

## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



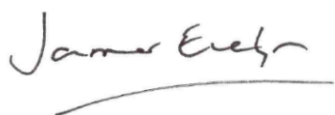
Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of term and what a long term it has been. Even though the children and staff are tired, I know they have enjoyed the busy end of term. On Monday and Tuesday the children sung beautifully in our end of term performances. Wednesday saw the traditional Christmas Lunch and the final event took place yesterday with the carols under the Buttercross where the children were joined by their counterparts from Carnarvon on what was certainly a very windy occasion!

If you are looking for ways to keep the children entertained over Christmas, please scroll down to the Art Competition which is being run by our Art Prefect, Megan Terrington. The plan is to follow up the competition with an art exhibition of the children's work so the more submissions we receive the better!

All that's left for me to say is a thank you to all our parents for your support, a thank you to the hard working and dedicated staff team and to wish the whole Robert Miles community an enjoyable break with friends and family.

Happy Christmas!



James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School



### Dates for the Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Inset Day
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return for Spring Term
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term

*Other Spring Term dates published in early January*

### 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	94.4%
3J	95.7%
4H	98.1%
4G	96.1%
5AR	91.0%
5M	96.9%
6L	95.3%
6M	95.7%
<b>All</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

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





### \*\*\* Art Competition \*\*\*

Megan Terrington, Art Prefect, is running an Art Competition over the Christmas holidays. Each year group has a theme and children are invited to paint/draw a picture linking to their year group's theme. These should be either A4 or A3 size – deadline for submissions is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January with a winner from each year group receiving a £10 book token! More details below.

# HOLIDAY ART COMPETITION!



We are having an art competition over the holidays. The theme is the elements and we have assigned each year group an element. For Y3 they have air, for Y4 they have earth, Y5 have fire and Y6 have water. **You have to draw or paint something to do with your element ONLY. The competition starts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and finishes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Your art must be either on an A4 or A3 piece of paper. Please hand your artwork in at the tray next to the worry box.** The prize is a £10 book token and there will be one winner per year group. Teachers are allowed to enter. Teachers will be judged SEPERATELY from the students!



### Y3 Sewing

Year 3 have been looking at Sewing. We have been learning about 'Over stitch' and 'Running Stitch'. We have been looking at how to thread needles and make a knot to secure our designs. On top of this, we have looked at the skill of stuffing a design with material. Year 3 have been independent and patient throughout this unit, but above all, they have been noticed for their supportive and encouraging attitude for each other. These past two weeks have been wonderful and hopefully, a new experience for many.



### 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. We now have the totals for this half term – a huge well done to Mercury House who today wore their home clothes as a reward for their brilliant work!

Jupiter	830
Mercury	850
Neptune	814
Saturn	803



### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who entered the Christmas Raffle.  
Winners below:

- Phoebe Camidge
- Edward Hitchcox
- Ellie Wheat Brown
- Lara Gibbs
- Frankie Loft
- Elias Malcolm
- Jacob Carter
- Ruby Sharphouse x 2



If you have not already collected your prize, please contact the office. The raffle raised £500 and this will be put towards School Council priorities. We have recently run a pupil survey and asked the children what they wanted to improve. One outcome was resources for playtime so we will be putting this money towards some more additional fixed equipment and some boxes of resources for children to play with – further details to follow in the new year.

£93.20 was also raised on Christmas Jumper Day – this money has gone to Save the Children. Another big thank you to everyone for donating!



**Save the Children**



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](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](http://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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## Weekly Menu

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 – School Closed

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> January

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- Inset Day

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- Start of Spring term – gate opens at the usual time of 8.45am and close at 9.00am

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- Basketball club 7.45am – 8.45am. **\*To confirm\***
- Indoor athletics competition at The Becket School, letters have been sent out to individual children taking part.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- Martial arts club for years 4 and 5 8-8.45am. Please bring PE kit, a water bottle and any inhalers needed.
- Basketball club 3.30-4.30pm.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- No Honours Assembly
- Last day for entries to the Art Competition

**\*\*\* REMINDER:** If your child is absent, you MUST call the school before 9am.  
An answer machine facility is available. \*\*\*