



Dear Families,

We are thrilled to share some highlights from the past week and exciting events lined up for the upcoming week.

**1. BAM Engineering Company Visit:**

Our Year 5 students had an incredible experience last Wednesday, engaging with engineers, designers, and construction workers from BAM Engineering Company. They worked collaboratively, honing their creative skills, constructing model bridges, and designing smaller ones while considering balance and structure. It was an enriching experience that brought the world of engineering to life for our young learners.

**2. Parent Phonic Workshops:**

A big thank you to Miss Lee and Miss Gray for hosting informative parent phonic workshops for families with children in Years R and 1. Both sessions were well attended, with over 30 family members participating in each. We appreciate your engagement and commitment to your child's education.

**3. Pride Time Week:**

Next week is Pride Time Week, where we invite families into the school to celebrate their child's learning and progress to date. We are looking forward to seeing you there as we share and acknowledge the accomplishments of our children.

**4. Children's Mental Health Day:**

Thursday is Children's Mental Health Day. On this day, children are encouraged to wear their own clothes with a voluntary £1 contribution. The funds raised will be used to purchase resources to support the well-being of our children. It's a small but meaningful way to promote mental health awareness and care within our school community.

**5. Show Racism the Red Card:**

Also on Thursday, we are excited to welcome the organisation 'Show Racism the Red Card.' Children in Year 3-6 will participate in workshops promoting the school ethos against all forms of racism, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, or culture. We encourage you to ask your child about their sessions and continue the conversation at home.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team

Please can we ask that parents check their children's hair regularly for headlice to prevent them spreading around the school.  
If you need help please contact the school office or check the NHS website.

**School Uniform**  
If you have any spare or old uniform that you don't need we would be very grateful if you could donate this to the school.  
Please bring to the school office



## Upcoming Events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b>
Year 1 & Year 2 Pride Time	Year 3 & Year 4 Pride Time.	Year 5 & Year 6 Pride Time.	Reception & Nursery Pride Time	<b>Inset Day</b>
		PTA Tuck Shop	Non-uniform day- Dress as what makes you happy.	<b>Half Term</b> <b>12th-16th Feb</b>
		Year 4 swimming	Against Racism workshop	

## SAFEGUARDING

**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. Roblox offers a huge amount of freedom to its players. It is a place where children can 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 kids.

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including in group chat). This creates exposure for children to risks such as cyberbullying, online predators, harassment, grooming, and more. Parents should be aware of these risks and ensure their child is safe when playing. Roblox has a reporting system for inappropriate behavior, but it is not perfect. Parents should monitor their child's play and ensure they are safe.

**PUBLIC SERVERS**  
Roblox has public servers where players can meet other people to play exclusively. These servers are often used by strangers and can be a risk for children. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing on public servers and avoid sharing personal information.

**ONLINE DATERS**  
There are also called 'daters' and are quite common in Roblox. An online dater is an individual who uses a game with the intention of finding someone to date online - and eventually meet in person. Such online daters are often used to groom children and can be a risk for children. Parents should be aware of these risks and ensure their child is safe when playing.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Roblox is free to download and play, but it has in-app purchases. These purchases can be used to buy virtual items, such as clothing, accessories, and more. Parents should be aware of these risks and ensure their child is safe when playing.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

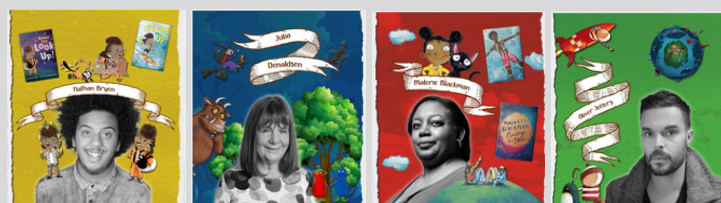
- SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained in the game's settings. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing and avoid sharing personal information.
- DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**  
Roblox's private messaging function poses the risk of children being contacted by people they don't know. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing and avoid sharing personal information.
- PRIVATE SERVERS**  
If your child has private friends who they play Roblox with, they may be able to join private servers. These servers are often used by strangers and can be a risk for children. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing.
- MONITOR SPENDING**  
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a lot of money. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing and avoid sharing personal information.
- DEALING WITH STRANGERS**  
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Strangers can be a risk for children and should be avoided. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing and avoid sharing personal information.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Chris Gower (a.k.a. @matorlinesafety) has worked as an online and offline safety expert for over 10 years, providing advice on online safety, cyberbullying, and more. Parents should ensure their child is safe when playing and avoid sharing personal information.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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This free online safety guide focuses on Roblox. It highlights a number of risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.



