



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 16th September 2022



School
Closed

Monday 19th September Bank Holiday

As you may be aware it has been announced that Monday 19th September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday. This means that school will be closed on this day. School will reopen on Tuesday 20th September as usual.

Thank you

Overgate Hospice - Midnight Walk

On Saturday 10th September, some of our amazing staff took part in the Overgate Hospice Midnight Walk.

The walk could be done over a distance of 7 or 13 miles and it began and ended at Calderdale College.

We would like to say a massive **well done** to Mrs Bowling, Ms Afzal-Awais, Mrs Bi and Mrs Cattermole for completing the charity walk and also raising money for a very worthy cause in the process.



Next Friday 23rd September, we will be holding our School Council Elections at Beech Hill School.

You need to let your teacher know by **Wednesday 21st September** if you would like the opportunity to become a School Councillor.

You will need to promote yourself to your class and class teachers to show them why you would make a good school councillor. You could write a speech or create a poster - just be creative!

Good luck everyone!



"Your honesty is a gift, even if at times a painful one."

~Albus Dumbledore

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TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 - Akshaa Roxmillan (Morocco)

Year 3 - Mouhamadoul Aidara (Jordan)

Year 4 - Sai Podapati (France)

Year 5 - Jayden Shilu (China)

Year 6 - Habibah Rahman (Egypt)

Overall Winner

Mouhamadoul Aidara (Jordan)



Peter Rabbit

Children in year 3 were called by Mr Rathore to come and see a huge mess that had been made in the garden.

Upon investigation, they discovered that there were carrots, apples, lettuce, two tiny shoes and a light-blue jacket with brass buttons.

They think it was **Peter Rabbit!**

A rabbit was also spotted in the school grounds! The children will be making wanted posters to make everyone aware!



MEET the TEACHER

Name: Miss Hussain

Class: Australia - year 4

Have you always wanted to be a teacher?: Yes, but I also wanted to be a psychologist and a social worker at one point.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
Australia

Favourite Food: Burger

Favourite Subject: PE

Favourite Season: Summer



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 for further guides, tips and links for advice.

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?
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.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
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 there is a risk 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.

Public Rating: 7+

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 this 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 imitate 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 expert coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the author of Lunawolf's Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Secondary School Admissions 2023

Apply online now for Secondary School 2023 places for children born between 1st September 2011 and 21st August 2012.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 31st October 2022.**

To apply, and for more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/>

Online Admissions
Secondary School 2023

Calderdale Council

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 19th September

		BEECH HILLS SCHOOL				
		School Meals Menu - Week 3				
	3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option		Fish Fingers 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Puddings (5, 10, 12) Gravy	Homemade Spicy Kebabs	Homemade Chicken Tikka Paninis (5, 12) Chicken Goujons (1, 3, 5, 8, 10)	Assorted Pizzas (Cheese and Tomato, Vegetable, Spicy Beef) 5, 8, 10
		Cheesy Omelettes 10, 12	Quorn Bangers (5) Homemade Mash (10)	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Vegetarian Meatball Curry 8	Homemade Vegetable Pasta 5, 10
Vegetables		Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn	Roasties Broccoli Mixed Veg	Criss-Cuts (5) Peas Carrots	Chips Spaghetti (5, 8) Sweetcorn	Ziggy Fries Beans
Served Daily		Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Chicken Tikka, Bolognese, Chilli, Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert		Strawberry Swirls 10	Ginger Sponge (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Chocolate Custard 5, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
		Parkin 5, 12	Crispy Buns 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk