



**Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear Parents,

I have recently run a pupil survey to gather their views on the school. Similar to the parent survey, the questions are quite generic meaning that we can repeat them over time to see if their experience and feelings about school have changed. 231 children completed the survey. Here are some responses:

I enjoy coming to school	85% strongly agree or agree
I feel safe at school	92% strongly agree or agree
How easy or difficult is it to get help from your teacher	61% very easy or easy 23% neither easy or difficult
I know how well I read	91% strongly agree or agree
I know how to improve my reading skills	90% strongly agree or agree

The children were also asked for their own reflections on the school and changes they would like to see. Lots of lovely comments were made about the school and staff. Other points raised by more than one child:

- Some more playground equipment wanted
- More Art in the curriculum
- Non uniform days when weather is warm
- Changes to the lunchtime menu

As always, we will reflect on this feedback and look to make some changes where we can. One of my plans for next year is to introduce Prefects and a School Council so the pupil voice is more formalised and frequent – more details to come in September.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

**Open Evening**

Open Evening is coming up on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Parents are warmly invited in to see their child’s work along with an opportunity for informal conversations with their class teacher. No appointment necessary. Open Evening runs from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**Dates for the Diary**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Uniform Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 French Breakfast
10 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Barbeque
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (PM)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Click [here](#) for 2023/24 Term Dates.

**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	94.5%
3J	97.1%
4CM	96.9%
4G	97.6%
5AR	93.2%
5M	91.8%
6L	97.7%
6M	93.6%
<b>All</b>	<b>95.2%</b>



Congratulations to Class 6L for having the top attendance this week.

**Robert Miles Junior School BBQ**

A reminder that the annual BBQ is coming up on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember to put your burger/hot dog orders in before 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Sports Day

We were very excited to welcome ladies from Bingham Library in assembly on Tuesday. They were here to share the Summer Reading Challenge for 2023 which is on a sporty theme this year. Lots of children in school are already members of the library and this is always a very popular activity to do over the summer holidays.

Once children are members (it is free to sign up with an adult and only takes a couple of minutes to do in the library), they can register on the Summer Reading Challenge. Each time they finish a fiction or non-fiction book from the library, children put smelly stickers on a chart, follow characters as they complete different sports and, once they have finished 6 books, they are awarded a medal and prizes for all their fantastic reading. We always match this effort in school by awarding extra house points for those children proudly wearing their medals in September.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
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Developed in collaboration with the **Youth Sport Trust**, the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to get involved in games and sports in any way that best suits them.

The librarians also spoke of many other free activities happening in Bingham Library for children over the summer holidays to keep them busy. We are always proud to support and promote links between the school and the community and this is a great way to keep children reading over the holidays. We look forward to seeing the children's shiny medals in September – I think Mr Evelyn may need to order more house points!!

## Excellent work under the Spotlight



For the spotlight this week, we are turning the clock back to before half term and the brilliant Design Technology work the children in Year 5 completed. The children made mechanical toys using Cams. A Cam is a rotating or sliding piece contained in something mechanical. Enjoy the photos of their brilliant work!



## 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	Elizabeth Cook & Eryn Loo
3B	Henry Daibell & Billy Cheng
4G	Bella Finlay & Harry Vaughan
4CM	Callum Withers & Tommy Williams
5M	Henry Bates & Jack Skinner
5AR	Jaon Sheard & Charlie Manchester
6M	Alfie Clark & Tommy Farley
6L	Maya Dempster & Sophie Crown

## Infant School Sports Day

On Tuesday, a large number of our Year 6 children went over to the Infant School to help out with the running of their sports day.

The Infant School Headteacher wrote to us afterwards: "I just wanted to say a massive thank you to your staff and year 6 pupils for their support at our sports day. I wanted to give a particular shout out to the javelin helpers – they were so understanding of our pupils; offering support and advice and being so positive. They were all a credit to RMJ. Their behaviour was commented on by some of our parents too. A great example of good partnership working – thank you."



## Year 6 Mayan Day

Partake History were back in school on Thursday for the third time in 2 weeks, but this time for an Ancient Maya day. This lesser-known ancient civilisation rose to prominence around 250 AD in Central America, having been around for many years beforehand. Year 6 have been learning them in history this term and had the chance to take part in a wonderful, immersive day. Partake ran a hot chocolate making workshop - the Maya invented our favourite sweet drink, and they had the chance to study and learn about some artefacts relating to this period.

The most exciting activity was the chance to play the highly competitive game of Pok-A-Tok - a cross between football and basketball. It was a fantastic day and one in which the children could consolidate their learning as well as pick up new knowledge from the Partake experts.

## Menu w/c 30<sup>th</sup> June

### Monday

- Mac and cheese, garlic bread and salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of fillings.
- Mixed berry mousse.

### Tuesday

- Burger in a bun, wedges and salad.
- Jelly.

### Wednesday

- Jacket potato with various fillings and salad.
- Ice cream tub.

### Thursday

- Sausage, mash potato, vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.
- Lemon muffin.

### Friday

- Fish cake, jacket potato wedges and vegetables.
- Jacket potato with choice of fillings.
- Cookie biscuit

## Weekly Post

### Monday 3rd July 2023

- Year 6 transition day at Toot Hill School.
- Year 2 parents coming in to meet the year 3 teachers 2.15pm.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Two Tails. £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 4th July 2023

- Handball club 8.15-8.55am. All children have been informed if they are attending.
- Running club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.
- Rounders club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.

### Wednesday 5th July 2023

- Honours assembly.
- Bible explorers at lunch time.

### Thursday 6th July 2023

- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit and any inhalers required.
- Football skills 3.30-4.30pm. Children who have a place, have been informed.
- Cricket club 3.30-4.30pm. All children have been informed if they are attending.

### Friday 7th July 2023

- Non-uniform day. Please bring in a contribution towards the tombola.