Come on everyone its so close in positions, keep getting these tokens!  
Here are the current positions:



- 1st Nathan Bryon
- 2nd Malorie Blackman
- 3rd Oliver Jeffers
- 4th Julia Donaldson

## ELSIE



Elsie has visited all of the classrooms recently during reading time. Look at her developing her love of books!







Congratulations!  
We hope you enjoyed  
your well deserved  
Hot Chocolate!



## ATTENDANCE

Current Attendance - 93.4%

<b>Nursery PM- 97.7%</b>	Nursery AM - 90.9%
Lime - 95.5%	Poplar - 86.7%
H/Chestnut- 93.2%	Bay- 92.9%
Bamboo - 88.5%	Box- 95.9%
Cypress - 91.7%	Ash - 94.8%
Acacia - 93.9%	Palm- 92.7%
Myrtle- 95%	<b>Holly- 98.5%</b>
Willow - 91.7%	<b>Eucalyptus- 96.9%</b>

Green=met the minimum attendance rate

# WELL DONE!



Ready

Respectful

## Class

## Peareswood Champion

Nursery AM/PM	Honor-Rose/Seandan
Lime	Abdulmalik
Poplar	Elijah
H/Chestnut	Aren
Bay	Olivia- Anne
Bamboo	Loris
Box	Abigail
Cypress	Luca
Ash	Grace
Acacia	Arthur
Palm	Masie
Holly	Edosa
Myrtle	Annabell
Willow	Ava
Eucalyptus	Murty

We are...

Safe

## SCHOOL VALUES

The new focus value is kindness.



Our Year 5 children took part in a bridge building project with an engineering company this week. They have lots of fun and were showing kindness to one another to work together and complete their tasks.

We have had visitors from across the Trust join us this week to see how our children are accessing UDL with technology. They commented on how kind our children were when talking to them about their learning.



# Spotlight on Spanish

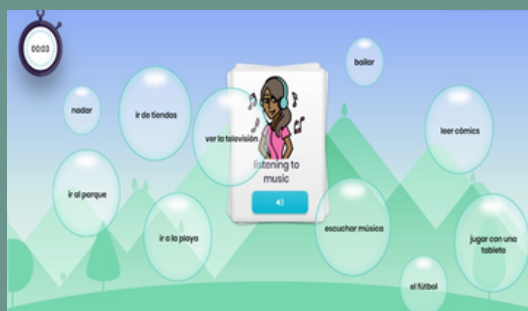


At Peareswood Primary School we believe that learning languages provides opportunities for children to experience and understand other cultures. Our curriculum aims to foster curiosity and deepen children's comprehension of the structure of language and variations in culture. The teaching of languages should broaden vocabularies and allow pupils to make comparisons with pronunciation and word patterns between Spanish and the English language. Using Language Nut to support and foster the learning, children at Peareswood feel successful and gain enjoyment from learning a new language.

## Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard on learning all about hobbies such as dancing, swimming and listening to music. They have also been learning the names for different pets in Spanish including cat, dog, hamster and rabbit.

*Elizabeth in Cypress says 'I like doing the practice with the bubbles so I listen to them carefully and press the right word.'*

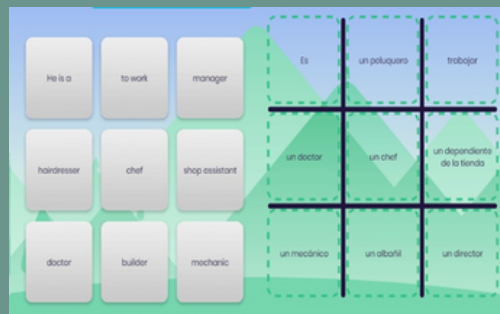




### Year 4

During their Spanish lessons, Year 4 have been learning about different jobs such as a hairdresser, a builder and a chef and have been learning how to use it in a sentence. The children have also been learning phrases related to earning and spending money in Spanish.

*Charlie in Palm says 'If I ever go on holiday I will know how to speak to people. I enjoy playing noughts and crosses.'*



### Year 5

Year 5 have been learning words and phrases related to food and mealtimes in Spanish this term and have been beginning to build their vocabulary to form sentences to ask questions. For example 'What do you eat for lunch?'

*Reet in Myrtle says 'We have learnt how to pronounce words based on if you are speaking to a boy or a girl. I like that you can practice then see how much you know, I like to see my score afterwards.'*

*Filip in Holly class says 'I love the games on Language Nut, especially noughts and crosses. They help me learn spanish.'*

