

# Townhill Junior School

## Weekly Update: 14<sup>th</sup> March



### Bookshop Visit

On Tuesday, Miss Tipper took a group of children from her class to October Books in Portswood to help them spend their World Book Day tokens. They got to have a look around the shop and see all the books on offer. Some of them even got to help serve customers!



### Tag Rugby



On Wednesday, Mr Innes took our Lower School Tag Rugby team to St Marks for the School Games rugby festival. In very cold conditions, they played some fantastic rugby and represented the school brilliantly in a tournament, which for a number of children, was their first time representing the school.

### County Cross Country

On Friday, our Lower School Cross Country squad competed in the City Championships at the Sports Centre. There were some fantastic performances from all of the children involved and we will find out how we have done in the team competition this week. The individual results were:

Name	Position
Jesaiah	1
Jaivon	2
Alfie	11
Herkus	12
Callum	33
Kaci-Jai	55
Jaxson M	56
Jake	57

Name	Position
Sasha	3
Kaya	5
Elizabeth	8
Sarah	29
Lena	35
Kelly-Joe	40



## The Roof



The second phase of the roof work is now complete which means Year 5 have also returned to their own classrooms now so they can be collected as usual from Monday.

There will be no more class disruption during term time as the rest of the work above classrooms is not planned until the Easter break.

This means we can now host the Scholastic Book Fair in the Year 3 Spare Classroom from Tuesday.

## Big Difference Pantry Visit



Following a successful visit this past week, jump on board the school minibus and join Mrs Austin on a visit to the Big Difference food pantry, 'a social supermarket in Northam providing accessible and healthy food and drinks at reduced prices.' This is a great way to stock up on essentials and socialise with other TJS parents! Coffee and cake available back at school.

Upcoming trips - Thursday 1st April at 10.10am-11.30am Tickets are £1 per person. Please contact Mrs Austin or the office to reserve a seat!

## PACT (Police and Community Together)

The next PACT (Police and Community Together) meeting is Monday 17th March from 12pm at Townhill Park Community Centre. Please come along and say hi. Feel free to ask any questions that you have relating to your local area and tell them what your policing priorities are. PACT meetings are great for engaging with local partners and the Police who work together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your area. The dates are:



- ❖ 17/03/2025 at 12:00 - Townhill Park Community Centre
- ❖ 03/06/2025 at 19:00 - Townhill Park Community Centre

## Cutbush Lane Parking

Our new road signs are to discourage visitors from parking on the zig zags outside the gates on Cutbush Lane. Please take notice of them and keep the children safe as they make their way to and from school.



# Scholastic Book Fair

From 18-24 March we will be hosting Scholastic Book Fair after school each day in:

**The Year 3 Spare Classroom.**

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELING BOOKS**

**FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!**

**COME TO THE BOOK FAIR**

**A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99**

**DATE: 18th - 24th March 2025**

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HANNAH GOLD  
£7.99

**NEW GEORGE WEBSTER GEORGE and the MINI DRAGON**  
From CBeebies presenter George Webster  
£6.99

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DAVE PILBECK  
Hardback only £9.99  
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£12.99 £9.99

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£12.99 £7.99

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WOTTO  
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Illustrated by Ross Emward  
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£8.99

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A LAUGH OUT LOUD new illustrated series  
£6.99

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**LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**

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## Current Learning

	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	English	Diary Writing	Write a diary about your weekend.
	Maths	Fractions	Tell an adult how to find equivalent fractions
	Spanish	Las Frutas	Tell an adult the different names for fruits in Spanish
Y4	English	Newspaper Reports	Read a newspaper report or listen to Newsround.
	Maths	Time	Learn to convert between 12 and 24 hour time. Get an adult to keep asking you the time.
	Science	The Water Cycle	Learn the Water Cycle Rap! <a href="#">Water Cycle   Songs For Kids   Sing Along   GoNoodle - YouTube</a>
Y5	English	Writing a diary based on The Highwayman	Write a diary including your thoughts and feelings
	Maths	Geometry	Learn the names and angles of different 2D shapes
	Spanish	Mi familia	Tell an adult the different names for family members in Spanish
Y6	English	Writing escape stories based on King Kong	Think about how to describe the key characters
	Maths	Geometry	Learn the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
	Geography	Earthquakes	Look at how buildings are designed to survive an earthquake



## Year 6 Revision Packs



As Year 6 build up to SATs there will be optional revision packs available for each week from class teachers. Please ask your class teacher each **Friday** and they are ready for you to take home.

