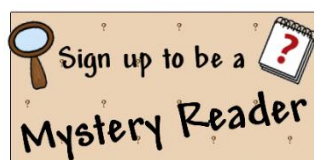


Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been nice to get things back up and running after the electricity related problems before half term. I am glad to say the issues have been resolved and we are hopeful that there will be no further problems. Thank you to parents for your understanding.

On the right are some of the upcoming dates for this half of term. As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we have moved the production back to the end of the school year and thought it would be lovely to run carol concerts for parents instead. (Children will also be performing at the Bingham Christmas Fair and under the Buttercross shortly before the end of term).

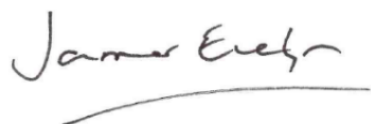


One of our priorities this year is to develop our reading provision and there is lots happening. However, we need help from parents to

support us in ensuring children develop and retain a love of reading. We are on the lookout for parent mystery readers – this is when a parent comes to their child's class to read a story at the end of the day. The children (including your child!) do not know who the reader is but a sense of excitement is created as the day comes closer. Please email me at head@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk if you are interested.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Children In Need is next Friday (17th November) and there is a very friendly, cuddly Pudsey in Reception who is looking for a new home. If you would like to take part in the prize draw to win Pudsey Bear please bring £1 into school on Friday morning and give it to your class teacher. At the end of the day there will be a special assembly where a winner will be drawn at random and you could be the lucky child taking Pudsey Bear home. Good luck!



On Friday children may come to school dressed in non-uniform for a small donation of 50p or more which will all go to Children in Need. You could be Spotacular and wear something spotty or yellow just like Pudsey or come in your own clothes and help raise money for a great charity. Mrs Alcock

Dates for the Diary

13 th November	Royal British Legion visit
15 th November	Network Rail visit
17 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Bingham Christmas Fair
5 th December	Children's Flu Vaccinations
6 th December	Year 5 National Space Centre
13 th /14 th Dec	Year 3 Brackenhurst Trip
18 th December	Y5/6 Carol Concert
19 th December	Y3/4 Carol Concert
20 th December	Christmas Lunch
22 nd December	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	94.7%
3J	97.0%
4H	96.9%
4G	95.9%
5AR	92.2%
5M	91.0%
6L	98.5%
6M	100%
All	95.8%



Congratulations to 6M who have the best attendance this week!

World War One Trenches

The Year 6 children's half term project was to create a model version of a World War One trench – the staff team were bowled over by the quality of work from the children and we felt duty bound to put some pictures into the weekly Newsletter. Well done to everyone!



House Points

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. Each Friday in Honours Assembly, we announce the latest scores. At the end of each term, the house with the most points earns a non-uniform day.

Jupiter	48
Mercury	59
Neptune	54
Saturn	61



Times Tables Rock Stars

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Congratulations to the following children who have topped the charts for their work on TTRS this week:

Most correct answers: Natalia Kowalik 3B

Most coins earnt: Natalia Kowalik 3B

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Ellis Chambers 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Allyssia-Faith Robinson 3J

Battle of the Bands

There will be a two week house Battle of the Bands starting this evening (Friday 10th) for the next two weeks. Who will come out on top?

Please encourage your child to get involved at home. There will be lots of house points at stake—both for individual achievements and the overall house winner.

Honours Assembly

Congratulations to these children whose success was celebrated at Honours Assembly this morning. Thank you to all the parents who came along.

3J	Mia Ruggles & Archie Chalke
3B	Imogen Blackner & Zac Wong
4G	Angelica Scott & Elethea Sandhu
4H	Jenny Towers & Phoebe Forster
5M	Zeyd Bekic & Tommy Williams
5AR	Danny Storey & Daisy Wright
6M	Ellie Jones & Keira Herron
6L	Sam Hook & Macaulay West

Parent Governor

We are currently advertising for a Parent Governor to join Simon Hitchcox as parent representatives on the school's local governing body (LGB).

If you would like to discuss this role and find out more information, please contact Simon Hitchcox (Parent Governor) at simon.hitchcox@governor-equalstrust.org or Mr Evelyn at head@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk.

Further information, including how to apply, is on the Robert Miles website here:

<https://www.robertmiles.co.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=20>

The deadline for applications is Monday 13th November 2023.

