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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a great half term.

I can't believe that we are in the final half term of this school year, There is so much going on...

We have explored AI week this week, with special assemblies and trying to balance sustainability and the environment.

Our year 4 children have been frantically practising their times tables for their MTC (Multiplication Times Check)

Our year 1 children have been sounding out their words, blending and practising ready for their phonics check.

In assembly we looked at the Cheese Rolling Tradition and decided that although exciting it was also a little bit scary and more importantly- we wouldn't want to waste any cheese!

Reception Class had an amazing trip to Barley lands: they made a rainbow salad, fed the animals and had a very bumpy tractor ride.

We recently had a scooter pod donated to the school- thank you Thurrock Roads Team! We would love the children to use it. It is located under the shelter. Please remind your children about sensible scooter use and keeping safe.

Have an excellent weekend

Mrs. Matthews

Head of School

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 4

Key Stage 2: Class 10

Reading is a vital skill, and we take pride in celebrating our readers every Friday during our weekly celebration assembly. Please support us by encouraging your child to read regularly at home and by signing their reading record. Each completed read brings them closer to earning golden tickets—let's work together to inspire a love for reading!

Weekly Attendance winners

A huge congratulations to this week's top attending classes!

EYFS/Key Stage 1: 96.4% Class 2

Key Stage 2: 97.5% Class 11 and Class 13

Regular attendance is crucial for a strong education, helping children stay on track with their learning and progress. Every school day counts! However, if your child is unwell or unable to attend, please remember that it is your responsibility to inform the school as early as possible. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority!

Class dojo

Winning team - Blue

AI Awareness Day

Yesterday, students across the entire school came together to participate in AI Awareness Day, engaging in interactive live lessons and hands-on activities tailored to their age groups. The day was designed to help our children develop an understanding of what AI is and how it influences the world around them, as well as raising awareness of some potential career opportunities for the future. Alongside the other trust schools, the theme for the day was 'Ethics and Environment'. The activities taught the children about the limitations of AI, how to ensure they do not share their personal information online and looked at the hidden

footprint of AI and its impact on the environment. It was wonderful to see our students being so inquisitive about and engaging so thoughtfully with the future of technology!

For more information, please feel free to access some trusted websites for parents listed below:

- Artificial intelligence safety tips for parents | NSPCC
- Parents' Ultimate Guide to Generative AI | Common Sense Media

PE & Sports update

Cricket News

Our girls team hosted Little Thurrock on the last day of the half term. On a very hot day the girls did incredibly well to survive the heat and run out victors by 32 runs. Player of the match went to Ava who was superb in her first game taking a caught and bowled wicket with her first ball!

District Representative Football

Just before the half term break, Reggie from Year 6 competed in the Crisp Shield final where he represented Thurrock schools against Mid-Essex. The game was played at Aveley stadium and Thurrock came incredibly close to winning the prestigious title.

After having already celebrated winning the league title for Thurrock district, this was another chance to add more silverware for what has been an incredible year for the Thurrock district team.

Reggie and his teammates from other local schools narrowly lost on penalties to a strong Chelmsford and Mid-Essex team in The Crisp shield - London schoolboys cup.

Thurrock dominated the game and with the opposition goalkeeper being man of the match, shows how well the boys performed.

It is an incredible achievement to play in the final of a prestigious tournament - the Crisp shield being previously won by the great Bobby Moore for Barking in 1951, as well as seeing modern icons such as Tony Adams and John Terry compete for their boroughs in more recent times.

To be league winners and Crisp shield runners-up truly represents a great season for the Thurrock district team 👍

It has been a real privilege and honour for Reggie to represent Arthur Bugler and Thurrock this season. Well done!

1 - Our girls cricket team were all smiles n the sun after a super victory over Little Thurrock.

2 - Well done to Reggie in Year 6 on his achievements this year with the Thurrock district team!

Congratulations - out of school achievements

Matilda and Harrison Celebrate Athletic Success

It was a brilliant day for Harrison and Matilda who shone at their first-ever quadrathlon.

Matilda excelled in the girls' multi-event challenge, tackling the 600m, 75m sprint, Howler throw, and long jump. Her fantastic versatility and determination earned her a well-deserved third-place finish overall among the competing Basildon athletes.

In the Years 3 and 4 boys' category, Harrison dominated the competition. Racing through the 400m, 50m sprint, standing long jump, and Howler throw, his outstanding performance secured the gold medal for his age group.

Huge congratulations to both rising stars!

