

## Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Autumn Term Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we have had here in school this week! A visit to a museum, Diwali dance workshops, a Swimathon and the Year 6 life skills event as well as lots of exciting learning!

### RAMM

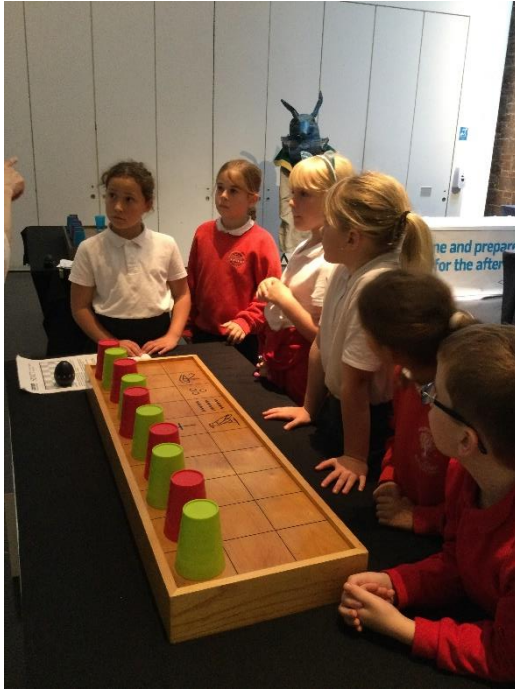
On Thursday Class 3 visited RAMM in Exeter for a hands-on learning experience on the Ancient Egyptians. After an exciting coach journey to Exeter the children were met by the very friendly volunteers at the museum who looked after us all day.

On arrival we split into three groups and spent the day rotating around the museum taking part in a number of different activities. Miss Roberts and her group began with a 'mummy making' workshop where the children learnt about the mummification of Shep-en-mut, a mummified lady found in Exeter over two hundred years ago! The children learnt about the importance of drying the body with salt and then they had a go at wrapping the body with bandages.



Meanwhile, Mrs Venter and her group took part in a tour of the museum where they learnt about the life of Shep-en-mut and her job as a dairy farmer, lots of links to our life in Devon!

We were joined for the day by the wonderful Miss Ashdown as a parent helper and her group enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptian game of Senate. This game was so popular it survived for thousands of years, we are excited to see if we can reproduce it in the playground!



All of the children had the opportunity to experience every activity in the museum and it was so lovely to hear the museum staff comment on their impeccable manners, excellent behaviour and overall pleasure to work with!



Well done Class 3, we are very proud of you and hope you had a brilliant day!

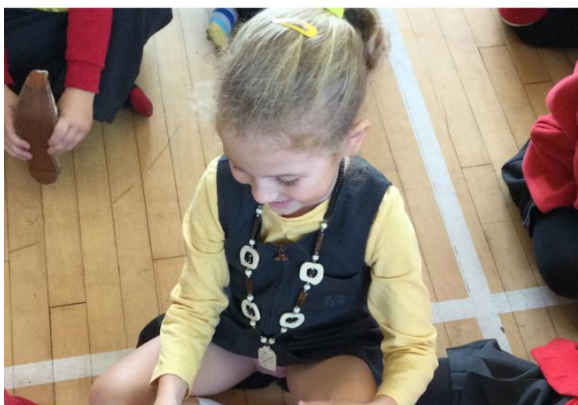
### YEAR 6 JUNIOR LIFE SKILLS

Year 6 attended the Junior Life Skills event this morning at Quayside Leisure Centre. The children met representatives from the police, ambulance service, coastguard and fire service who spoke to them about how to keep themselves and others safe in the wider world.



## DIWALI DANCE

On Friday we were lucky enough to receive a visitor Avtar who taught the children about the Hindu religion, 'Diwali' the festival of light, and spoke about some of the traditions of music and dance. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in colourful scarves and learning some regional dance moves from the Punjab.



## WEAR YELLOW FOR MENTAL HEALTH DAY

In support of World Mental Health Day, the children donated money to wear yellow hair items to school today. It was lovely to see such a vast array of yellow hairbands, ribbons and socks, they made a very cheerful display. The children learnt some yoga exercises and relaxation techniques as part of the day.



## LIBRARY EXCHANGE

The children were excited to go onboard the Devon Library Service bus this week to choose some new books for their classrooms and the school library.



Some were picture books, some were non-fiction and others were Accelerated Reader level books.

