



## Thought of the Week

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*

William Arthur Ward

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week full of song and festive spirit at DKH! **EYFS** started off the week with their wonderful Christmas sing-along. I was so impressed with their confidence and how well they sang and performed. Their *Dancing Christmas Tree* performance was fantastic and got us all moving!

**Years 3 and 4** were next with their show inspired by *The Polar Express*. Each class performed songs from the movie and told the story through narration. They impressed the audience with the range of instruments played, including: xylophones, ukuleles, drums, guitars and even a horn section were involved. It put everyone present in the mood for Christmas!

**Year 5 and 6** entertained and delighted their audience with a mixture of steel pans, brass, poetry and song. Children's talent really shone through and there was even the opportunity for audience participation which added to the wonderful festive atmosphere!

Finally, **Year 1 and 2's** performance of *A Snowman at Sunset* captivated their audience. Their performance was truly exceptional and their beautiful singing created a magical experience for everyone. It was so wonderful to see how confident the children were.

**Thank you** to all the parents, carers and family who came to see the children perform. It meant a lot to the children to have you there, enjoying the outcome of their hard work. A huge **thank you** to staff as well for all of their hard work and efforts!

**Gardening Club with Mr Butt** has been hard at work ensuring our feathered friends have food during these cold winter months. You can see more [HERE!](#) A huge **thank you** to Mr Butt for his continued help with Gardening Club.

The weather did not stop our **Edible Rotherhithe** gang from tending to the allotment and you can see more [HERE!](#)

Southwark Council will be hosting **Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun** with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide a programme of meals and activities for children. **Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years**, who are eligible for free school meals. You can find out more [here](#) and [here](#).

**Don't forget that we have early finish on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and pupils will be dismissed at 2pm.**

Wishing our school community a peaceful and warm weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

## Young Apprentice Scheme

Interviews for roles across the school took place this week and the interview panel, made up of **school council representatives** as well as school staff, were very impressed with the thought and work all the candidates put into their application and interview.

School council representatives carefully considered the answers to the questions and worked to find the best candidate for each role. The competition for each position was fierce and the interview panel had to make some difficult decisions. We will let pupils know if they were successful in their application this week and jobs will begin in the new year.

## Wrap Around Care

Magna Groups are consulting with DKH to establish whether there is a demand to introduce a **NEW onsite OFSTED breakfast and after school care provision** commencing January 2023.

To establish the existing requirements of parents for this provision they would welcome your feedback as to whether this would be a service parents and carers would require and use. **Please do check your email and click on the survey link found in the flyer.** This will allow parents and carers to register their interest.

Magna services want to provide high quality provision to children whilst providing affordable and flexible childcare to parents. **They will be offering a Q&A session for DKH parents on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:45am in the lower hall.**

## Staying Safe On-Line

Does your child play Roblox? **Roblox** is one of the most popular video games on the market. The game 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 fans. Roblox allows children to gain real world coding skills and encourages creativity and



Entrepreneurship. However, as with any on-line game, it is important that parents and carers are aware of any potential risks. Being aware of risks and regular dialogue helps support your child's online safety.

**In the guide on page 4, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.**





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## Dates for the Diary



13.12.22	Year 1 and 2 multiskills workshop
14.12.22	Interactive Christmas performances
14.12.22	Class Parties
<b>16.12.22</b>	<b>Last day of term. 2pm finish</b>
02.01.23	Bank Holiday
03.01.23	Inset Day – No children
04.01.23	Children return to school for Spring Term
09.01.23	Years 3 and 4 visit to Horniman Museum
17.01.23	Road Safety Training Years 3 and 4
18.01.23	Road Safety Training Years 3 and 4
25.01.23	Maple Class Assembly
26.01.23	Elm Class Assembly
06.02.23	Design Technology Week Begins
13.02.23 – 17.02.23	Half Term
20.02.23	Children return to school
22.02.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme
23.02.23	Percussion Festival
01.03.23	Palm Class Assembly
02.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Assembly
08.03.23	Beech Class Assembly
15.03.23	Elder Class Assembly

## Attendance

Caterpillar	81.9%	Eucalyptus	95%
Willow	80.37%	Sycamore	88.33%
Elder	90%	Hazel	99.48%
Palm	84.22%	Elm	88.94%
Beech	95.63%	Maple	89.13%