She Ran. She Conquered. She Got the Badge!

So incredibly proud of Rhia! Not only did she smash the TCS Mini London Marathon this year, but her hard work has officially earned her the coveted Blue Peter Sports Badge!

Watching her train and conquer that iconic finish line has been amazing. Rhia, you are an absolute superstar! Next stop... who knows?

A massive thank you to the TCS Mini London Marathon and Blue Peter teams for an unforgettable experience.

Catering News- please read below and complete the survey to ensure your voice is heard.

School Food Standards: updating the legislative framework

The Government has committed to updating the School Food Standards, so every school is supported with the latest nutrition guidance.

The Requirements for School Food Regulations 2014 (known as the School Food Standards) provide the legislative framework to ensure schools in England provide children with healthy food and drink, and to make sure that children have the energy and nutrition they need across the school day.

The existing standards have been in place for over ten years and no longer align with current dietary advice.

The Government is committed to improving children's health and school food is one important source of nutrition and plays a fundamental role in helping pupils develop healthy eating habits.

Parents/Carers are being invited to share their views by contributing to the following survey by Friday 12th June 2026

Governor news

Co-operative Values

- **Self Help** - We use our own efforts and resources to achieve things without relying on others.
- **Self Responsibility** - We understand that we are answerable and accountable for our actions.
- **Democracy** - We understand that everyone should be treated equally and has an equal voice and right to contribute.
- **Solidarity** - We support each other and work together to achieve a goal.
- **Equality** - We ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equally and with respect.
- **Equity** - We demonstrate attitudes and behaviours which are fair and unbiased.

Safeguarding - online safety for parents/carers

Please take a few minutes to read through the attached parent guide for Roblox

ROBLOX

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.

EducatorsNeed to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

Because Roblox connects random players 4 4 The anonymity of users can leave players across the world, it can put younger players into vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and an environment with anonymous users who predatory behaviour. Without the right parental could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For controls or monitoring, users can connect with example, some role-play games are used for each other via personal messages or friend online dates and mature role play, which could requests, and it is very difficult to know who's expose youngsters to inappropriate messages behind a username in this vast online world.

in the public chat box.

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MATURE CONTENT RISK OF ADDICTION

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Content This is particularly due is difficult to the number to notable moderate of on games smaller throughoutavailable.games Roblox coming logged-in games back mechanics for — much can or persuade feature longer. that rewarding keep Like them most playersto staygames,or

and experiences, but in summary, some of the focus with constant offered on the platform they rewards via on in-game interactivity, unlocks and currencies,

games and experiences

contain age-inappropriate content that could which can sometimes lead to an addictive need easily be seen by young players. to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING SCAMS

The majority of games within Roblox have Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible extensive monetisation options, usually through items, pets, or characters. These objects, while season passes or microtransactions. Purchases digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain can range in value from a few pennies up to online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade much larger sums of money. While some games with younger users in the hopes of getting rare offer a lot of content via purchases, others can items that can be sold for real money, offer very little for real world money, causing manipulating the child into handing them over, younger players to end up out of pocket.usually via misleading information.

Advice For Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out whichgame could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content. between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

PLAY TOGETHER

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

off bad actors from engaging with children.

what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.

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Essex County Fire & Rescue Service - Home Safety Visits

Smoke alarms are one of those small things in your home that make a *huge* difference. They give you an early warning when something's wrong, often before you can see or smell smoke, buying precious time to get out safely and call for help. Most house fires are especially dangerous at night, when everyone's asleep—smoke alarms act like a 24/7 lookout. Keeping them installed, tested, and working is a simple habit that can protect your home, your loved ones, and quite literally, save lives.

Remember to test your smoke alarm monthly!

If you or someone you know doesn't have working smoke alarms on every level of their home, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service can supply and fit them free of charge when you book a Home Safety Visit. Find out more about the visit and how to request one from the link below:https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book-home-safety-visit

Child Safety Week - 1st -7th June 2026

This year Child Safety Week is all about making prevention possible and empowering families to make simple changes without feeling overwhelmed. You can access the Child Accident Prevention Trust Parent's Pack for bite-sized facts and safety tips below:

https://capt.org.uk/resources/parents-pack/

Dates for your diary

Dates for the next few weeks:

- Phonics Check- w/c - 08.06.26
- Book Fair-
- Borough Olympics- 12.06.26- KS2- Invitation Event
- School Photos-
- Sports Day-
- Thank a teacher Day-
- Year 6 Residential-