



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

May 2018 Edition 2: Newsletter



WELCOME



Pupil's and parents will be informed about their form teacher and classrooms for September on Wednesday 6th June 2018.

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Quote of
the week

"Perseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twentieth."

Julie Andrews

BRAIN TEASERS

Can you figure out the word and phrases illustrated in the pictures below?

Example:

WALKING
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Walking on
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Example:

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Answers in the next newsletter.



YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

We have arranged for Year 9 vaccinations (for Meningitis ACWY, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) to take place at school on **Thursday 28th June 2018**. Letters and emails will be sent out over the next couple of weeks, however if you have any queries please contact reception.

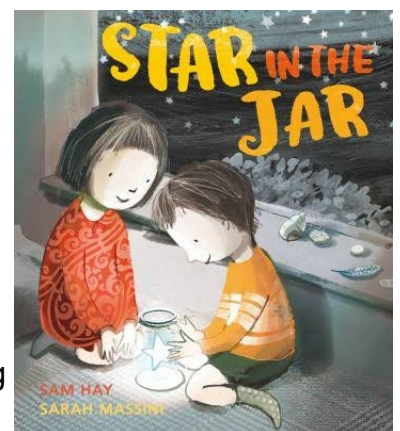
The Star in the Jar

Sam Hay



The discovery of a precious fallen star leads to a difficult decision for a brother and sister in this warm-hearted picture book about friendship and selflessness. When a little boy finds a twinkling star that has fallen to earth, he and his sister aren't sure what to do. No one says they're missing a star, so the boy decides to keep it, putting it in a jar and taking it with him everywhere. But that night, the boy

looks up into the inky sky to see a celestial message spelled out: LOST One Small Star. The siblings know they must try to return their new treasure to the sky, which it's not as easy as it sounds. The idea of parting is bittersweet, but the boy soon discovers that instead of losing a treasure, he might just be gaining a friend...



DO THE RIGHT THING

The target is to encourage pupils to make the best choice when faced with a decision.



Facts

Pupils who cannot rely on social understanding to predict and control the behaviour of others might imitate poor behaviour without understanding the inherent complexity or the context in which it occurred

Suggested Script

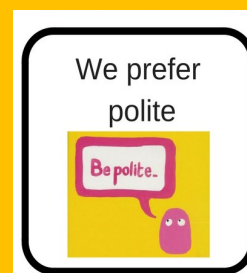
You need to make the right choice: Walk away and do not get involved

Hints and Tips

Give clear alternatives so that pupils are able to make an informed decision

WE PREFER POLITE

This target is to encourage pupils to improve their use of social language and appropriate manners. This can also be used to calmly discourage the use of bad language/swear words and/or inappropriate tone of voice



Facts

Some pupils are unable to monitor their tone of voice (or volume) and incorrect use can also be interpreted as rude.

Suggested Script

We prefer polite. I am not using bad language. Tell me again using polite words. Your tone of voice made you sound rude. Try again and use a quieter/gentler voice.

Hints and Tips

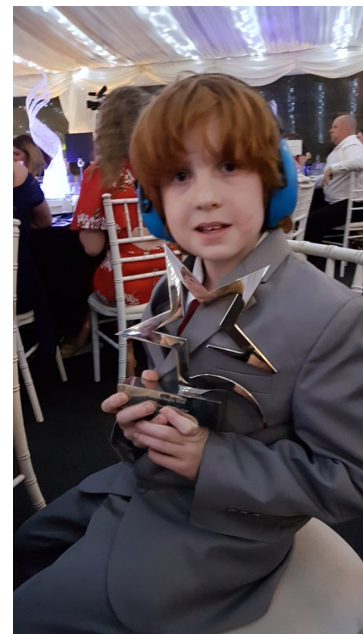
Do not expect change to occur quickly

Ensure that you model the use of polite language with pupils

Tell the pupil why it is important to be polite to others



CONGRATULATIONS KIERAN FOR BEING AWARDED YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR AT THE PRIDE OF RUGBY AWARDS



Well done Kieran, everyone at Quest Academy is incredibly proud of your accomplishments.


GOLD REWARD: COOMBE ABBEY



SAFEGUARDING


As part of National **#WakeUpWednesday** campaign, The **National Online Safety Team** have created a guide for schools about Roblox, the online game which is dubbed by its makers as 'the largest interactive social platform for play'.

The guide informs parents about the dangers associated with the platform and how they can reduce the associated risks, including, but not limited to; 'Chatting to Strangers', 'Griefing' and 'Cyberbullying', 'Online Payments' and 'Information Sharing'.





ROBLOX
Powering Imagination


According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.




AGE RESTRICTION
7+










What parents need to know about ROBLOX


ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.




CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS


Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.





National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION


In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2 STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.



IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?


Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.


DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.





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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.
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TERM DATES 2017- 18

- ♦ Term: Tuesday 17th April 2018 - Friday 20th July 2018

Half Term – Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

- ♦ Term starts Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July 2018

SAFEGUARDING—VISITORS POLICY

Keeping children safe in school is every school's priority. As part of our Visitors' Policy, we require all visitors to sign in at reception and read and sign our Visitor's Code of Conduct.

Please, therefore, do not take offence when our office staff ask you to adhere to our procedures. Should any parent /carer feel unable to comply, we will be unable to let you past the reception area.

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How to contact members of staff:

Please contact Reception if you would like to speak with a member of staff. You will either be transferred or reception will e-mail the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

Reporting pupil absence and lateness:

If your child is absent for more than 7 days you will need to provide a doctors certificate. If we do not receive a doctors note and have not seen your child we will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Board in line with our safeguarding procedures.