



★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 26th May 2023 ★

Dear Parents,

Parent Survey Thank you so much for all the responses to the recent Parent Survey. I published the statistics a few weeks ago and as promised, further down the newsletter, are a selection of the additional comments that were made. There were lots of comments so I have tried to capture the ones where lots of parents made the same point so the emerging themes are clear. As we look ahead to next academic year, I will be discussing these with the school leadership team and factor them into our planning and decision making.

Healthy Lifestyles Week The first week back after half term is Healthy Lifestyles Week where the children will participate in a range of activities linked to keeping healthy and active – it promises to be a great week. Please see the letter from this week which gives lots more information. Children should come to school each day in ‘active wear’ – leggings, tracksuits, shorts trainers or PE kit. Jeans should not be worn and shoulders should be covered. Depending on the weather, children may also need a sun cap, sun cream, hoodie or waterproof coat. Water bottles should also be brought to school.

Half Term I cannot believe my first half of term has passed so quickly - I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the families, staff and children. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for all of your support.

Whatever you are doing at half term, I hope you have a good time and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June for the start of our Healthy Lifestyles Week.

Have a great week.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Reminders

At the end of the day, there are an increasing number of children coming onto the site and, in some cases, going onto the equipment away from their parents. Please can children who are not at our school remain with their parents at collection time so they are safe and being supervised.

Dates for the Diary

w/c 29 th May	Half Term
w/c 5 th June	Healthy Lifestyles Week
16 th & 19 th June	Y6 Cycle Training
20 th June	Y3 Roman Day
21 st June	Sports Day (23 rd June – Reserve Day)
22 nd June	Y4 Viking Day
29 th June	Y6 Mayan Day
10 th July	Y6 French Breakfast
10 th July	School Disco
12 th July	Open Evening
14 th July	Barbeque
19 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
21 st July	Last Day of Term

School Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital to success at school. We track attendance closely and celebrate excellent attendance. Our target is for each child to have an attendance figure of at least 95%.

3B	99.4%
3J	97.4%
4CM	94.4%
4G	90.3%
5AR	96.5%
5M	97.2%
6L	92.9%
6M	91.3%
All	94.9%



Congratulations to Class 3B for having the top attendance this week.

Parent Survey

The final three questions in the Parent Survey asked parents to: (i) state what they felt were the strengths of the school (ii) what they felt the areas of development are and (iii) any other comments they wished to make.

There were lots of responses and the information below captures the areas that multiple parents mentioned. As we look ahead to next academic year, we will be factoring these into our planning and decision making.

Parents said the Strengths of the School are:

Communication is good with concerns and issues dealt with promptly
Wonderful and caring staff / positive atmosphere in school
Lots of teachers named and complimented
Equality and inclusivity
Honours Assembly including children singing
SENCo / Special Needs support and the inclusive approach
Enrichment (productions, Young Voices, Sports Day etc)
School Values
Sport
Curriculum inspires children

Parents said the Areas for Improvement are:

Uniform expectations (contrasting expectations here compared to secondary schools)
More trips
Tougher action on poor behaviour
Greater options at meal times
Greater range of after school clubs
More parental involvement
Children crossing the road outside school
More feedback on children's progress

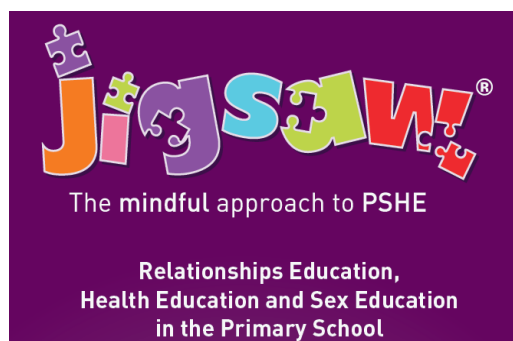
Other Reflections from parents:

Concerns regarding new Headteacher making lots of changes
Lots of compliments about the school
Football at playtime can cause problems
Some concerns about how behaviour is managed

Relationships Education, Health Education & Sex Education

Throughout the school year, we deliver a PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) programme across our school called Jigsaw. The lessons since September have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem, knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. You may well have heard your child talking about Jigsaw/PSHE.

The unit for the next half of the Summer Term is called Changing Me and includes the sex education part of the PSHE programme, as part of the normal Jigsaw lesson each week. A letter has gone out to all parents this week with further information. If you have any questions about this area of our curriculum, please speak to Mr Evelyn or Mrs Alcock.



