

★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 26th April 2024 ★

Dear Parents,

One of the themes I keep going back to is lunchtimes and the playground – this is always a trickier part of the school day as it is, by necessity, a little less structured. Many children can find this challenging and we are working hard to move the focus away from the eternal obsession with football! Over the past few months, as you know, we have purchased more play equipment, seating and introduced more organised activities.

Each week, our sports ambassadors provide every year group with the opportunity to join in with a sport or activity. This week, Mr Jennings introduced and led a new game that had not been heard by many called 'Jailbreak'. To explain the rules of Jailbreak would be difficult; it is more a game you have to learn as you play. If you could imagine capturing the flag, tag and bulldog all mixed together... you have a strong idea of the game.

Yesterday we had Year 6 playing as a year group. They got involved and had an amazing lunchtime experience. The children ended up playing various different scenarios including between classes and boys vs girls. No winners but excellent sporting behaviours were on show.



The playground is ever changing and is, thankfully, a lot more than just football. We are hoping everyone will join in next week when we play 'Chain Reaction'. Thank you to Mr Jennings, the Sports Ambassadors and our School Council for helping to implement the changes.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

6 th May	Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
w/c 20 th May	Healthy Lifestyles Week
w/c 27 th May	Half Term
3 rd June	Class Photos
6 th June	Y6 at Yorkshire Wildlife Park
11 th /12 th June	Y4 Residential
17 th June	Inset Day
18 th June	Y5 Toot Hill Parent Meeting
19 th June	Sports Day (26 th June: Reserve Day)
21 st June	Summer BBQ
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	95.7%
3J	95.7%
4H	98.7%
4G	95.2%
5AK	98.1%
5M	97.8%
6L	93.4%
6M	98.7%
All	96.7%



Congratulations to 6M and 4H who have the best attendance this week with a brilliant 100%!

House Points

Jupiter	185
Mercury	132
Neptune	142
Saturn	156

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. These are the latest figures for the first half of the summer term.



Science in Year 4



In Year 4, the children have started their new Science topic of 'Sound'. Over the Easter holidays the children were tasked with making their own musical instrument out of everyday objects. They did not disappoint! We had a wide range of instruments from percussion to string, and we even had a go at creating a whole class band using all our instruments. In our science lesson we also completed exciting experiments to test how sound is made. Here are a few examples of class 4H's musical instruments.

Sports Update

Girls Rushcliffe Tournament

On Saturday, the girls took part in the Rushcliffe Football Tournament. They came up against a variety of schools, some larger and some smaller than RMJS. We played five games in total. We won two and drew three. The girls played incredibly well. Not one goal was conceded and we came out of the group stages tied at the top of the leader board. Unfortunately, even though we were the only team to not have any goals against us, we missed out on going through to the semi-finals by only 1 goal. What an amazing result for the girls and what a demonstration of skill. A super way to spend the Saturday morning! Well done to all of you.

Handball

On Wednesday, we took year 6 to SNA where they took part in a Handball festival. Year 6 were met by multiple members of the Great Britain handball squad and some well known coaches in their sport. They worked on skills required to play handball, learnt the rules behind the game and played multiple games against other schools. It was an interesting evening! At first, we didn't know what to expect, but I believe that it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We had some fabulous teamwork on show and even some friendly competitive spirit. A super evening!



Honours Assembly

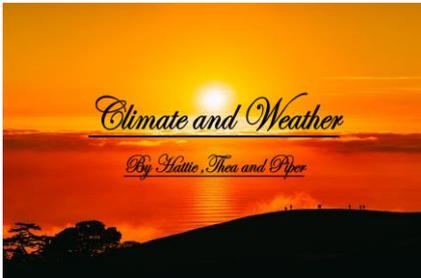
Congratulations to these children whose success was celebrated at Honours Assembly this week and some of their work was shared with all the children in the school.

3J	Georgi Tang & Allyssia Robinson
3B	Imogen Blackner & Hima Kwok
4G	Ella Talbot & Abby Cheung
4H	Macie Haynes & Henry Daibell
5M	Aden Li & Lexi Thompson
5AR	Edward Bailey & Reuben Williams
6M	Frankie Loft & Megan Terrington
6L	Nathan Law & Joel Brindley

Year 5 – Secondary Transition

A reminder to Year 5 parents that a Senior Lead from Toot Hill will be visiting at 5pm on Tuesday 18th June to meet with you all, talk about their school and answer any questions you may have. A letter went home earlier this week with further information including the dates for the September Open Days which we encourage you to join. The letter is on our website at 'Secondary Transition'.

Year 6 Led Assemblies



We have recently introduced assemblies led by the Years 6s. The children are extremely motivated to do them and talk about issues or themes of interest to them. It also gives them the added experience of speaking to a large audience – something they have done brilliantly. This week, we had Piper, Harriet and Thea deliver an assembly alongside Mrs Alcock focusing on the weather and climate. Their presentation is on the website under Life at School / Personal Development or you can click [here](#).

Excellent work in the Spotlight



Inspired by the opening scene to Great Expectations, 6M have been practising the writing skills of developing character. They then had to write a short piece describing the character Magwitch. Mrs Melhuish was very impressed with all of the children's work - there is no doubt that their skills as writers have come on in leaps and bounds. Keira, Hattie and Megan's work gives you a taste of what was on offer. When marking, she had to remind herself that the authors are only 11 years old!

