room)		5	F	Rex W.	Ettie A.	
	Y3/4 Poetry Competition		5	н	Hugo M.	Annika S.	
	U9 Girls' Hockey v Queen Mary's		5	к	Charlie D-B.	Laurel G.	
	(away; 2pm start)		6	c	Sonny E	Montul	
	Nursery visit to Yarm Library			G	Sonny F.	Monty V.	
Fri 7	Y5/6 Poetry Competition		6	н	Edward W.	Udham C.	
	Harvest assemblies		6	L	Auden A.	Harlowe B.	
	Nursery visit to Yarm Library		6	w	Alex W.	Amelie K.	