



Altmore News



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Dear Children and Families,

Another busy time at Altmore, where we are beginning to feel a little more 'back to normal'. Thank you all for being so aware of how to keep each other safe, as we learn within the Government's *Living with COVID* guidance. I'm very pleased to say that children are accessing really exciting opportunities in their learning and that we are starting to get 'out and about' more, starting our educational visits again.

As you can see from the photos, there has been lots going on, highlights have included celebrating Chinese New Year in class and at lunchtime ("Thank You" Jay for our delicious lunch), supporting the NSPCC's Number Day, celebrating World Book Day, and participating in our intra-school football tournament ("Thank You" Coach Rich for organising the fixtures).

I'm looking forward to the rest of term, as the mornings and afternoons are getting lighter, which means that Spring is on its way!

Sarah

Attendance Awards

Highest Class Attendance Week Ending 25.02.22	Our Target: 96%
Nursery - Red Class (afternoon)	99%
Reception - Class 1	97.7%
Year 1 - Class 10	97.8%
Year 2 - Class 15	98.4%

Nursery

Green Room

In Green Room we have been exploring different types of transport. We made a role play bus and mark made tickets. We sang songs such as 'Wheels on the Bus' and 'Row, Row, Row your Boat' and 'Down at the Station.' We made a train using the community blocks and explored how our bodies can move such as running, jumping and sliding on our stomachs! As well as transporting objects and people.



Red and Blue Room

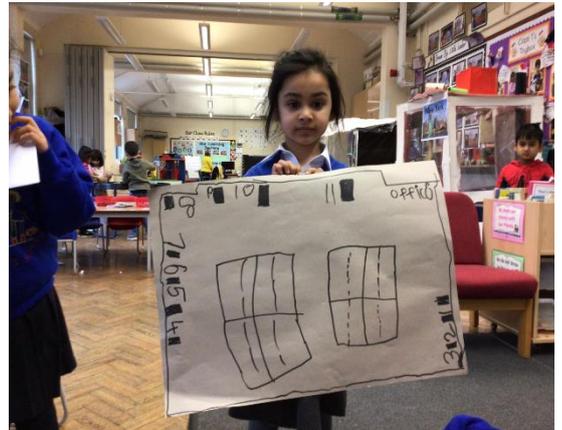
In Red and Blue Room, we have been busy learning about People Who Help Us. We explored the roles of patients and Doctors and learnt about how germs spread. We talked about looking after our teeth and sorted foods into healthy and unhealthy foods. We also found out about who takes away our rubbish and where it goes. The children enjoyed exploring the roles of Police Officers and Firefighters.



Reception

Transport and Travel

Reception have been very busy! Our topic this term has been Transport and Travel. We explored our local environment and used computer programmes such as Google Earth to explore London landmarks and even other countries. We looked at aerial views of our school and made our own 2D and 3D maps.



Year 1

Number Day

Number Day was a success in Year 1 We had lots of fun wearing numbers and engaging in fun number-themed activities. Focusing on the book 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab', we were finding lots of different ways to add numbers by counting feet. We made number lines and went on a number hunt around the classroom.



Year 2

Land Ahoy!

In Year 2 the children have been learning all about pirates and map work. The children received a special message from Captain Longbeard telling them that he had left some treasure buried in our school grounds! He provided a map to instruct the children where to look and they followed this to the hidden treasure. This was then linked into our Maths learning and the children then had to count the amount of money that they had found.



Other News & Events

Chinese New Year

This year to celebrate Chinese New Year, we were lucky to have the Primary workshop in to teach us some Chinese Folk Dance moves. We enjoyed learning the different traditional actions and movements and this helped us to understand the story behind the celebrations.



Safer Internet Day

The children took part in online safety workshops to celebrate Safer Internet Day. They role played different scenarios and learnt what to do to help keep themselves safe. They discussed what they should and shouldn't do if we receive messages from strangers or if we are asked for personal information. They thought about who their trusted adults are at school and at home.