Excellent work under the Spotlight



This week, Year 4 finished their art unit on the world of cave painting! From the earliest handprints 200,000 years ago through to modern artists including Jackson Pollock and Banksy the children have explored cave painting and their impact through art history. Their pieces have been colourful and creative, with experiments in making paint, producing handprints and painting on sandpaper to experience texture. All our young artists should be very proud!



Football News

Boys Footballs vs Edwalton (Cup game) The first game of the year as a new team provided us with much excitement. We travelled to Edwalton for a game which we knew would be challenging, but we were more than up for the task. There were many opportunities throughout the game for us to capitalise on brilliant passing and with this, the boys managed to slot the ball into the back of the oppositions net. Although we were playing fabulous football, Edwalton's boys didn't back down. They were already an established team from the previous years with little changes, which provided us with an uphill battle. Although the game went in Edwalton's favour, some brilliant football was played and most of all, they boys were positive and brilliant team members. They truly showed the values of an RMJS sportsperson.

Girls Footballs vs Lady Bay (Cup Game) We arrived at Lady Bay, and similar to the boys, the Lady Bay team had few changes from last year's roster. The girls' first game as a team was full of incredible positives to build on. They played some incredible football and were brilliant team members. We managed to break through the Lady Bay defence multiple times, but unfortunately were unable to make it on goal. RMJS girls fought the entire game and the midfield players were always working hard to support the defence. I must say, our goalkeeper, Georgia Andrews, made some unbelievable saves, to the point where the entire side line of parents, siblings and teaching staff; even the opposition players, were applauding her. What an incredible game. Even though we did not see the result we wanted or felt deserved, it is very safe to say that we do have a strong football team in the making.

Local News & Information

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.



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03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

We share E-Safety information from National Online Safety with parents in the Robert Miles newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

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. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it *does* come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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Weekly Menu

This term, we have a new catering company supporting us and other Equals Trust schools. Their new systems require parent notification when a child has a special dietary requirement.

All parents have received a link to a form where you can submit information about your child's dietary requirements. If you have not already done so, please complete the form here if your child has specific dietary requirements: <https://orders.lunchhound.co.uk/medicaldiets/request>

Monday

1. Homemade macaroni cheese with sweetcorn and mixed vegetables.
2. Mexican bean & roasted vegetable burrito with sweetcorn & mixed vegetables. (V)
3. Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
4. Homemade apple sponge cake.

Tuesday

1. Chicken & Indian lentil tikka masala curry & rice with peas and cauliflower.
2. Cheese & tomato pizza and garlic bread with peas and cauliflower (V)
3. Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
4. Oaty flapjack finger.

Wednesday

1. Filled Yorkshire Pudding with beef & vegetable mince with roast potatoes, carrots and seasonal greens.
2. Quorn sausage casserole in a Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots & Seasonal greens. (V)
3. Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
4. Homemade vanilla sponge and custard.

Thursday

1. Pork sausage roll with skin on baked wedges, green beans & sweetcorn.
2. Cheese & onion pastry roll with skin on baked wedges, green beans & sweetcorn. (V)
3. Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
4. Fruity strawberry jelly & mandarin segments.

Friday

1. Cod fish fingers, chips, baked beans or peas.
2. Mediterranean vegetable pasta bake with beans or peas. (V)
3. Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
4. Chocolate shortbread.

Upcoming Dates w/c 13th November

Monday 13th November 2023

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Dr Seuss' The Grinch. £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 14th November 2023

- Handball session for group two. 8.15-8.55am
- Girls cricket club 3.30-4.30pm – Spaces available.
- Young Voices rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm.
- Girls football league match v Edwalton School at Edwalton. Leave at 3pm.

Wednesday 15th November 2023

- Bible explorers at lunch time.

Thursday 16th November 2023

- Martial arts club for years 4 and 5 8-8.45am. Please bring PE kit, a water bottle and any inhalers needed.
- Year 4 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit and any inhalers required.
- Tag rugby 3.30-4.15pm.

Friday 17th November 2023

- Non-uniform day for Children in need. A 50p donation for wearing your own clothes and an extra £1 if you want to be in the draw to win Pudsey bear.
- Boys football league match v Carnarvon School at RMJS at 3.30pm