

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 17th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Secret Reader Thank you so much to the many parents who have got in touch to volunteer as a Secret Reader. Really exciting and, I am sure, will result in some really fun 'mystery' sessions with the children. For those who have got in contact, teachers will be reaching out to you with a date and time. Given the large numbers of parents, it might be that these won't all take place this side of Christmas. Please can I ask that we hold off on any more Secret Reader volunteers for now until we have got through everyone who has already made contact.

Children in Need Today we marked the annual Children in Need Day and I will share in next week's newsletter how much we raised and which child won the raffle to take Pudsey

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IN NEED**



home. As well as the kind donations from parents, Emily (5M) has done some additional fundraising of her own. While off school unwell, she decided to use the time for a good cause and made aquabeads that she has been selling to family and friends and has raised almost £50. This is a fantastic idea – well done Emily.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

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	94.6%
3J	98.4%
4H	94.7%
4G	98.7%
5AR	96.9%
5M	91.9%
6L	95.0%
6M	96.9%
All	95.8%

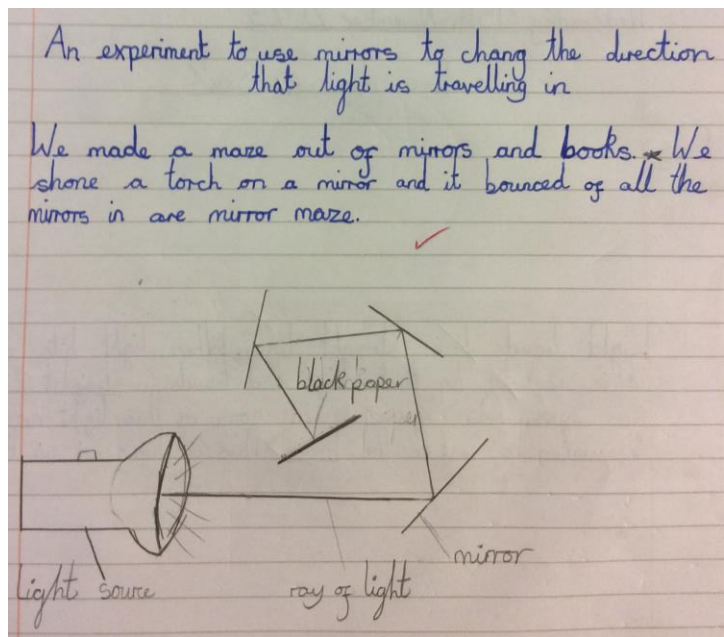
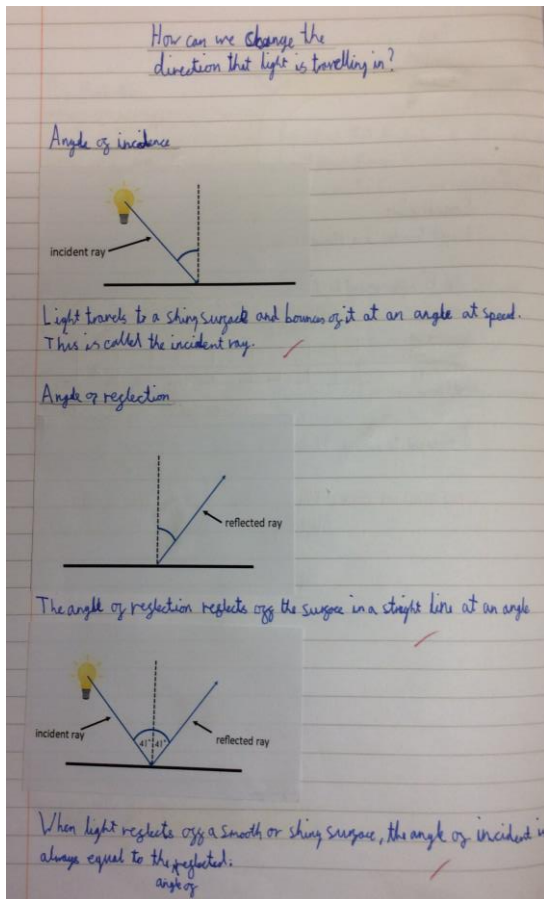
Congratulations to
4G who have the
best attendance
this week!



Periscopes

As part of a topic on light, 6L have been making and testing their own periscopes. They had to use their knowledge of reflection and the angles needed to make a periscope which enabled them to see over the table without lifting their heads. This led into an interesting discussion as to how a simple design could be such an important safety device in the World War I trenches.





Remembrance Day

On Monday we were joined by Hedley Malloch from the Royal British Legion to support us in marking Remembrance Day. As well as leading an assembly with the children, he also spent some time with the Year 6's talking about their World War I topic and its link both to Bingham and Remembrance Day. Some children also joined him and his colleagues visiting the local graveyard to see the graves of Bingham people who served and gave their lives for their country.



