

★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 13th September 2024 ★

Dear Parents,

A reminder of a couple of events coming up in the next two weeks:


- **Parent Information Session on Mobile Phone Safety** Next Thursday at 9am and then again at 4pm, we will be running a parent session on mobile phone safety. All parents are welcome but this session is particularly targeted at Year 6 parents or parents who may be considering purchasing a phone for their child.



- **Duke's Barn Parent Meeting** At 6pm on Tuesday 24th September, Mrs Melhuish and Miss Lanagan will be running the Duke's Barn session for parents. They will share more information about the upcoming residential and answer any questions you may have. Medical forms will be sent home next week and we would appreciate having them back as soon as possible, so we can put any necessary arrangements in place. Final numbers are being confirmed with the centre soon so any parents who still need to make payments should do this as soon as possible.
- **Y3 Parents Evening** This takes place on 25th September and is an opportunity for parents of our new joiners to meet with the Year 3 teachers. The booking form went out this week – please sign up to book your place.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

19 th September	Parent Session: E-Safety
24 th September	Y6 Duke's Barn Parent Meeting
25 th September	Y3 Parents Evening
2 nd October	Children's Photos
8 th October:	Parent Session: SEND Intro
w/c 14 th Oct	Duke's Barn Residential
23 rd October	School Disco
w/c 28 th Oct	Half Term Week
8 th November	Parent Session: Notts Mental Health Services

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	95.6%
3J	100%
4H	95.7%
4M	94.8%
5AC	94.7%
5G	97.5%
6L	97.2%
6M	96.8%
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Congratulations to 3J with an excellent 100% attendance!



Parent Information Session – Mobile Phone Safety (19th September – 9am & 4pm)

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Future Sessions

Tuesday 8th October (9.00am) – Introduction to SEND

Friday 8th November (9.00am) – Joanna attending from Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team

Friday 6th December (9.00am) – Parent Forum

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations and a huge well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays. With over 400 children taking part from over 20 schools, we came an excellent second!

In assembly on Tuesday, Mrs Alcock celebrated with all of our children who took part. Reading is again one of our focus areas this year and she spoke about the importance of reading – a little bit every day, getting home school diaries signed and asking peers/teachers to help find good books to read.

We are planning to run more school reading events this year. A new display has gone up next to the hall showcasing the books we believe children 'must read' in each year group. We are in the process of buying these books.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have kindly agreed to volunteer to read with children. If any other parents would like to come in and read with children, please contact your child's teacher.



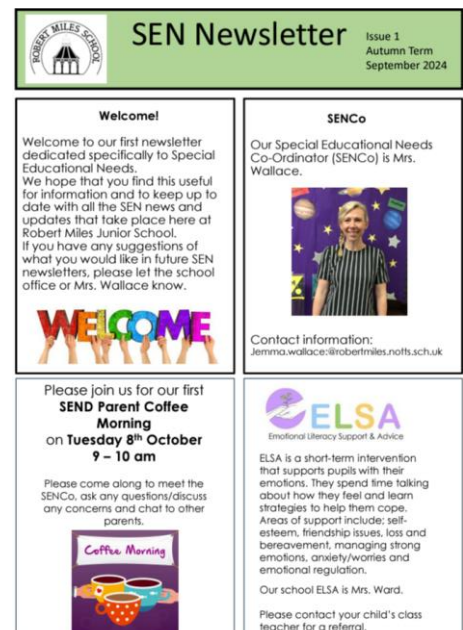
SEND Newsletter

Earlier this week, we sent round the first monthly SEND Newsletter. These are put together by Jemma Wallace, Robert Miles SENCO, and are designed to provide information and signpost resources for all parents but specifically parents of children with specific needs. Please click [here](#) to access the September newsletter.

Jemma can be contacted at jemma.wallace@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk

There are a couple of inclusion focused events coming up:

- Tuesday 8th October (9am – 10am): SEND Parent Coffee Morning with Jemma
- Friday 8th November (9am): We will be joined by Joanna from the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team. She will be talking about the services they offer and answering any questions parents may have,