Magwitch

As I slowly came to the realization that ~~my~~ ^{my} dad was gone forever, as I sank into the sorrow of death, as my heart shattered, I sat and thought about all our happy times, together. But a noise broke the silence, a ringing in my ears, no, wait, a bell, more specifically, a prison bell. Am I hallucinating, a creature like me, a savage, unrefined, primitive, waded his way through the murky water. Though he was ~~desire~~ ^{desire} ~~hanging~~ ^{hanging} a sample didn't look like me, a pair of, glossy, rightmost, eyes tormented me to the bone; his covet - zilled, decayed teeth bled profusely from his diseased gums; over - trained, weary shoulders, drooped over his distressed body; I saw his hooded, shriveled skin slowly begin to break away, and his sleek, waxy, fists clenched tightly together. Watching the man who looked torn - righting me. The man turned and instantly thought I would kill. He started to come to me, very slowly. And so I ran.

Magwitch

Many bears fell down onto a log as I layed my eyes upon my dad's grave. Deep down inside me, my heart shattered like thousands of shards of glass as all the memories floated back to my mind. Suddenly, the sound of the prison bells filled ^{my} ears. I glanced out to sea, glaring at the prison ships. Out the corner of my eye, a beast - like human emerged from the ~~the~~ murky depths of the water. I screwed up my eyes and realised it was a man, although he lacked any human features: rancid and rotten teeth, chattering in the cold; daunting, eerie eyes, narrowed as he scanned around; battered and bruised shoulders bulldozed their way through the water as he raised his scarred and shredded fist, clenching tight, bellowing a roar of freedom he had found.

Magwitch

Ripping weeds and shredding thorns from his parents' grave, Pip sank into sorrow, remembering all the memories that came flooding back to his mind. He shut his eyes to give a moment of silence for the dead. Suddenly Pip's eyes shot open by a loud chime coming from the prisoner ships. Without a single thought he restarted his brain enravelling into panic. Snatching his stuff, he sprinted over the peice marshes and leaped over water crevasses. Pip paused in his tracks. In the distance he stared at a creature - like human emerging from the murky depths of the ocean. His face lacked attraction, covered in scars and algae. His wounded, leathery skin was cut open, oozing with gauze. His crooked teeth contorted across his smile, sticking out like eye sore. His bensed, swelled shoulders barged waves of water out of his way, making his way towards Pip.

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.



GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM
ADAPTED BY DAVID WOOD
FROM THE NOVEL BY MICHELLE MAGORIAN
24TH - 25TH MAY
BINGHAM ARENA

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Bingham Musical Theatre Company are offering a fantastic opportunity for children and parents alike, to experience the curriculum book 'Goodnight Mr Tom' live on stage. The story tells of young William Beech, an evacuee of World War II and his vastly different relationships with both his mother and countryman 'Mr Tom' who was begrudgingly forced to take him in. The book and film form part of the curriculum for primary schools, exploring the interdisciplinary learning topic of World War II and was made famous by John Thaw in the movie adaptation. Use the code 'SCHOOLS' when booking tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/bmtcnotts for 10% off your ticket as a thank you for supporting us.



Bringing all ages from the community together for an afternoon of entertainment. Refreshments will be available from our tuck shop. Seating is provided but if you would like to bring along beanbags etc. to sit on then please feel free.

Coming soon... **Sunday 28th April**



Main Hall, The Methodist Centre, Bingham
Doors open at 2pm for a 2:30pm start
Suggested Entirely Free Will Donation - £2 per person (no obligation)
Children under 16 to be accompanied by an adult.
Children will remain the responsibility of their parent/carer

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 The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps

Upcoming Dates - w/c 29th April 2024

Monday 29th April 2024

- Selected year 4 outdoor and adventure activities festival event 4 - 5.30pm at Rushcliffe Country Park.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Finding Nemo, £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 30th April 2024

- Dodgeball for year 5 & 6. 8.15- 8.45am. Please remember your PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.

Wednesday 1st May 2024

- Bible explorers at lunch time for all year groups.
- Rosie's fun to be fit class 3.30- 4.30pm. Please remember your PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.

Thursday 2nd May 2024

- Martial arts club 8-8.45am. Please remember your PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit and any inhalers required.
- Cricket club for years 3 & 4. 3.30-4.30pm. Please remember your PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.

Friday 3rd May 2024

- Honours assembly

Weekly Menu - w/c 29th April 2024

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

- Cheese and tomato pizza served with garlic bread, a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Mildly spiced vegetable chilli and rice with a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad. (Ve)
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Baked apple sponge served with custard.

Tuesday

- Farm assured pork sausage roll with baked potato wedges, selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion puff pastry roll served with baked potato wedges, selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad. (V)
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Tutti frutti jelly and mandarins (Ve)

Wednesday

- Chicken tagine served with summer vegetable rainbow cous cous, selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Savoury vegetable mince and gravy served with a Yorkshire pudding and skin on roast potatoes and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad. (V)
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Freshly baked vanilla cookie (Ve)

Thursday

- Korean BBQ chicken and vegetables served with noodles and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Korean style sticky BBQ Quorn, vegetables and noodles and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad. (V)
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Zesty lemon and blueberry yogurt cake.

Friday

- Friday fish fingers served with chips, tomato ketchup and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Homemade cheese and tomato pizza whirls and chips ketchup and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad. (V)
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Homemade flapjack (Ve)