

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Christmas is not far around the corner and the Christmas talk is increasing in school – just this week I had a Year 3 child ask me how many days to go!

Tonight, some Robert Miles children will be singing at the Bingham Fair and it won't be long until the in-school events start. A number of parents have asked this week for the timings of the upcoming concerts. Details as follows:

- Monday 18th December (2.45pm) – Year 5/6 Carol Concert. Mince Pies and refreshments provided along with the Christmas Raffle
- Tuesday 19th December (2.45pm) – Year 3/4 Carol Concert. Mince Pies and refreshments provided along with the Christmas Raffle
- To stay within the fire regulations, we ask that a maximum of two people attend per child. If you are bringing toddlers, please can they sit on your lap.
- School will finish at 3.30pm as normal on these days

Have a great weekend and enjoy the Bingham Fair!

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Children in Need



Last Friday we marked Children in Need with a non uniform day, a sweet sale and a prize draw for the Pudsey Bear. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and helped us raise a wonderful £348.50.

168 names went into the spinner to determine who won the Pudsey Bear. With much excitement, the spinner spun and landed on Albie (3B). A huge well done to Albie who took Pudsey home and then out and about over the weekend!



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 (2.45pm)
19 th December	Y3/4 Carol Concert (2.45pm)
20 th December	Christmas Lunch
22 nd December	Last Day of Term and Parties

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	95.4%
3J	96.8%
4H	95.9%
4G	91.6%
5AR	90.6%
5M	97.5%
6L	93.8%
6M	84.7%
All	93.2%

Congratulations to 5M who have the best attendance this week!



Equals Trust Storytelling

Every year, across all Equals Trust schools, the Trust runs storytelling workshops. The aim of these is to develop children's creativity and storytelling skills. Children also perform the stories they write in front of their peers.

One group of children is then chosen to go and perform at the Storytelling evening which took place at Heymann Primary School in West Bridgford on Wednesday. A huge well done to Miles, Daisy-Bo, Alannah and Nathan who performed their group story in front of a hall full of parents and the children from the other 14 schools taking part. There were a few nerves beforehand but they performed brilliantly projecting their voices loudly and confidently.



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	Hallie Hazledine & Hiu Ching Wong
3B	Rosie Watkins & Elias Malcolm
4G	Jasmin Hrizi & Jason Nip
4H	Sophie Clarke & Indi Carrington
5M	Ella Potter & Emily Mogg
5AR	Morgan McGuinness-Smith & Kyla Phillips
6M	Luca Carrington & Edward Macintosh
6L	Freya Wroblewski & Daisy-Bo Lawton

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	246
Mercury	319
Neptune	321
Saturn	295



Marshall Arts

On Monday we were joined in assembly by Carl Hodgetts – a paralysed martial arts instructor. Carl was born with spina bifida, which left him paralysed from the waist down. Carl spoke to the children about the challenges he faced but his determination to lead an active life which has seen him abseil in his wheelchair as well as securing a black belt in kick boxing. Not surprisingly, the children were keen to find out more and asked lots of questions. Carl also demonstrated how he performs martial arts from a wheelchair. It was inspirational and provided a new way of thinking about our 'Achievement' value.



Rotakids



Reminder: If you would like your child to take part in Rotakids, please can you return the slip that was sent out 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/>

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 4H

Most coins earnt: Micah 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Jake, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Hallie, 3J

Christmas Foodbank Appeal

This week we have joined up with the Methodist Church and their annual reverse advent calendar. The image below shows which items can be donated on each day. Any donations will be gratefully received.







Bingham Methodist Church

Have you considered a **reverse advent** this year? It's simple! Start with an empty box, add an item every time you shop, drop off the box; we do the rest!

Bring your donations in to school, and Bingham Methodist Church members will take it to Grantham Foodbank. School drop-off points will be in operation until the **8th of December**, so that donations can be sorted and given in time for Christmas. As a community if we work together we can make a real difference this winter.

If you are a family in need of support, please seek referral through the Children's Centre or see <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-vouchers/>

Day 1  Baked Beans / Spaghetti	Day 2  Tinned Soup	Day 3  Toilet Rolls	Day 4  Tinned Tomatoes	Day 5  Rice 500g Packets	Day 6  Mince Pies
Day 7  Packet Biscuits	Day 8  Shower Gel Shampoo/Toothpaste etc	Day 9  Tinned Fish	Day 10  Coffee	Day 11  Jam	Day 12  Breakfast Cereal
Day 13  Tea Bags	Day 14  Selection Boxes	Day 15  Bottles Squash	Day 16  Pasta 500g packets	Day 17  Tinned Vegetables	Day 18  Pasta Sauces
Day 19  Tom Ketchup Brown Sauce	Day 20  Tinned Meat	Day 21  Christmas Pudding (non-alcoholic)	Day 22  Rice Pudding	Day 23  UHT Long-life Milk	Day 24  Tinned Fruit

Grantham.foodbank.org.uk



Registered Charity in England & Wales/Scotland/NI (1195874). 'Your donations will be going to a local food bank – a registered charity or charitable organisation which is part of the Trussell Trust network'

Local News and 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.

GUEST VISIT FROM
BLAZE CRICKETER SARAH BRYCE

GIRLS CRICKET @ BINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

1787 BINGHAM CC

9 till 10am
Years 3 to 6

First session
FREE

Saturday, 25th Nov 2023
TOOT HILL LEISURE CENTRE
Contact: 07817 983285 Email: binghamcc@hotmail.co.uk
Please contact to book a place! In association with: **ELITE SPORTS**

THE BLAZE

FAMILIES, YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS-TO-BE LIVING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE HEALTHY FAMILY TEAMS

(you may know this as health visiting and school nursing)

**complete the survey by
December 17 2023**

Please [click here to go to the survey link](#)
or scan the QR code opposite



**Help us make sure that services continue to meet
the needs of children, young people and families.**

Nottinghamshire
County Council

NHS

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 educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES

Download the App Search Artists

What are they?

'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.

Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to raise searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

18+ Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

PRIVATE Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening too with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

Our Expert

Parven Kaur

Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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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 macaroni cheese with sweetcorn and cauliflower.
- Quorn sausage & bean loaded hot pockets, sweetcorn & cauliflower (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Chocolate banana cake

Tuesday

- Smoky BBQ chicken & sweetcorn meatballs & rice, mixed vegetables and peas.
- Plant based mince & lentil cottage pie, mixed vegetables and peas (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Oaty flapjack finger with fruit.

Wednesday

- Roast of the day, roast potatoes, gravy, seasonal greens and carrots.
- Quorn sausage, roast potatoes & gravy. Seasonal greens & carrots (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Homemade chocolate sponge and custard.

Thursday

- Beef mince chilli, rice, green beans & cauliflower.
- Homemade cheese & tomato pizza with garlic bread, green beans & cauliflower (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Citrusy lemon drizzle cake

Friday

- Cod fish fingers, chips, baked beans or peas.
- Cheese & onion pastry roll & chips, beans or peas. (V)
- Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Shortbread & mandarin pieces.

Upcoming Dates w/c 27th November

Monday 27th November 2023

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Saving Santa. £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 28th 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 29th November 2023

- Basketball club 7.45 – 8.45am
- Bible explorers at lunch time.

Thursday 30th 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 1st December 2023

- Honours assembly.