Football against Abbey Road

The girls and boys football team came up against Abbey Road in league matches this week. The boys played with confidence and were able to dominate the first game in many areas. Our second game saw the boys trail by one but made it up quickly to a score line of 3-1. Abbey Road didn't give up and managed to pull the game to a 3-3 draw. An incredible display of football from the boys team.



The girls got off to a fantastic start in their first game, scoring within the first minute. They played wonderful football as a team and showcased their skills. Game one ended in a 3-0 victory to Robert Miles. Game two was a tight competition. It saw RMJS trail in the first five minutes 1-0. However, we didn't give up and managed to bring the game to a 1-1 draw close to closing minutes. In the last minute of the game, Abbey Road were able to pull ahead to make the game a 1-2 loss.

What incredible football from both teams and you should all be proud of your efforts.

Honours Assembly

Congratulations to these children whose success was celebrated at Honours Assembly this week and some of their work was shared with all the children in the school.

3J	Oliver Brown & Ocean Yui
3B	Ava Parker & Hazel Yeung
4G	Rory Wholey & Ffion Smart
4CM	Emily Mogg & Skye Smith
5M	Olly Akehurst & Ewan Marson
5AR	Daisy-Bo Lawton & Macaulay West
6M	Will Stretton & Isabelle Crisp
6L	Leo Leese & Lydia Gibson-Redman

Framework – Supporting Rough Sleepers

The Equals Trust runs a Diversity and Inclusion Programme where a couple of children from each school visit somewhere to learn more about different areas of society. On Wednesday, Summer (5M) and Daisy-Bo (5AR) went with Mr Evelyn to meet with representatives of Framework – a charity that support rough sleepers and helps them to come off the streets and develop independence. The children visited different places where rough sleepers choose to shelter and asked lots of questions about why people end up in this desperate situation and how the charity does their work.



After half term, Summer and Daisy-Bo will be leading an assembly with Mr Evelyn to share everything they learned with all the children.

If you see a rough sleeper in the city or across the county, please contact Framework on 0800 066 80800.

Website: www.frameworkha.org

Cross Country Event

On Tuesday, children from Robert Miles Junior School joined six other schools at Carnarvon for the inter school cross country event. Children in Year 3 completed one lap of their site with Year 4, 5 and 6 completing two laps.

The children showed brilliant determination and stamina and were a credit to the school – we had a second place in the Year 6 boys and a second and third in the Year 5 girls.

Thank you to the team at Carnarvon for organising everything and putting on a great event.