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	141
Mercury	186
Neptune	164
Saturn	161



Rotakids



On Thursday, Chris Netherwood, from Rota Kids, led an assembly talking about their work. This is a programme for children which seeks to get children involved with community projects through school. Mr Gilbey has run this in previous years and we are very keen to keep it running.

If you would like your child to take part, please can you return the slip that was sent out yesterday to the school office (paper copies are available at school too). There are a limited number of spaces so please get the form back quickly to guarantee the place. The plan is to get all the administration sorted now and to get started in January. Further information: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/rotakids/>

If your child is in Year 5, they have received a brand new dictionary – part of the Rotary Club's commitment to support children's literacy.

Times Tables Rockstars

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

Most correct answers: Micah Sheung, 4H

Most coins earnt: Micah Sheung, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Jamie Gilbert, 5M

Biggest improvement in speed: Autumn Miller, 3B

Battle of the Bands

It's been brilliant to see so many children contributing to the house battle. At the point of writing, Jupiter are leading the way but it's very, very close! There's another week to go and everything is still to play for. Special mentions to Micah and Adrian in Year 4 who have already got over 10,000 correct answers each - incredible!

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.

Network Rail Assembly

Did you know that a train weighs around 400 tonnes – the same weight as around 80 elephants? Did you know it takes a train running at full speed around 20 football pitches to stop?



These facts and more were shared at our assembly on Wednesday when we were joined by Hayley Manners, Community Safety Manager from Network Rail. The focus was on keeping safe around the railway – vitally important given our proximity to the train line.

We have put her presentation on our website so do take a look if you would like to talk this through again with your child. Assembly: <https://www.robertmiles.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=169&type=pdf>

Basketball Club

We will be soon be launching a Basketball Club through the Nottingham Hoods. Details below – please sign up through the Whatsapp number in the letter.

Greetings from The Nottingham Hoods Basketball Club!

We are delighted to announce that we have been invited to provide sessions as a before and after school provision at Robert Miles Junior School as follows.

WEDNESDAY 7.45am – 8.45am

AND

THURSDAY 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Basketball Session

We provide basketball sessions for children who love sport and want to improve their movement, co-ordination and basketball skills.

Our coaches are qualified, DBS and Safeguard trained and experienced in working with children from a wide variety of backgrounds and levels.

The cost per child either club is £20 or book both sessions for £35 for 4 weeks.

Places are limited so to avoid disappointment please WhatsApp 07528196446 with; Robert Miles, breakfast or after or both followed by your child's Name, school year, any medical information and parent name.

Following your place being granted you will be asked to join a WhatsApp group for regular updates.

We really look forward to hearing from you and are excited to get started with the children.

Kind Regards

Lee English

General Manager

The Hoods

07528196446

WEDNESDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
TIME 7.45AM-8.45AM

THURSDAY

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL
TIME 3.30PM-4.30PM

SCHOOL HALL

We provide an after school basketball session for children who love sport and want to improve their movement, co-ordination and basketball skills. Our session is developed to be fun and pupil need focused. There are huge benefits for the children such as increased alertness, overall health and a positive engagement in sport.



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BOOK NOW!
AS THERE ARE
LIMITED SPACES

CONTACT LEE
07528196446
FOR MORE INFO

EACH CLUB IS ONLY £20 PER PUPIL FOR 4 WEEKS

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. This guide focuses on one of many devices 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 iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one), or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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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

- Homemade Cheese & Tomato pizza, garlic bread, sweetcorn and peas.
- Loaded cheesy bean hot pitta parcel. (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese or beans.
- Apple & sultana crumble bar

Tuesday

- Hearty pasta Bolognaise with peppers, green beans and carrots.
- Plant based Bolognaise pasta with lentils, peppers and basil. (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese or beans.
- Homemade lemon cake with custard.

Wednesday

- Toad in the hole, roast potatoes, gravy, cauliflower and seasonal greens.
- Quorn sausage toad in the hole, roast potatoes and gravy. (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese or beans.
- Banana cake and fruit slices

Thursday

- Mexican style chicken, bean and sweetcorn burrito, mixed vegetables and sweetcorn.
- Homemade macaroni cheese. (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese or beans.
- Chocolate cookie

Friday

- Cod fish fingers, chips, baked beans or peas.
- Cheese & onion pastry roll and chips.(V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise or cheese or beans.
- Fruity strawberry jelly

Upcoming Dates w/c 20th November

Monday 20th November 2023

- Film Club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Santa stole our dog. £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 21st 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.

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

- Basketball Club 7.45 – 8.45am
- Bible Explorers at lunch time.

Thursday 23rd 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.
- Basketball Club 3.30-4.30pm.

Friday 24th November 2023

- Honours Assembly
- Bingham Christmas Fair