## Subject Spotlight on...PSHE!


**Subject Leader:** Miss O'Hara

### Subject Summary:

*"Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education is an important and necessary part of all pupils' education. All schools should teach PSHE, drawing on good practice, and this expectation is outlined in the introduction to the proposed new national curriculum."*  
(DFE)

PSHE at Townhill Junior School is taught through the Jigsaw scheme. This is a progressive programme that allows the children to develop on previous learning and follow a familiar structure. We have now incorporated Philosophy for Children ('P4C') into our curriculum, using our questioning, reflecting and communication skills to unpick different concepts.

### This term we are learning about:

Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



### Developments in PSHE

- ❖ To include P4C within the curriculum to encourage deeper thinking and questioning around a concept.
- ❖ We are using our Jigsaw chimes to ensure mindful minutes are focused, calm and carried out daily.
- ❖ Clear, progressive learning journeys, shown through class floor books.

### New Learning in PSHE

- ❖ Healthy bodies – lifestyle choices, diet, alcohol and drug awareness, the benefits of exercise
- ❖ Healthy friendships – recognising toxic behaviours, building and repairing friendships, maintaining healthy communication
- ❖ Healthy mind – mental health awareness, coping strategies, mindfulness





### Star of the Week

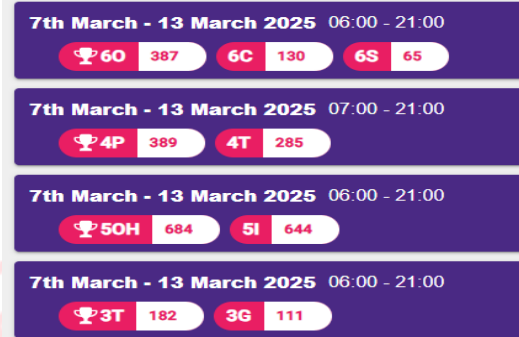
Class	Name
3G	Sophia
3T	Bow
4T	Paris
4P	Fleur
5I	Alicja
5OH	Hector
6S	Lili K
6C	Savannah
6O	Kian
PE	Lili K (6S)
Music	Max B (6O)



### Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard



Rank	First Name	Class	Improvement in Speed
1	Isla J	4T	-17.33
2	Gloria	6S	-1.34
3	Shaya	6C	-1.13
4	Heritage	3T	-0.86
5	Alicja	5I	-0.54
6	Jaxson	4P	-0.42
7	Aoife	3G	-0.4
8	Wonder	3T	-0.26
9	Sarah	4P	-0.18
10	Lina	5I	-0.18



### Boom Reader



Class	Most Reads
3G	Louis
3T	Penny & Jaxon
4P	Herkus
4T	Ayda & Connor P
5I	Kara
5OH	Matilda
6C	x
6O	Max B
6S	Eli
<b>Weekly Class Winner</b>	<b>3G</b>

### Spelling Shed



Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Tawfiq	5I	7,982,126	41,962,237
2	Charis	4P	6,713,192	113,452,470
3	Peterclever	5I	6,703,592	12,340,275
4	Leo B	6S	6,300,816	51,185,094
5	Alexandra P	5I	6,012,000	250,463,789
6	Bogdan	4T	3,549,272	13,284,814
7	Janelle	3G	3,305,120	84,208,874
8	Desandi	5OH	2,918,352	3,122,844
9	Isa	5I	2,596,624	35,662,692
10	Kaci-Jai	4T	2,569,108	27,633,962