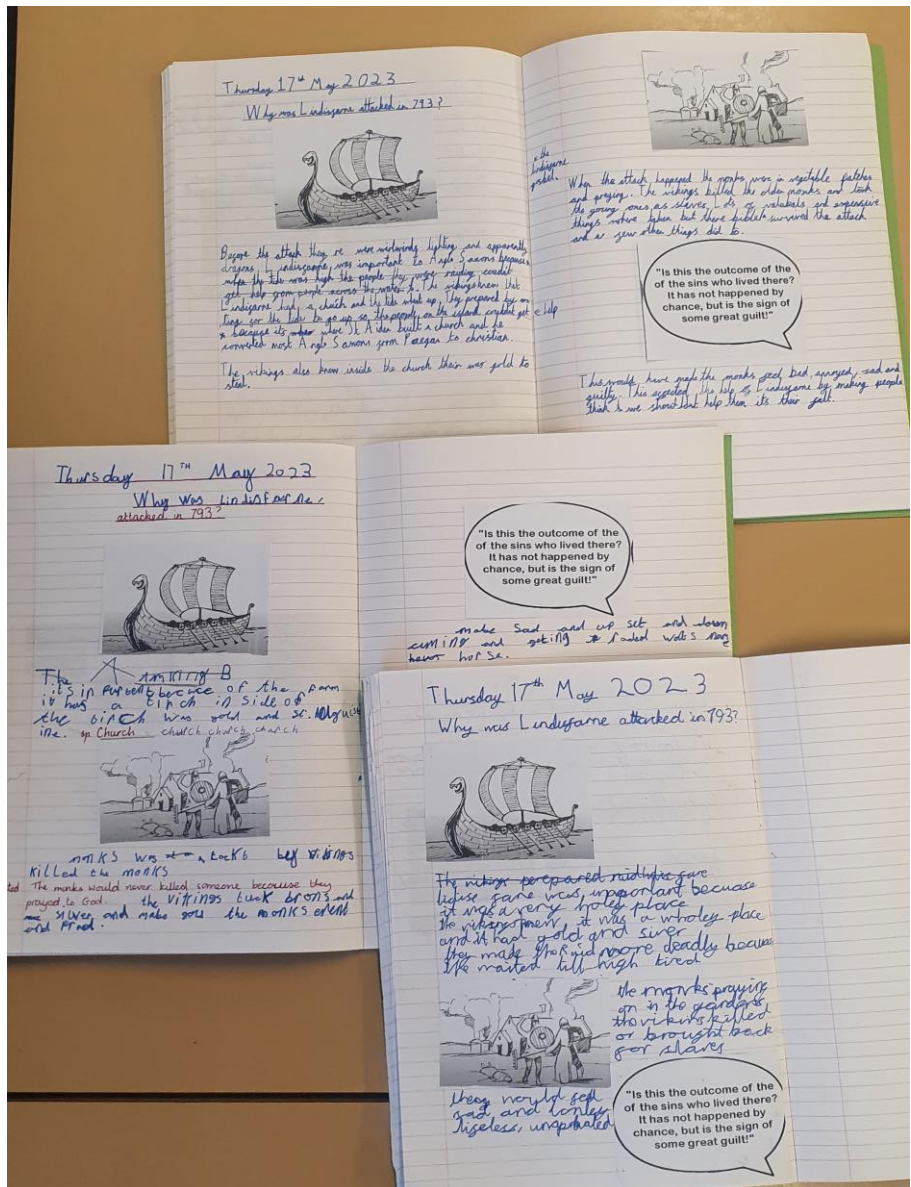


Excellent work under the Spotlight



4G have been learning all about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne - they have looked at how it was planned and prepared for, why it was so impactful on the Anglo-Saxons of England and even looking at first hand sources written in 793CE!

We had an excellent discussion around this work and these books are just three examples from a whole class of great work.



Menu w/c 5th June

Monday

- Cheese and tomato pizza, potato noisettes and vegetables.
- Flapjack

Tuesday

- Chicken fajita, diced potatoes and mixed salad.
- Jacket potato with choice of fillings.
- Ice cream

Wednesday

- Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread and salad.
- Chocolate muffin.

Thursday

- Sausage, mash, vegetables and Yorkshire pudding
- Jelly

Friday

- Fish fingers, diced potatoes with vegetables.
- Jacket potato with choice of fillings.
- Ginger cookie.

Weekly Post

Monday 5th June

- Healthy Lifestyles Week
- Move to music 8.30am - 8.55am on the top playground.
- Film club 3.30pm - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Maya the Bee. £2 charge for this club. Please pay for this using the School Money app. Soft drink and biscuit provided. No sweets or chocolate please

Tuesday 6th June

- Street dance 8.30-8.55am in the hall.
- Handball club 8.15-8.55am. All children have been informed if they are attending.
- Running club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.
- Rounders club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.

Wednesday 7th June

- Active art and wellbeing workshop 8.30 -8.55am meet near the pond
- Bible explorers in the library at lunchtime.
- Year 3 and 4 football game against Carnarvon school at RMJS 2pm kick off.

Thursday 8th June

- Wake and shake (parents can join in) and Thursday thriller 8.30 - 8.55am on the top playground.
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit and any inhalers required.
- Football skills 3.30-4.30pm. Children who have got a place, have been informed.
- Cricket club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.

Friday 9th June

- Running 8.30-8.55 meet at Al's Place, Baton Francais 8.30- 8.55am on the top playground.
- Ultimate frisbee tournament, children involved have been informed.

We are happy to publicise local events and activities for children in the newsletter particularly ahead of holiday periods. (Please note the school is not endorsing these events as they are run separately.) Any enquiries should be made through the website address shown on the leaflet below.



A promotional leaflet for the Loughborough Cycling Festival. The background is a dark purple with a starry pattern and images of cyclists. At the top left, there is a circular badge that says "FREE ENTRY!". To the right of this are the logos for "LOUGHBOROUGH SPORT" and "Loughborough University". The main title "LOUGHBOROUGH CYCLING FESTIVAL" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Loughborough University's famous Campus will be turned into a racetrack this May! The fast, technical circuit makes this the perfect course for watching the next generation of elite cyclists!". Below this is another paragraph: "Come and see the action with entertainment and activities for the whole family!". The date and time "SUNDAY 28 MAY 9AM - 6PM" are in a red box. Below that is the location "HAZLERIGG FOUNTAIN EPINAL WAY, LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 3TU". At the bottom center is a QR code with the text "SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE!". On the left and right sides of the leaflet are images of cyclists in purple and white racing gear.

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