

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 15th March 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week with lots happening at school as always. Over the past couple of weeks, we have re-launched Rotakids – a community focussed initiative where the children lead on small projects to improve our school and local community. The children have voted for the following officers to lead this work:

- President: Mia (6M)
- Vice-President: Caleb (4H)
- Secretary: Callum (5M)
- Assistant Secretary: Athena (4H)



Mia and Caleb have hit the ground running and are keen to start their work. Their first project is to create a new school sign using recycled bottle tops. Read further down the newsletter and look out for their poster with all the details.

A reminder to please sign up for Parents Evening slots on 25th and 26th March. The book system is live and will remain open until all slots are booked. Any queries or difficulties booking, please contact the office.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

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Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Year 4 Residential

Year 4 York Residential 11th - 12th June 2024



It was great to see so many parents on Wednesday evening at the Year 4 residential meeting and to have such a positive response. We are so pleased to be offering such an exciting visit that will not only enrich our curriculum, but also give the children the opportunity to forge new friendships and make lifelong memories. This will be a perfect opportunity for us to explore our Viking topic and to conduct geography fieldwork on Rivers. The PowerPoint shared on the evening is now available on the Robert Miles Junior School website [here](#).

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Garbett, Miss Horsfield and Mrs King

Dates for the Diary

21 st March	Y3 Trip to Lincoln
22 nd March	Y3/4 Equals Trust Football Event
25 th March	Parents Evening
26 th March	Parents Evening
27 th March	Equals Trust Choir Event
28 th March	School Disco
28 th March	Last Day of Term

Summer Term

15 th April	Inset Day
16 th April	First Day of Term
w/c 27 th May	Half Term
3 rd June	Class Photos
11 th /12 th June	Y4 Residential
17 th June	Inset Day
19 th June	Sports Day
21 st June	Summer BBQ
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
23 rd July	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	95.5%
3J	99.1%
4H	95.8%
4G	96.5%
5AR	95.8%
5M	96.9%
6L	96.2%
6M	93.8%
All	96.1%

Congratulations to 3J who have the best attendance this week.



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. Totals so far:

Jupiter	547
Mercury	548
Neptune	655
Saturn	587



Rotakids

Mia (Rotakids President) and Caleb (Rotakids Vice-President) are kick starting their Rotakids work with a plea for recycled bottle tops. Please have a read of their poster for all the information and what they need!

ROTAKIDS NEEDS HELP!



By President Mia and Vice President Caleb

If you have 2 children who go here you will need to bring in 3 each.

This project will be placed in the news board by the entrance of the school. We would love for you to take part. For each year group there is a cup to put your bottle top and then Rota Kids on the Friday will collect them.

If you can please bring 3 bottle tops to school. Please don't feel like you need to buy more bottles because you don't have to! We need bottle tops for an eye-popping project so if you want to find out what the eye-popping project is bring some bottle tops. The bottle tops can be any colour. They need to be in by the 28th March.



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	Noah Attenborough & Amber Ball
3B	Henry Hatton & Jake Marley
4G	The Whole Class!
4H	Adrian Chan & Scarlett McGuinness-Smith
5M	Elliott Jacques & Isaac Michael
5AR	Daisy Wright & Thea Moore
6M	Dannika Baylon & Caitlin Fearn
6L	Emily Blount & Alfie Attenborough

Red Nose Day

Mrs Alcock's assembly on Wednesday was all about Red Nose Day which raises money to help charities funded by Comic Relief in this country and all around the world. We saw that £5 can help feed a child at a community hub during the school holidays, £10 can support a child in Kenya with school equipment and £100 can help homeless people secure a brighter future through housing and education. Thank you to everyone who wore an item of red today and made a donation. As the theme was 'Do Something Funny for Money', there were some great jokes told by the children on the playground, to Mrs Alcock and to all the teachers, earning some house points along the way for the funniest! As a school, we have raised £148 which will go directly towards helping charities support their vital work.



Times Table 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: Michalina K, 5M