They made some great selections and we are sure that they are going to enjoy reading them.

### CAVE ART

Class 3 has had a messy and creative time developing their drawing skills using charcoal.

They were asked to draw pictures copying the style of cavemen's art! The end results were very impressive.



### GARDENING CLUB

This week we took the seeds from the dried-up sunflowers and are keeping them in a dry warm place until spring. The children also started to cut back some of the bushes after they finished flowering.



### ECO WARRIORS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday our Mrs Van Aarde and our Eco Warriors presented an assembly in Church for the whole school. They spoke about one of our school values, 'Generosity'.

The children told us that creation is God's special gift and that not only should we enjoy it but that we should cherish it too. We must be 'Earth-keepers' so that God's gift is still beautiful for the next generation.

We can be generous by:

- Loving others as we love ourselves;
- Giving sacrificially;
- Giving cheerfully;
- Caring is Creation;
- Gifting our time.

### **GUITAR ROCKS!**

On Wednesday we had a visit from Nick Hagan a guitar teacher who gave a guitar demonstration. Nick who has played with the Rolling Stones and Metallica, has also set-up Rock Schools for children with autism.



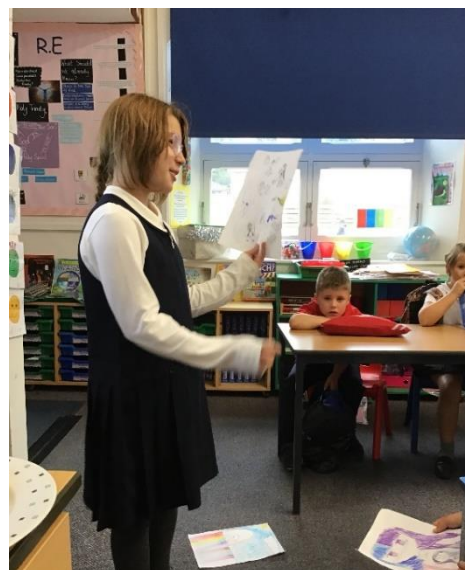
Nick played 'Some White stripes' on his electric guitar whilst the children stomped and clapped in time. He is offering guitar, bass and ukelele lessons to anyone who'd like to learn and suggested that we could start a Malborough School Rock Band!

If your child would be interested in learning how to play the guitar, please contact Nick on 07780 685782.

### **WELCOME MILA!**

With the enthusiasm and courage of our new student giving a presentation about herself to the class has spurred her classmates to do the same.

Mila spoke to her class about her school in Australia. Well done Mila!



### **CAKE SALE FOR BRITISH UKRAINIAN AID**

Inspired by the poems they read about refugees on World Poetry Day, our School Council will be holding cake sales on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October after lunch to raise money for the work of the British Red Cross to help displaced Ukrainian refugees. They would be very grateful for donations of cakes and buns to sell. Please would you bring these into school on Thursday morning. Thank you for your support.



### PTFA FUND RAISING

Next Friday is Mufti Day! Children can donate £2 each to wear non-uniform next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. All monies raised will go towards the PTFA. Thank you for your support.



### CHANGE TO SCHOOL LUNCH MENU NEXT WEEK

Please note that the choices for **Monday's** lunch next week have been changed and are now: Beef Meatballs with Penne Pasta, Garlic Focaccia and Peas **or** Enchiladas **or** Jacket Potato with Cheese **or** Beans. For **Thursday's** lunch the choices are Chicken Bites **or** Vegetable Bites **or** Jacket Potato. The dessert choices remain the same as usual. Please see the separate email sent earlier today about lunch next **Friday** and amend your orders on Parent Pay accordingly. Thank you.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year we have been invited to take part in the Remembrance Day Service in Salcombe as well as the one here at St Peter's and All Saints Church.

The service in Salcombe is held by the War Memorial at Cliff House Gardens and will start at 10.45am, ending at 11.30am. The service here in Malborough begins with the parade from the village hall to the church. The parade starts at 10.55am followed by the service at 11.00am.

It would be lovely to see as many children and parents as possible at both of these important memorial events. Please do join us if you are able to.

### CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION FOR KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY TO JOIN EDUCATION SOUTH WEST (ESW)

We are writing to let you know that following the consultation process and the application made, we are delighted to confirm that Kingsbridge Community Primary School has had their application to join ESW approved. We have been informed that the process can take up to five months, during this time the South Hams Federation and Education South West will work together to complete the information needed to finalise the conversion. The other schools in the Federation will continue to work together in partnership with Education South West.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Here at the South Hams Federation schools, we want to work with both our pupils and their parents to do our best to prevent poor attendance from hampering attainment and development of social skills. We want to instil a positive attitude to school attendance as early as possible to ensure that all our pupils go on to thrive throughout their school and future careers.



In every other aspect of life, if someone achieved 90% of their goal, they would be celebrating! However, when it comes to school attendance, a percentage of 90% can leave a child falling

behind their peers in their education. 90% is the equivalent of almost 4 weeks of school missed in an academic year.

Good attendance not only gives a child a better education, but also encourages positive social interactions. Children get to spend time with their friends, which in turn improves their social skills. It also provides a routine and safe space for children who really need this.

We would like all our children to take part in a competition to design the best poster to promote attendance and prompt arrival. Poster designs will need to be A4 in size and will need to clearly promote the importance of regular school attendance. Posters could include attendance slogans, drawn images or fun facts. The posters will need to be visually appealing, clear and concise.

Winners will be selected from each year group across the federation and will each receive a goody bag including a book, stationery and a fidget toy. Posters will be used to promote attendance across all our schools, in classrooms, on our websites and in our newsletters.

Please clearly put your child's name and Year group on the back of the poster.  
The competition will close on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please hand in your entries to your school office by this date. Winners will be announced via an online federation assembly on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

#### ATTENDANCE Week beginning 09/10/23

Reception	95.4%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	86.2%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	83.6%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97.5%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.4%</b>

#### WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Classes 2 & 4 PE <b>Parents' Evening ALL Classes</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school PE with Achieve 4 All <b>Parents' Evening Classes 1, 3 &amp; 4</b> Achieve4All sports club. 3.30pm to 4.30pm Dance club. 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Gardening club. Lunchtime.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Mindful Makers with Mrs Flage a.m. <b>Cake Sale for British Red Cross Ukrainian Refugee Appeal</b> <b>Parents' Evening Class 2</b> Year 5 & 6 Youth Club - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October <b>BREAK-UP FOR HALF-TERM</b>	Classes 1 & 3 PE Forest School - Reception a.m. Forest School - Year 1 p.m. <b>PTFA Mufti Day</b>



The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Hope**

Class 1: **Joseph**

Class 2: **Layla**

Year 3: **Denzil**

Year 4: **Betsy**

Year 5: **Flora**

Year 6: **Georgia**

The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to: **CLASS 4**

This week the House with the most house points is: **SAINT PATRICK**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Olivia** for having lovely table manners.

The Breakfast Club award this week goes to: **Harry** for being bright and cheerful in the mornings.

Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Stallard  
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher

### DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	All classes	Parents' Evening.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Classes 1,3 & 4	Parents' Evening.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2	Parents' Evening.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October		Cake Sale for the British Red Cross Ukrainian Refugee Appeal
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		PTFA Mufti Day. Break-up for Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October		Back to school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		Leprosy Mission assembly at 11.30am
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		Malborough Village Bonfire Night at Malborough Playing Fields. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm. Fireworks at 7.30pm.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		SHF Cross-Country tournament at Malborough Playing Fields. 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November		Remembrance Service in Church at 11.00am
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		PTFA Barn Dance at the Village Hall.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November		Glow in the dark dodgeball in the Village Hall. 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December		Santa Fun Run. Sponsored run in aid of PTFA funds.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December		PTFA Christmas Fair in Village Hall from 1.30pm.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the children'
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Lunch
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2	Christmas Baking morning with Cathy Shay from Tesco
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1	Nativity in Church at 9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2	Christmas Production in Church at 5.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole school visit to see 'Beauty & the beast'
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Carols and hot chocolate around the Christmas Tree at 4.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		Christingle Service in Church
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January		NON-PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January		FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February		SHF Dance Festival at Malborough village hall. 2.30pm to 7.00pm.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		Break-up for Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February		Return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Mothers' Day posy making (morning)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Mothers' Day Service in Church at 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2	Exeter Synagogue and RAMM
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March		PTFA Egg-a-thon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March		LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3	Extended day visit to Forest & Beach
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break-up for Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5	Bikeability cycling proficiency course
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Residential visit
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5	Residential visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Leavers' Service
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024		LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

# 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?

### 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

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20TH OCTOBER

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