



# DISCOVERY NEWS

"No one belongs here more than you!"

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## THE HEADLINE

The first few days of spring have finally arrived, and after the flurry of snow recently, it is truly welcomed. January, February and March are strange months, with the short days and temperamental weather conditions often affecting our moods. Families habitually enter a period of hibernation after the excitement of Christmas, recuperating, re-energizing, and patiently waiting for the first signs of spring. The longer days, the lighter nights, and the signs of growth and energy in the landscape surrounding us, are signals that the United Kingdom is universally waking up from its dormant winter state, ready to burst into life as the sun begins to warm.

The spring term at Discovery has been anything but dormant, the school has been bursting with activity, with enriching events taking place weekly across the school. There have been many highlights, including World Book Day, our curriculum Big Ideas Day, British Science Week and who can forget the amazing Colour Run that the pupils completed last week for Autism Awareness. Just one of many special memories that the pupils are creating at Discovery.

Thanks again for your patience and understanding over the past few weeks in which we have been met with the challenges of adverse weather and national teacher strike action disrupting learning. Your support is truly appreciated. Onwards and upwards.

Happy Easter everyone, enjoy your break.

### Key dates for the diary – Summer Term 1

Academy open for Summer Term 1: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Family Coffee Morning: **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Bank Holiday – Academy Closed to pupils: **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Parents Evening: **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
Academy closes for half term: **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
Academy open for Summer Term 2: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



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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

PEGI RATING  
**7+**

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 scam links or 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 ODer. 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, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

## 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 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.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

**Aim for 100% attendance for a better future**  
There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

190 DAYS  
100%



Very best chance of success

183 DAYS  
96%



Off to a flying start

179 DAYS  
94%



Less chance of success

175 DAYS  
92%



Harder to make progress

More than 18 days absence less than 90%



Progress severely prevented

Give your child a better future - aim for 100% school attendance

**Discovery ACADEMY**

**ATTEND TODAY**

**ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

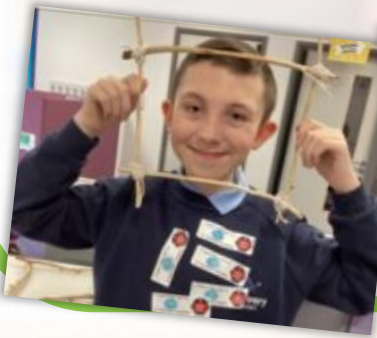




## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week took place this term between March 10th and 19th, and Mr Shirazi went all out. We dedicated Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to STEAM, an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding pupil enquiry, dialogue and critical thinking. This year's theme was 'Connections' with the pupils working together in the house teams to complete the activities. BSW was a huge success with lots of fun, insightful workshops.

10-19 March  
British  
Science  
Week  
2023



the best thing about  
**Memories**  
is making them



It was World Autism Awareness Week from 27th March to 2nd April and to celebrate we hosted our very own Discovery Colour Run around Norfolk Park. On Thursday 30th March, pupils had so much fun completing the course, passing through colour zones and getting absolutely covered in powder. The pupils were amazing and it was great to see all the smiles as they participated in what was a bright, energetic and very colourful event. Well done to all, you should be very proud. I'm already excited for next year!





# WEEK 1



STEP 1 Choose from...

Main  
Vegetarian  
Combo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Butchers Sausage to go with Mashed potato, Peas	BBQ Chicken Fajitas to go with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn	Roast Pork to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Chicken Curry to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	Cod in Batter to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
Vegetarian Sausage to go with Mashed potato, Peas	Macaroni Cheese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Quorn Curry to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	Cheese, Pepper & Onion Roll to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
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Apple Sponge	Carrot Cake Muffins	Raspberry Ripple Roll	Banana Flapjack	Orange & Mango Ice Smoothie
Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

STEP 2 ...and to finish!



