



★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 10th May 2024 ★



Dear Parents,

Next week is KS2 SATs Week when our Year 6 children sit their SATs tests. I know this can be a time of anxiety for children and families as they take formal tests for the first time. However, I also believe it is an exciting time of the year as the children have the opportunity to show off all they have learned during their time at our school. They have made great progress in the time I have known them and I wish them all the very best next week.

The assessments run over four days starting with Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling on Monday and finishing with the second Mathematics Reasoning Paper on Thursday.

A couple of points for Year 6 parents:

- A reminder that we will be providing a 'SATs Breakfast' for all our Year 6 children. The idea behind this is to provide a relaxed and fun start to the day and to set the mood. Please ensure your child arrives at school at 8.00am having had a relaxed start to the morning. They should head straight to the Hall on arrival.
- We know that some children may feel a little anxious about the SATs – this is entirely normal. However they feel, there will be many other children feeling the same. The school team are here to support and help them shine.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the lovely weather which has, at last, arrived!

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary	
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
1 st July	Y5 trip to Holme Pierrepont
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	91.1%
3J	91.5%
4H	96.9%
4G	89.5%
5AK	94.5%
5M	98.4%
6L	95.7%
6M	95.7%
All	94.3%

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

House Points

Jupiter	355
Mercury	288
Neptune	308
Saturn	349

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.



Rail Safety

The school has been contacted by British Transport Police regarding some recent incidents of trespassing on the railway line in Bingham. Whilst this has involved children, there is no indication that they attend our school. Regardless, it serves as a good reminder to ensure children stay safe around the railway and are clear about how to stay safe. Network Rail came into school to run an assembly earlier in the year. We have also shown the children their safety film for primary aged children. If you are concerned, we recommend watching the film again with your child. The film is online [here](#).



Digital Leaders

This week, Sophie and Harley from year 5 visited Heymann Primary School to work on this terms Equals Trust Digital Leaders magazine with children from other schools; the magazine will be published soon. In preparation for the visit, Sophie and Harley spoke to all the classes at RMJS to find out about popular apps, games and websites, as well as about digital worries or concerns. The children then brought these ideas to the rest of the children attending from different schools to decide the topics, before writing their own articles with a child from a different school. Look out Previous magazines on the website [here](#):

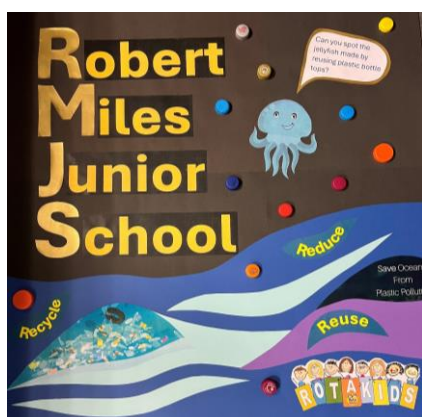


Payment Deadlines

There are a number of trips taking place in the coming weeks/months. The table below has the deadlines for payment. Please can we ask that all payments are made ahead of the deadlines – school finances are extremely challenging at the moment and it is important we are able to make our own payments promptly.

Event	Deadline
Year 4 York Residential	17 th May
Year 6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park	20 th May
Year 5 Holme Pierrepont trip	24 th June

Rotakids



This half term, the Rotakids have got started on their projects. Coming up, they will be planting new flowers and plants around the pond and entrance along with doing some litter picking in the local area.

However, first up, they have been thinking about how our use of plastic can have a negative effect on the environment.

Plastic bottle tops, which so often end up in our oceans, have been collected and reused in artwork. Thank you to everyone who donated bottle tops.

Can you find the bottle top jelly fish hanging by the school gate? Do you like our new sign as you enter school? Huge well done and thank you to Caleb (4H) for all his hard work on this project.

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	Henry Skinner & Hailey Mak
3B	Natalia Kowalik & Skye Tonelli
4G	Jacob Spalding & Phoebe Camidge
4H	Isaac Amari & Indi Carrington
5M	Leo Tonelli & Holly Askham
5AK	Isabella Redfern & Isla Adcock
6M	Eleanor Corcoran & Dannika Baylon
6L	Lucas Wakefield & Emelia Gunn

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: Evie, 4H

Most coins earnt: Oakley, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Noah, 4G

Biggest improvement in speed: Otis, 3B

Sports Update

Boccia & Kurling Festival

This week, a group of year 5 children took part in a fabulous event at Nottingham Trent University. It highlights the importance of inclusion within schools and also provided the children with a new experience. This was a fantastic morning out and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had some amazing skills on show and I think we may even have some future Boccia players at RMJS. They loved it that much, they have asked for Boccia and Kurling to become a small activity at school for them to play more frequently. We love that events like this provide children with a passion or interest in a sport and it is safe to say that this group have definitely been inspired. It was a pleasure to have such brilliant children represent our school and we hope they can represent RMJS again in the near future.

