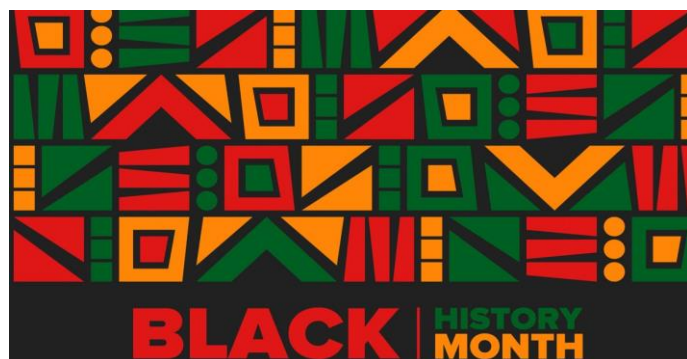


## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents,

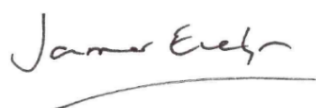
Black History Month takes place every October and I introduced it this year in Assembly on Monday and will focus on it again for the next two Mondays. Sometimes it is asked why we have Black History Month – a child asked me this earlier in the week. The answer I gave him was that black people have not always been treated equally and their achievements have not always been recognised simply because of the colour of their skin. For example, Thomas Edison is often credited with the invention of the lightbulb but did you know that it was Black American, Lewis Latimer, who invented the carbon filament in lightbulbs which had a transformational effect?

The theme this year is 'Reclaiming Narratives' which encourages us to think about untold stories, unsung heroes and the everyday individuals who have made an impact on society. The children made lovely contributions in assembly on Monday – do ask them for their views and reflections over the course of the month.

**Parent Coffee Morning** A reminder that Jemma

Wallace, SENCO, is running a Parent Coffee Morning on Tuesday from 9am to 10am. Please come along to meet Jemma, ask questions and have the opportunity to speak to other parents.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

### Dates for the Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> October:	Parent Session: SEND Intro
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Duke's Barn Residential
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Disco
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Week
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Session: Notts Mental Health Services
11 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening

### 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	97.7%
3J	98.5%
4H	92.9%
4M	97.9%
5AC	96.9%
5G	98.4%
6L	97.2%
6M	96.2%
<b>All</b>	<b>96.9%</b>

Congratulations to 3J for having the best attendance this week!



### Football vs St Peters Ruddington

Even though the result didn't go our way against St. Peters Ruddington, the boys put on a fantastic display in what was their first proper game as a team. They can be incredibly proud of their performance. From the first whistle, they showed teamwork. Their passing was fluid and controlled, moving the ball confidently around the pitch and creating multiple chances that had the opposition on the back foot at many stages of the game. It was one of those games where the effort and quality were there, but the final result just didn't reflect how well we played. Every player showed resilience and a great attitude, proving that they have what it takes to succeed as a team. We shouldn't be discouraged – this was a performance to be proud of, and we'll take the lessons from this match into the next one. Well done team – for a first game, you represented the school brilliantly!

## House Points

Jupiter	718
Mercury	820
Neptune	721
Saturn	714

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. Each Wednesday in Honours Assembly, we announce the latest scores. These are the latest figures for the first half of the summer term.



## School Librarians

A very warm welcome to our new team of librarians who have already made a huge difference in the school library. They have tidied, sorted, and organised all the books ready for the children to come along and choose from. We have also received lots of



lovely donations from children who have read and finished with great books that they know others will enjoy. This is a fantastic way to keep our library stocked with popular titles and authors that we know children will love. Thank you very much for your kind donations. If you have any good quality fiction books, suitable for 7–11-year-olds, that you have finished with, please consider dropping them off at the school office and be reassured that they will be enjoyed by many more children throughout the school.

The librarians are buzzing with great ideas of how to continue to promote reading across the school so watch this space and I am sure they will be appearing in assemblies soon and spreading their passion for reading. At the moment, they are busy creating a wonderful display in the library to tell everyone who they are and which books they would recommend.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

### Times Tables Rockstars

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

**Most correct answers:** Mia, 4H

**Most coins earnt:** Hailey, 3J

**Biggest improvement in accuracy:** Jasmine, 3J

**Biggest improvement in speed:** Layla, 3J

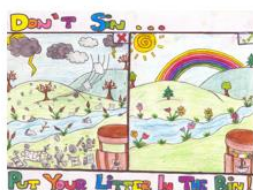
## \*\*\* Recycling Competition \*\*\*

This week we hosted visitors from the Streetwise team at Rushcliffe Borough Council who shared details of a recycling competition they are running. Details below – deadline for entries not too far away!

### Litter & Recycling Hero Competition

We want you to pick up litter around your school or use recycled rubbish from home and make an AMAZING piece of artwork to enter our competition!! Whether you draw a picture or even make a model. Be as creative as you can! Remember to use recycled items and always ask an adult for help.

Entries handed into school by 17<sup>th</sup> October for your chance to win a golden litter picker and be entered into a competition to name Rushcliffe Borough Council's brand-new Road Sweeper.



## Excellent work in the Spotlight



Year 4 have been super scientists this week, investigating if a material is an electrical conductor or insulator. They tested a variety of objects, including a few of their own choice, and wrote their own conclusions.

Wednesday 2nd October 2014

Which materials Conduct Electricity?

Material that allows electricity to pass through: Conductor

Material that does not allow electricity to pass through: Insulator

Object	Prediction: Will it conduct?	Results: Did it conduct?
Paper clip	Yes	No/Yes ✓
Coin	Yes	Yes ✓
Rubber	No	No ✓
Split pin	Yes	Yes ✓
Pencil	No	No ✓
Piece of Paper	No	No ✓
Piece of Foil	Yes	Yes ✓
Ruler	No	No ✓
glasses	No	No ✓
concrete block	Yes	Yes ✓

Conclusion

In our experiment we observed the only conductors were made of metal. Paper, plastic and rubber didn't conduct because they are insulators.

✓ GP Great conclusion using all the key words.

## Weekly Menu - w/c 7<sup>th</sup> October 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.
- Vegitarian Mince 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)

## Upcoming Dates w/c 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

- Parent introduction to SEND Coffee Morning 9 – 10am
- Handball club for years 5 & 6. 8.15-8.55am in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need. (This club is now full)
- Tag rugby club for years 5 & 6. 3.30-4.30pm. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

- Honours Assembly



### **Thursday 10th October 2024**

- Martial arts club, 8 – 8.45am. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers required. (This club is now full)
- 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. (This club is now full.)

### **Friday 11th October 2024**

- Pupil Parliament

*A reminder that all children need to be collected from their afterschool clubs by family member/friend who are over the age of 16.*

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to pay real money for these in-game accessories.

### ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

### FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

### COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

### SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

### PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

### MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and looking cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £6-18, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.55) per day.

### Meet Our Expert

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