## Star of the Week!



We would like to recognise the children who have been great examples of our school values and have shown true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Nursery	<b>All of nursery</b> for their incredible effort performing their Christmas show!
Reception	<b>Nahla</b> , for her continued enthusiasm and determination in maths. <b>Claude</b> , for his mature attitude to his learning this week.
Willow	<b>Aro</b> , for ambition when practicing his number bonds to 10 at home which has resulted in excellent recall! <b>Lia</b> , for great singing during our rehearsals, showing real enthusiasm and being a great role model to her peers.
Elder	<b>Morolake</b> , for using ambitious language and punctuation when writing a new adventure story based on <i>Katie in London</i> . <b>Chelsea</b> for amazing acting in our play <i>One Snowman at Sunset</i> .
Palm	<b>Dylan.D</b> , for his ambitious maths learning and gaining fantastic praise from Mr. Newman. <b>Trevor</b> , for his brilliant creativity when creating elf masks for this week's Christmas performance.
Beech	<b>Johnston</b> , for 100% effort in writing and editing this week. <b>Alicia</b> , for her confident speaking during the Christmas performance.
Eucalyptus	<b>Anas S</b> , for always striving to do his best - especially in his writing. <b>Kai</b> , for his focus in his reading lessons.
Sycamore	<b>Sikemi</b> , for her wonderfully ambitious attitude towards creating beautiful artwork. <b>Khiyari</b> , for his amazing determination and achievement in his handwriting!
Hazel	<b>Karamel</b> , for her ambitious mindset which has enabled her to meet her learning goals! <b>Karima</b> , for trying her best with her handwriting!
Maple	<b>Joel</b> , for always having high expectations of himself in everything he does. <b>Sireen</b> , for good work in analysing the nonsense poem 'The Jabberwocky'
Elm	<b>Zaira</b> for incredible talent and contribution during the Christmas performance. <b>Edem</b> , working so hard this week-following class rules and having a positive attitude.

## Charles's Snowy Facts

**Did you know** that most metal is considered frozen when solid?

**Did you know** that the melting point of mercury is -38.83 degrees Celsius?

You can learn more about the solids, liquids and gasses [here!](#)

If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.

By Charles, Year 4





## We love LEARNING

It is feeling like winter in the Early Years! We couldn't believe our eyes when we came into school on Thursday to find our playground and forest covered in frost. We talked about what frost is and why it happens... it got some of us very excited for snow.

We have embraced the chill and started getting ready for Christmas. We have decorated our Christmas trees, written to Father Christmas and made snowman meringues. On Monday we performed our sensational Christmas show. We were also lucky enough to see some other performances this week which inspired us to make our own shows during choosing time.

A very merry Christmas from the early years to all who celebrate!





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

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 play it. As a 'sandbox' 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 fans.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### 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 general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

#### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. 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 games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

#### 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 usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox 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 extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### 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 your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the 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. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

#### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox 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 not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, 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 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.

#### 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 discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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## SNOWY JOY & THE GRIOTS

This is no Ordinary Show! Oozing from the leaves of realistic, fantasy – *SNOWY JOY* (2019) written by Sade Fadipe and adapted for drama and musicality by **Margaret Omoniyi** is a truly cultural, festive, Storytelling experience for Families.

Date: 17th Dec 2022 Time: 3-5pm  
Adult only £5.00 / Child's Ticket £2.50  
Family Ticket (1 Adult & up to 3 Children) £10  
[Click here for more information and tickets.](#)

## EPEC Being a Parent Together

KEEPING *families* STRONG

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.  
For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

**Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12pm**

**Starting Wednesday 11th January 2023 for 10 weeks (excluding February half term)**

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact **Claire Gager** at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

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*"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as*

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# FREE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

CAMBERWELL  
CHRISTMAS on the GREEN  
SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 12pm - 2pm

FREE Caribbean Lunch  
Low cook, no cook recipes  
Christmas cost of living  
crisis information

- warm spaces
- food supplies

FREE for children

- Xmas decoration making
- decorate gingerbread
- treat from Santa

Carols from Cambria Choir

Music from Camberwell  
Choir School