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## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th September

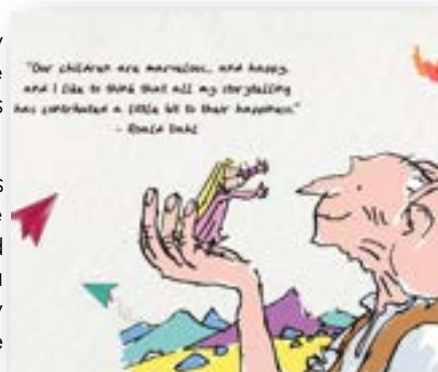
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### Headteacher's Notices

#### Roald Dahl with BigFoot Art Education and The Story Explorers!

Children in each Team have enjoyed participating in fun workshops today with BigFoot Art Education and the Roald Dahl Story Explorers, as they have made a special visit to school to introduce and enthuse children about this most treasured and timeless author.

The children have helped Beatrice—a quirky and complex librarian, who fears that she may lose her job if she cannot organise the library! The children have sorted through exciting boxes of props and costumes from some of Roald Dahl's best loved stories and have received video messages from a rather challenging professor, as they have completed interactive art, literacy and drama tasks linked to The BFG, George's Marvellous Medicine, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Matilda!



#### NHS Dentist

Northern Smiles Dentist in Crook are currently registering primary-aged children for dentistry under the NHS. Already, many of our families have contacted the dentist and have been successful in registering their children. Please contact the dentist on 01388762522 for more information.

#### Multiply Parent Support Sessions



Do you fear your children asking for help with their maths homework? Over the course of 2 weeks friendly tutors will work with you break down those barriers to maths and make the first steps towards improving your number confidence! Explore topics such as fractions, percentages, understanding shapes, measures, and so much more!

WHERE? Sunnyside Community Association, 25-27 Flag Terrace, Sunnyside, DL13 4LR

WHEN? Tuesday 5th December 4pm-6pm Tuesday 12th December 4pm-6pm

CAN I GET INVOLVED? Anyone who is over the age of 19 a Durham resident who would like to improve their maths skills can get involved!

SIGN ME UP! Speak to Claire @ Sunnyside or email Carli on the address below to secure your place: 01914338549 or multiply@gateshead.gov.uk

#### Cooking on a Budget

Come along and learn how to cook healthy meals for you and all the family, on a budget! All ingredients will be provided, just bring along a container to transport your goodies home in (see flyer below for more information).

#### School Values Award

A big well done to George in Team Donaldson on becoming our School Value Champion this week for 'Friendship'.

George was nominated for the award this week, as he consistently demonstrates excellent friendship values and is kind and caring when supporting his teammates!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Christie  
Headteacher



For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<https://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



## Headteacher's T.E.A.M. of the Week

This week's T.E.A.M of the Week is Team Cowell!

WOW! Well done, Team Cowell!

I have been so impressed by your kind, caring and mature attitudes around school this week.

Each of you are extremely polite and well-mannered and, when we meet around school—or in your Team, it is also clear that you are all enjoying your learning, trying your best and supporting one another!

Mrs Wilkinson has regularly reported to me this week just how well you are all working—and how much progress you are already making across your learning. I am so pleased to hear how much you are enjoying your daily reading sessions!

Be proud!

Mr C



## Weekly T.E.A.M.

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	91.4%
Team Dahl	96.6%
Team Cowell	98.5%
Team Walliams	96.9%
Team Morpurgo	87.8%



Congratulations to

**TEAM COWELL**

This week's attendance trophy winners!



## Learning is FUN at Stanley Crook!



Congratulations to all of our pupils for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Together Everyone Achieves More'

## ONLINE SAFETY

### What Parents/ Carers need to know about ROBLOX

This week's free online safety guide (see below) focuses on Roblox.

It highlights a number of risks, such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

## 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.



**National Online Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.theweek.co.uk/2020/12/283343/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-are-using-virtual-porn-for-fun>  
<https://gripunix.com/journal/>



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# COOKING

## *on a Budget*

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### **When?**

Tuesday 5th December

Tuesday 12th December

1pm-3pm

### **Where?**

Tow Law Community Centre

Ironworks Rd

Tow Law

DL13 4AW

### **BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE**

Speak to Fiona @ Tow Law

or email Carli at [multiply@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@gateshead.gov.uk)

*Eligibility criteria applies. You must be over the age of 19 and live or work within Durham. You must not already hold a level 2 (or equivalent) qualification.*