Year 5 vs Carnarvon

Our year 5 travelled to Carnarvon last week to compete in a friendly football fixture. Building relationships with schools is a top priority and it also provides the future year 6 children with the opportunity to represent and compete. It was a tight game! We were very confident with how we played, and it showed when we were consistently on the attack and holding possession. Unfortunately, we were so great at moving the ball up the pitch, but putting it into the back of the net created a challenge in itself. The game was neck and neck in the second half and we conceded



one goal. It was pouring down with rain the entire time, but by the smiles in the picture; turns out all you need are friends and a chance to play a sport you love. Well done to the year 5 team.

Strength or Skill

This week on the playground, the school was introduced to the classic game or 'Tug of War'. It is safe to say that this has been one of the favourite activities of the term as it allowed children to laugh, have fun, but also have that competitive element. During tug of war, we had a variety of matches. Class vs class, houses vs houses, girls vs boys; you name it. It has been such a brilliant activity for the children to get involved in, and it has brought in the question of whether or not tug of war is about strength or teamwork. Year 6 were the first year group to attack the tug of war challenges and yet again, everyone was included, everyone was smiling and everyone was safe. We can definitely see our tug of war rope making another appearance this term, maybe even at Sports day.



Excellent work in the Spotlight



In the spotlight this week is Ellie Morris (3B) who is in Mrs King's English group. She has written a beautiful poem full of creative ideas based on a mythical poem called 'Cat Began'. Fantastic work – well done Ellie!

Jaguar Began

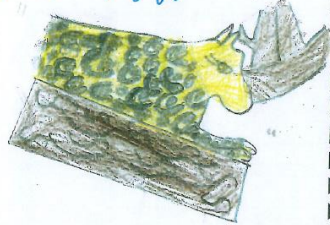
Jaguar began.
She took the softness of a cloud,
She took the smoothness of wavy grass swaying in the cool breeze,
She took the sluggishness of a soft feather blowing gracefully
And made her fur.

For her pounce
She took the swishing of the trees waving in the air,
She took the roll of a tumbling wave,
She took the sizzle of the hard, rocky ground.

From the stormy sky
She took the slash of lightning,
She took the sharp point of spiky icicles,
She took the brightness of sportily jagged stars
For her jaws.

And Jaguar was made.

By Ellie



A beautifully written and presented poem.

Upcoming Dates - w/c 13th May 2024

Monday 13th May 2024

- SATs breakfast for year 6 only 8.00-8.40am – email has been sent to Y6 parents
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Tangled, £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 14th May 2024

- No Dodgeball club this week
- SATs breakfast for year 6 only 8.00-8.40am
- Cricket festival for selected Year 3 children at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy 4 – 5.30pm

Wednesday 15th May 2024

- SATs breakfast for year 6 only 8.00-8.40am
- 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 16th May 2024

- SATs breakfast for year 6 only 8.00-8.40am
- 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 17th May 2024

- Year 6 fun and friendship afternoon. Year 6 children can bring in a change of clothes and a game from home.
- Honours assembly.

Weekly Menu - w/c 13th May 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

- Macaroni cheese served with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegetable enchiladas (Ve) served with a portion of sunny vegetable rice and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Ginger and Mandarin traybake.

Tuesday

- Summer hot dog baguette with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Summer veggie sausage hot dog baguette with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Strawberry jelly (Ve)

Wednesday

- Roast gammon served with roast potato, gravy and a selection of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegemince cottage pie (Ve), served with roast potato, gravy and a selection of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Freshly baked chocolate cookie (Ve)

Thursday

- Beef Bolognese and penne pasta served with a selection of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and tomato pizza served with garlic bread and a selection of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Flapjack finger with a fresh slice of watermelon.

Friday

- Friday fish fingers served with chips, tomato ketchup and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion puff pastry roll served with chips and tomato sauce and a selection of daily vegetables and mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.
- Homemade shortbread biscuit (Ve)