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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# WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

Main  
Vegetarian  
Combo

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese to go with Mixed Pasta, Peas	Roast Gammon to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Roast Chicken & Stuffing to go with Carrots, Mashed potato, Peas	Chicken Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
Veggie Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese to go with Mixed Pasta, Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Sausage to go with Carrots, Mashed potato, Peas	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
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Ice Lolly	Jam Sponge to go with Custard	Apple Sponge to go with Custard	Fruity Chocolate Traybake	Fruit Flapjack
Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

STEP 2 ...and to finish!



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WEEK 3					
Choose from...		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Main  Vegetarian   Combo		<b>Turkey Burger</b> to go with Peas, Potato Wedges	<b>Chicken Korma</b> to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	<b>Roast Chicken &amp; Stuffing</b> to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	<b>Roast Gammon</b> to go with Mashed potato, Peas
		<b>Veggie Sausage &amp; Tomato Relish</b> to go with Peas, Potato Wedges	<b>Quorn Hotdog</b> to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	<b>Quorn Fillet</b> to go with Broccoli, Carrots, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	<b>Quorn Sausages with Onion Gravy &amp; Yorkshire Pudding</b> to go with Mashed potato, Peas
		<b>Jacket Potato - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	<b>Jacket Potato - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	<b>Jacket Potato - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	<b>Jacket Potato - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
		<b>Pasta - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Tomato & Basil Sauce	<b>Pasta - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Tomato & Basil Sauce	<b>Pasta - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Tomato & Basil Sauce	<b>Pasta - Combo</b> with choice of fillings Tomato & Basil Sauce
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...and to finish!		<b>Homemade Chocolate Muffins</b>	<b>Fruit Flapjack</b>	<b>Apple Muffins</b>	<b>Apple Sponge</b>
Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times		<b>Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly</b>	<b>Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly</b>	<b>Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly</b>	<b>Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly</b>
					<b>Strawberry Iced Smoothie</b>
					<b>Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly</b>

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# READY STEADY GROW



L1's new topic this term has been 'Ready Steady Grow'. We have learnt a lot about plants and discussed what our seeds and plants need to grow. We even began to grow our Sunflowers in class and enjoyed watching them germinate. We have tried and tested a range of new foods and given others our honest review of these. Our class favourite was oranges! We have spent lots of time outdoors this term and searched our local community for signs of Spring.



In L3 we kick started our 'Creepy Crawlies' topic with a minibeast hunt in Norfolk Park where we searched for microhabitats and minibeasts. Now we are always on the lookout for insects, even during our play times! We love identifying, observing and investigating minibeasts using our magnifying jar. To help further develop our understanding of life cycles, we also have some stick insect eggs and live caterpillars in our classroom. We're very excited to welcome our new stick insects when the eggs hatch! The caterpillars are growing bigger each day and are almost ready to form into chrysalides.



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March marked our 'Big Ideas' fancy dress day at Discovery. Our curriculum focusses on the 6 big ideas, which allow our pupils to make connections between the wide breadth of subjects taught to them. These are Humankind, Nature, Place and Space, Rights, Creativity and Exploration. For more information on our Curriculum, please scan the QR code below.

To help celebrate our 'Big Ideas' day, pupils came dressed as professions linked to our big ideas. We had police officers, zoo keepers, vets, film makers and more. Many thanks for your creativity, it was another fab enrichment day that was enjoyed by the pupils.



What an amazing team of young chefs we have at Discovery! Not only do they have the skills to create delicious dishes, they are working well as a team and have shown they are willing to taste new foods related to their topic.

Upper 3 have been developing their knife skills and filleting fish, Upper 1 and 2 have been bringing outdoor cooking indoors, and have made an all in one breakfast bap and lower school have been baking up an array of Easter treats.

The highlight of this term for me has been the incredible World Book Day cake, made by the master bakers







These are some of our top tweets from the last term.

If you have not already done so, please follow us to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Discovery.

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