Sporting News

Football Tournament

To celebrate the children's learning in PE, Mr Rich hosted a football tournament for each year group in KS1. This involved them using the ball skills that they had learnt to dribble a football around some cones and then shoot into a goal. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off their skills that they had learnt throughout the term. The children really enjoyed this experience and the winning teams from Year 1 and Year 2 were awarded medals to take home.



Hot Potato Competition

On Wednesday 23rd February 2022, two teams participated in the Borough KS1 Hot Potato competition at Dersingham Primary School.

One team was ten Year 1 children (5 boys & 5 girls). Being the only Year 1 children competing against 14 other schools/teams of Year 2 children, our children were outstanding throughout every game only losing one game in the group stage against a very strong St Helen's team. This was one of the most entertaining games of the competition as both teams went back-to-back the whole time only just losing the game right at the very end. After this game our Year 1 team did not lose any other game up until the semi-finals where they unfortunately faced up against our very own Altmore Year 2 team. Our Year 2 team was 5 boys & 5 girls who had been training very hard for this competition. Everyone, from the organisers of the tournament to other opponents had very high expectations from our children which raised extra pressure throughout the competition as they flew through every game with unbelievable performances to take them all the way to the final after beating our Year 1 Altmore team in the semi-finals. However, the pressure eventually hit in the final game with a few mistakes at the start of the game which the children tried to amend as quickly as possible, but it was too little too late, so we ended the competition in 2nd place.

At Altmore we are extremely proud of our children it was a learning curve with fantastic results of 2nd and 4th place.



Other Information

Reporting Absences

Dear Parents/Carers,

We now have an email address for you to report your child's attendance.

Please email, attendance@altmore.newham.sch.uk, if you would like to report your child's absence.

You are still welcome to call the school from 8am as well.



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Free! Family Learning Classes Let's Improve our English and Maths!

Is English your second language?
Do you want to improve your English and Maths?
Would you like to help your children at school?

If the answer to these questions is "YES" then why not sign up for this course which begins on the date and time shown below.

This course is taking place through Altmore Infant School who will send you a weekly Zoom link and help you to get started (remotely).

Venue	Altmore Infant School
Day	Thursday & Friday
Course Dates	24.02.22 to 25.03.22
Time	9.30am - 11.30am
Mode of delivery	Remotely
Online enrolment	https://www.ournewhamls.co.uk/family-learning.php

Family Learning is providing an exciting opportunity for parents to improve their Maths and English skills. The course will be offered remotely allowing you to learn from the convenience of your own home.

All participants will receive a certificate on completion of the course.

For further information, please speak to Kelly Grove.

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Seesaw App

Please talk to your child's Class teacher if you have not connected to your child's Seesaw learning journal. Important school messages and updates about your child's learning will be sent across to you on Seesaw and work will be set for the children using Seesaw. You will need to download two apps, Seesaw Class and Seesaw Parent & Family

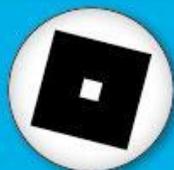


World Book Day

On Thursday 3 March 2022 we celebrated World Book Day. This was a particularly special year as World Book Day celebrated their 25th Birthday. This year's theme was 'Everybody a reader.' All children started their day off with a Reading Café where they entered literacy rich rooms filled with books to read and enjoy. Each Year Group then spent the rest of the day focussing on a text linked to birthdays/celebrations and enjoyed lots of fun filled activities around the book. Children were asked to come into school dressed in their best party outfits to celebrate World Book Day's birthday. Reception children were asked to come to school in their party outfits or in a onesie.



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 game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, grievers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports draw attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



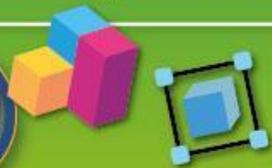
Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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Dates for your diary...

March	
18 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd & 23 rd March	Parents Evening
April	
1 st April	Easter Bonnet Parade Last Day of Term
19 th April	First day of term

Please note these dates are subject to change