Most coins earnt: Elliot M, 5AR

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Noah A, 3J

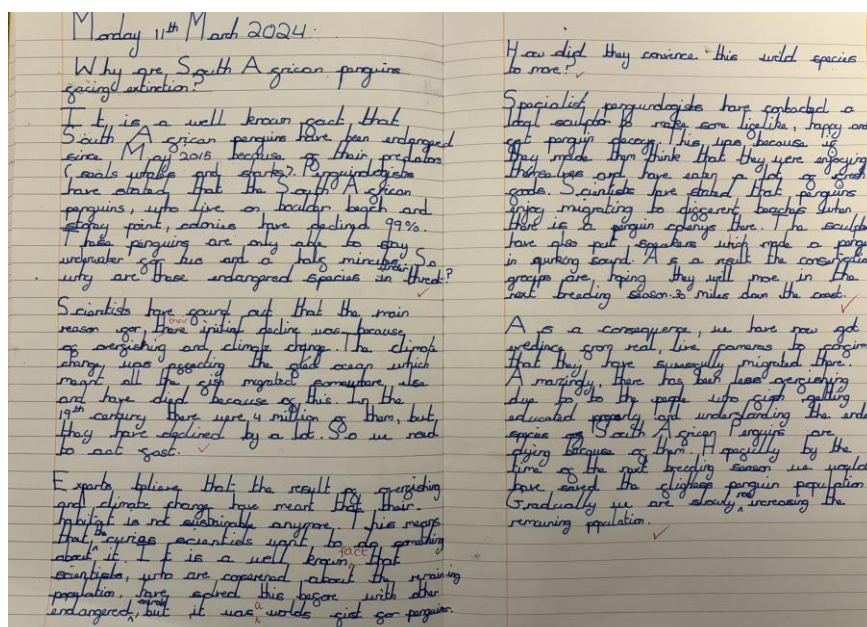
Biggest improvement in speed: Isla A, 5AR

Excellent work in the Spotlight



Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard during their English lessons this week. They have been

producing an explanation text all about the endangered South African Penguin. After conducting research about this curious breed, they all produced a wonderful piece of writing. Their writing included penguin facts, why the breed is under threat, how humans are helping to protect this endangered species, and the possible future of these penguins. Here is a flavour of class 4H's writing:



Toot Hill Sports

This week, members of year 6 walked up to Toot Hill to take part in their multi-skills sessions. Unaware of what exactly may be awaiting us, the children were thrilled to see that we had a variety of games to play alongside and against other schools. Up first was dodgeball - an amazing game which we performed extremely well in and worked together as a team. We then shortly moved onto benchball - new game for some to learn, which was brilliant. We mixed alongside other teams and had such good fun. Last was table tennis - an activity which challenged many but provided fun. A super festival for our year 6's! It was a pleasure to have them represent the school at another fabulous event.

Boys Football vs Carnarvon

Having already played Carnarvon in the Autumn term, we knew the challenge that was awaiting us. We took to the field as a team and we began playing some creative football. Through balls from Myles opened up our game and provided lots of space for our counter attacks. By the end of the first half, we were trailing Carnarvon 2-1. The second half was a difficult task. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the pressure of Carnarvon's strikers off for long and they began capitalising on their chances. The team fought till the end. Even though the score line was not what we had hoped for, we are excited to play them yet again in May for the Gilbey Cup. A great game which is building great relationships as always. Super effort boys!

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.



Spring craft fair

Saturday, 16th March 2024
10am - 2:30pm
Bingham Methodist Centre
Free entry

With a range of items from local businesses, and some delicious baked goods, Bingham Cricket Club's Spring craft fair has lots of offer!

Personalised gifts, designs in clay, jewellery, textiles, home fragrances, artwork, woodcrafts, dog treats ... and much more.



Find out more





South Nottingham Hockey Club

FREE JUNIOR TRAINING SUNDAY MORNING
10.30-1130

Looking to join a hockey club?

Whatever your age, experience or ability our friendly club will make you feel welcome. Training is held at Bingham Leisure centre, Thursday evenings 7:30-9:30. Come along to a session or contact us on.

Email: southnottmhc@gmail.com

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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 apps 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 SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through explicit song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

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Weekly Menu - w/c 18th March

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

Wednesday

- 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.

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 18th March

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 18th March 2024

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is The Good Dinosaur, £2 charge for this club. Please pay for this using the School Money app. Soft drink and biscuit provided. No sweets or chocolate please.
- Bikeability for 5AR. Please remember your bike, helmet and appropriate coat for the weather.

Tuesday 19th March 2024

- Dodgeball for year 3 & 4 group two 8.15- 8.45am.
- Bikeability for 5AR. Please remember your bike, helmet and appropriate coat for the weather.

Wednesday 20th March 2024

- Bible explorers at lunch time for all year groups.

- Equal trust choir rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm.
- Bikeability for 5M. Please remember your bike, helmet and appropriate coat for the weather.

Thursday 21st March 2024

- Martial arts club 8-8.45am
- Year 3 trip to The Collection Museum in Lincoln, children to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and bring a packed lunch. (No swimming this week)
- Colouring club for year 3 and 4 3.30 – 4.30pm.
- Bikeability for 5M. Please remember your bike, helmet and appropriate coat for the weather.
- Year 4 Lion learners animal experience.

Friday 22nd March 2024

- Honours assembly.
- Year 4 EQT Football Tournament at Abbey Road in the morning.
- Boys football match against Radcliffe at home.