

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 15th December 2023



Dear Parents,

Just one week to go of the school year and I know lots of the children are not only excited about what is coming up but also quite tired after what has been a very long term – doesn't the summer holidays seem a very long time ago!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming carol concerts. The staff and children have been practising and sound fantastic so you are in for a treat. A final reminder about the details for Monday and Tuesday:

- Monday 18th December (2.45pm) - Year 5/6 Carol Concert. Mince Pies and refreshments will be provided. Raffle Tickets will be on sale.
- Tuesday 19th December (2.45pm) - Year 3/4 Carol Concert. Mince Pies and refreshments provided. Last chance to purchase raffle tickets!

Parking The school has been contacted by some local residents who have not been able to leave their properties as they have been blocked in by parents parking their cars. Please remember to be considerate of other road users

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

18 th December	Y5/6 Carol Concert (2.45pm)
19 th December	Y3/4 Carol Concert (2.45pm)
20 th December	Christmas Lunch
21 st December	Christmas Parties
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	98.3%
3J	92.3%
4H	95.6%
4G	84.7%
5AR	90.3%
5M	95.6%
6L	94.7%
6M	95.0%
All	93.2%



Congratulations to
3B who have the
best attendance
this week!

Digital Leaders

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Year 3 at Brackenhurst

This week, Year 3 ventured out for a trip to Brackenhurst. They travelled all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem and back whilst being guided by Mary, Joseph and their loyal Donkey. All the children took part in the exciting walk. Chances to role play, take part in an active knowledge check and immerse themselves into the story of Christmas was truly magical. An opportunity for children to re-enact the story of Christmas in a stable was brilliant as well as meeting not one, but four donkeys!

Once they'd had their fair share of fresh air, an afternoon of creativity awaited. Christmas decorations, Christmas card making and Christmas twig trees all added to the wonderful experience given to our Year 3 children. What an enjoyable and memorable visit.



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	Willow Hardy & Martha Lawton
3B	Autumn Miller & Liam Harker
4G	Alyce Barnes & Nariann Metcalf
4H	Poppy Madden & Billy Cheng
5M	Lara Gibbs, Jessica Sanders & Michalina Kowalik
5AR	Bella Finley & Ava-Rose Dexter
6M	Kaitlynn Spencer & Piper Gilfillan
6L	Megan Troake & Suki Kasas

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	670
Mercury	640
Neptune	670
Saturn	651



Year 6 World War One Workshop

Year 6 had the most fabulous day on Tuesday with our visitor, Jason King, who is a former History teacher and collector of WWI artefacts. He brought some of his 'travelling museum' with him so the children were able to dress up as soldiers, handle decommissioned weaponry and immerse themselves in trench warfare. Jason told them the story of the Christmas Truce which all children took part in acting out.

It was a wonderful workshop and one that helped consolidate much of our learning in history this term.



Times Table 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: Eryn, 4G

Most coins earnt: Marcus, 4G

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Imogen, 5AR

Biggest improvement in speed: Noah, 3J

Rail Safety

Recently, Network Rail delivered an assembly to the children talking about rail safety – they talked about how to stay safe around the railway as well as teaching them about how the railway runs.

We have been contacted by Network Rail regarding a trespassing incident on the tracks at Bingham that was in the news this week. Thankfully there were no injuries and we hope that it did not involve our children but it serves as a good opportunity to re-share the assembly that was delivered earlier this term,

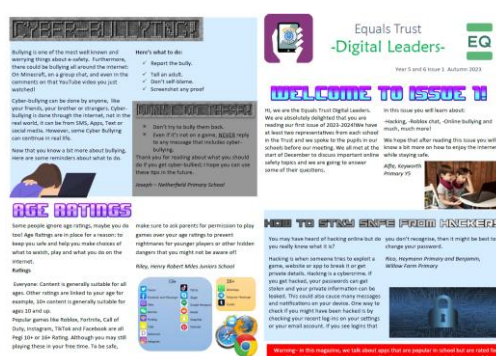


Click on this link and scroll to the bottom for the information:

<https://www.robertmiles.co.uk/page/?title=PSHE&pid=41>

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Food Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and household items to our School Reception over the last couple of weeks. On Friday 8th December, it took a total of five adults and four pupils to carry the bags and boxes of produce across the Market Place to the Methodist Centre. As you can see, Ellie, our school community Prefect, with a little help from friends, was very proud to support this worthy cause. A team of volunteers at the church will transport the items to the Foodbank in Grantham. Donations will then be sorted and distributed to families in time for Christmas. Thank you to Sarah Hobbs for coming in to school to do an assembly and helping us to organise it all. Every little helps and this will make Christmas a little more bearable for vulnerable families so thank you.



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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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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 turkey, chipolata sausage, Yorkshire pudding, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, peas & gravy.
- Roasted veggie balls, veggie sausage with gravy (V)
- Jingle jelly or Christmas shortbread biscuit.

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 15th December

Monday 18th December 2023

- Year 5 & 6 carol concert. 2.45pm in the hall. Raffle tickets available to purchase £1 a strip.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is The Nativity. £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 19th December 2023

- Handball session for group two, last session 8.15-8.55am.
- Year 3 & 4 carol concert, 2.45pm in the hall. Raffle tickets available to purchase £1 a strip.
- Girls cricket club 3.30-4.30pm.

- Young Voices rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm.

Wednesday 20th December 2023

- Basketball club 7.45 – 8.45am.
- Christmas lunch.
- Raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm in the hall.

Thursday 21st December 2023

- Martial arts club for years 4 and 5 8-8.45am. Please bring PE kit, a water bottle and any inhalers needed.
- Carols under the Buttercross 10am.
- Class Christmas parties, children to bring their party clothes to get changed into at lunch time. A donation of either prepared fruit, crisps, biscuits or cakes. NO nuts.
- Basketball club 3.30-4.30pm.

Friday 22nd December 2023

- Last day of term. Children return for Spring term on Tuesday 9th January 2024.
- No Honours Assembly.
- House non-uniform day (Winning house confirmed on Thursday afternoon)