

Headteacher message

Thank you to all parents and governors who attended our Reception Meet the Teacher meeting. There was a great deal of information shared and lots for you all to think about. I hope you have been practising your 'Wake Up Shake Up' exercises!

Leave of Absence Requests

Please note that the completion of a leave of absence form does not mean that your leave request has been authorised. Taking your child out of school during term time is not recommended and will not be authorised. We have had to issue a number of penalty notices this term and will continue to do so for unauthorised leave requests.

SEN Focus Coffee Morning

Miss Hall led the first SEN focus coffee morning this week. A small number of you attended and were forthcoming with questions about SEN and EHCPs (Education Health Care plans). Miss Hall intends to hold more of these events but would like to know the areas that you would find most useful to cover. Please copy and paste the link below to complete a very short questionnaire to let us know how best we can support you.

<https://forms.gle/8cW1dqWLgZaojg9k7>

Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

EYFS/KS1—Poppy -95%

KS2 –Waterlily- 99.4%

Whole school attendance— 92.9%

Target: 96%



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2nd October

Year 2 trip—London Museum Dockland

Friday 4th October

Flu Immunisation Reception to year 6

Wednesday 9th October

Lotus class assembly

14th October -18th October

Book Fair

Recycling week

Wednesday 16th October

Waterlily class assembly

Thursday 7th November

School photographs—individual and siblings

11th—15th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 25th October

School closed Inset Day

Half term

28th October—1st November

Monday 4th November

School closed Inset Day

Tuesday 5th November

School reopens to children

Thursday 28th November

Multicultural day

School Governors

The Governors would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our parents, carers and children, and are delighted to welcome all our new families joining Bond Primary this year. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and your children are all fully recharged ready for the school year ahead.

We would also like to welcome, Katrina Wooster, as our new parent governor joining our Governing Body this year.

I am sure you will all wish Katrina every success in her new role.

As we wished staff well who have left us for pastures new, so we welcome a new group of dedicated and experienced staff.

We look forward to seeing them thrive within the Bond community.

We are a listening governing body and welcome interaction from our all our staff, parents, carers and of course our children.

Please visit our webpage to get more details of who we are www.bondprimary.com/Governors and contact our Clerk at clerktothegoverningboard@outlook.com

Thank you to all our families for their continued support, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you during this academic year.

Sandra Peddy

Chair of Governors

Online Safety

Online safety is vital for our children because it protects them from a wide range of potential risks and dangers which could have a long lasting impact on their mental and physical well being. We recommend parents and carers sign up to the National Online Safety app. It is free and very easy to sign up. NOS provides you with information, tips and guides for supporting you to keep your child safe online no matter their age.

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.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Roblox fans into exchanging their paid-for items for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The in-game chat has some filters, but it isn't perfect: players can still send unpleasant messages, while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'Oders' and are quite common in Roblox. 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 dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this doesn't usually deter such people. Some player-built Roblox levels have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some extra costs. These are usually indicated with the symbol for Robux (the in-game currency). Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. People can also buy extra Robux to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money – usually a one-off payment. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some lobbies, therefore, will put children at greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

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 younger players, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

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. Keep in mind that the game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, the player who owns the server could invite other people – who might not be child friendly – to join them. Additionally, private servers can be set up in such a way that any player on the host's friends list can join, so it's important to discuss who children are playing 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 controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that two-factor authentication is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, children must 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 okay to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger – can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

Meet Our Expert

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EYFS

This week the children engaged in cooperative play. They played 'The Floor is Lava' game whilst playing in the outdoor area. They walked across the planks and followed instructions from music.

They played phonic games by looking around the room and matching the objects to the sounds and naming the objects.



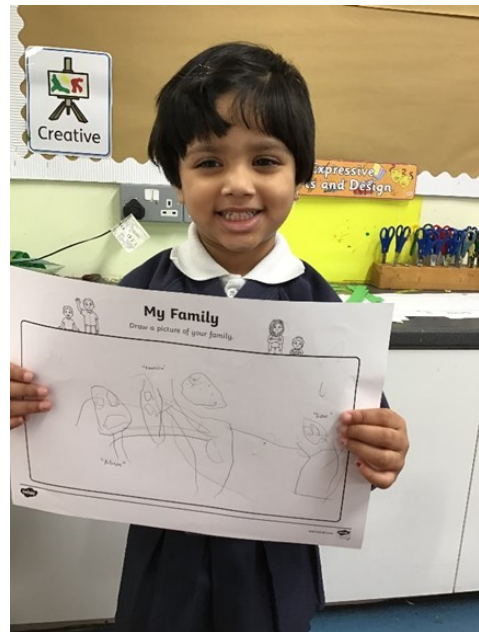
The children used Number blocks to match numbers to quantities and explored the environment to find objects to match the numbers. They then wrote the number of the items that they collected and made different numbers.



EYFS

In Nursery this week, the children focused on 'Our Families and Special People'.

The children drew family trees and identified family members that take care of them and help them everyday.



The children are still settling into their new routine; they continued to explore their new indoor and outdoor environment. They were engaged in activities, they worked together to build a town then counted how many bricks they used.