Year 6 Prefects & School Councillors

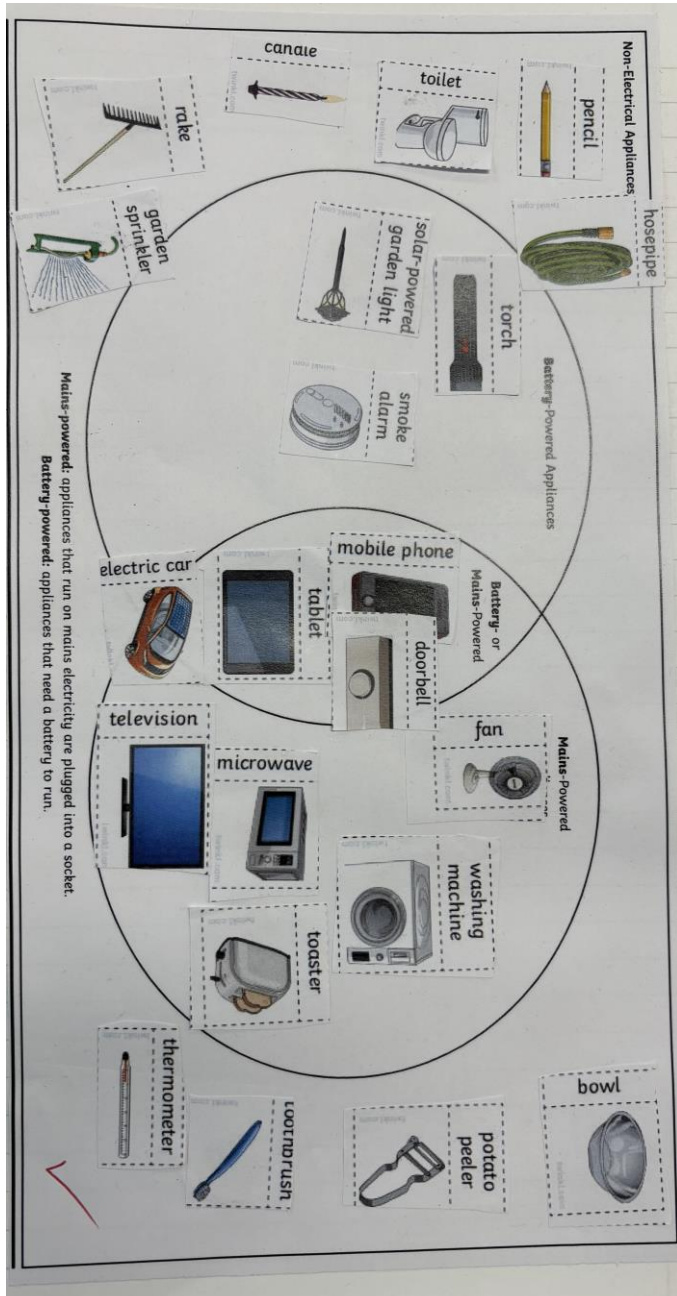
This week we launched our School Council. The School Council is made up of six prefects from Year 6 and two children from each class in years 3, 4 and 5.

- **Prefects** apply for their roles – as well as being part of the School Council, they each have an area of responsibility covering Learning, Inclusion, Arts, Sport, Environment and Community. After applying, applications are shortlisted with interviews then taking place. There was strong interest from the children this week so do encourage your child to apply before the deadline next Tuesday.
- **School Councillors** are appointed in an election by their peers. Again, lots of children were interested in applying so please help them with their speeches. Elections are taking place next week.

Excellent work in the Spotlight



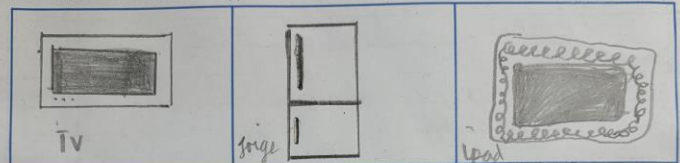
This week, Year 4 enthusiastically began their science topic on electricity. The children were excited to dive into their first science unit of the year and demonstrated a keen interest by asking insightful questions. They explored the origins of electricity and identified whether various appliances were powered by batteries or mains electricity. The children displayed great responsibility in their learning, engaging actively to deepen their understanding. A special mention to Mia from 4H for her outstanding presentation and positive attitude throughout the lesson. Year 4 are looking forward to using scientific equipment and creating their own circuits in next week's lesson!



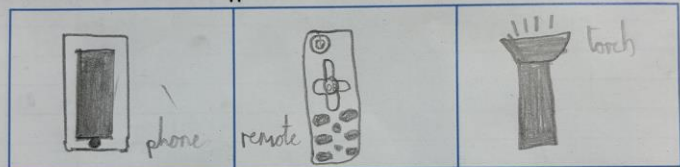
Wednesday 11th September 2024

What do we use electricity for?

Draw and label three electrical appliances or devices that use mains electricity.



Draw and label three electrical appliances or devices that use batteries.



A torch because when you go on a walk at night we can see everything.

A fridge because things like milk, butter and other food will need to be cold.

A phone because you can text your friends or family.



Times Table Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is back underway! We are on the lookout for new Heroes and Legends...!

Times Tables Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children who have topped the charts for their work on TTRS this week:

Most correct answers: Hailey, 3J

Most coins earnt: Hailey, 3J

Biggest improvement in speed: Amber, 4H

Weekly Menu - w/c 16th September 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 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 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)

Upcoming Dates w/c 16th September 2024

Monday 16th September

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Big Hero 6, £2 charge for this club. Please pay for this using the Arbor app. Soft drink and biscuit provided. No sweets or chocolate please.

Tuesday 17th September

- Handball club for years 5 & 6. 8.15-8.55am in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers needed
- Tag rugby club for years 5 & 6. 3.30-4.30pm. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers needed

Wednesday 18th September 2024

- Honours assembly.

Thursday 19th September 2024

- Parent drop in session – E-Safety. 9am and 4pm.
- Martial Arts Club at 8am. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers needed
- Year 4 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel) and any inhalers required.
- Basketball club for year 3 & 4. 3.30-4.30pm in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.

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 QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Robert Miles Infant School will be hosting open days in the coming months for children joining them in Reception in September 2025. If you know any families looking for a Reception place for next September 2025, please encourage them to attend.



Robert Miles
Infant School

School Tours

for parents/carers looking for a
Reception school place for

September 2025

Everyone welcome. Please contact
the school office to book a date.

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Safe, nurturing
environment

Strong links with
Robert Miles
Junior School

Weekly Forest
School sessions

Wrap-around
care available
(7.30-6pm)



Kelly Ryan
Head Teacher

Dates:

Tuesday 8th October: 5-6pm

Friday 18th October: 10-11am

Tuesday 12th November: 5-6pm

Friday 22nd November: 2-3pm*

**On Friday 22nd November, James Evelyn, Head Teacher at Robert Miles Junior School, will also be joining us.*