## School Attendance News



### Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week	93.9%	Whole School Attendance this year to date	94.0%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week	210	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year	118



### Class Attendance for this week: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January

Weekly Attendance	3G	3T	4P	4T	5I	5OH	6C	6O	6S
Attendance Percentage	95.7%	100%	97.2%	97.3%	93.5%	95.7%	94.3%	97.2%	95.0%
Difference on last week	+0.5%	+0%	+0.3%	-0.1%	+3.0%	+0.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	+2.7%

### Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



#### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy and we would love to hear from you if you would be interested in supporting the school in a governor capacity. Meetings are on Monday evenings through the year, with two meetings per half term. If you would like to express your interest please email:

[info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk) .



## Helping Your Child Manage their Worries

### A Workshop for Parents and Carers

- Does your child have a lot of 'what if' worries?
- Does your child feel anxious about school?
- Does your child fear particular places, situations or objects?
- Does your child struggle with separation?

All children have fears and worries but for some children this can start to impact their wellbeing.

It can be difficult for parents/carers to know how best to support children to overcome these challenges.

This workshop is for parents and carers to understand more about what anxiety is and learn some tools which help with managing worries.



**Who:** All Parents and Carers are welcome  
**Where:** Townhill Junior School  
**When:** 24th March 2025  
**Time:** 1:45-2:45  
**What do I need to bring?:** Just yourself, however you are welcome to bring note paper and a pen if you would like.  
**What to do if you would like to attend this workshop?** Complete sign up sheet within infant/junior school reception

Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with diverse role-play users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dating and involve role-play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

#### MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly evident in smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation systems, usually through virtual passes or in-game currencies. Purchases can range in value from a few pence up to much larger sums of money, while some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others offer virtual items for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

#### ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it's very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

#### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back—or persuade them to stay longer for more levels. In more games, they focus on interacting with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and bonuses, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to complete on-line for long periods of time.

#### SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox involve collecting items, items, pets, or characters. These objects, which often cost a lot of real money on certain online markets, are often sold in exchange with younger users in the hopes of a selling price that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via the payment information.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does have a variety of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Enabling the parents within their reach will make Roblox a safer, better experience. You can set age ranges for which all levels to restrict your child's profile, chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile using privacy settings. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

#### PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

#### TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

#### Meet Our Expert

Don Ilgcombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Microsoft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's taking about them at [www.donilgcombe.com](http://www.donilgcombe.com).



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You can also email Debs Wilkinson ([d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk](mailto:d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk)) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith ([j.smith@chi.ac.uk](mailto:j.smith@chi.ac.uk)) to discuss the secondary routes.

# Next week at Re:Minds...

17th-21st March 2025

Thornhill  
Support  
Group



**Friday 21st March 10am**

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group!

You can also access the book & sensory library on request  
\*please allow 48 hours prior notice for this\*

St Christopher's Church, Pepys Avenue, Thornhill, SO19 6PJ

**Children Welcome!**

This venue has free parking and is accessible - Refreshments are available

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Re: Minds

You do not need to book to attend the support group. Just turn up!

with thanks to



## Dolce School Meals



A reminder that there will be an incoming price increase for school meals. From 31st March the price for a meal will increase from £2.35 to £2.59.

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day

On Friday, children can wear a red nose to school (please ensure they have their initials on them) and we will take donations for the charity, but this will **not** be a non-uniform day.



## Parents Evening

Don't forget to sign up for your Parents Evening appointment through Arbor. See the dates below for when they are taking place for each class.



## Dates for the Diary

**NEW: 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Assessment Week for Y3

**NEW: 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Scholastic Book Fair (in the Art Bay)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening for 4P, 4T, 5I and 6S

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm) (Not Y4)

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm) (Not 5I and 6S)

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Y5 Parent Reading Event (2:30pm)

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Break the Rules Day

End of Term: (3.15pm)



Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend,

Mr H  
Headteacher

