

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 7th February 2025

Inset Day – School Closed

A reminder that next Friday (14th February) is an Equals Trust Inset Day. School will be closed to all children. School reopens after half term on Monday 24th February.

Dear Parents,

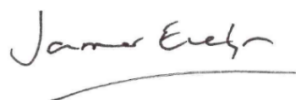
As you are aware, we had a visit from Ofsted this week – their first visit to the school since 2019. I am pleased to be able to share that it was a really positive visit where they were able to see and experience all that takes place in our school each and every day. The children were a credit to the school and spoke confidently about their learning and experience of school. We are not permitted to share details at this stage but I will, of course, share the report and further details when it is published – we expect this to be at some point next month. There were many lovely comments shared by parents which were heartening to read and for which the staff team and I are hugely grateful.

A reminder that the new Friends of RMJS have a events coming up over the next few weeks. Details as follows:

- **Valentine's Day Bake Sale – Thursday 13th February** If you would like to donate cakes, please bring these in on Thursday morning. See the flyer further down.
- **Mother's Day Gift Shop – Friday 21st March** Your child has come home with a letter with details about how they can buy a lovely gift for Mother's Day at the gift shop. Please complete the form and return it to the school office with some money in an envelope. Your child will then be able to choose a lovely gift at the Gift Shop next month.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Friends of RMJS Valentine's Bake Sale
14 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
w/c 17 th Feb	Half Term
25 th February	SEND Parents Reading Afternoon
5 th March	Y6 Parents Evening
12 th March	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting
18 th /20 th March	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening
21 st March	Friends of RMJS Mother's Day Gift Shop
3 rd April	Easter Bake Sale
6 th June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop

Parents Evening sign up goes live on Monday.

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	96.2%
3J	93.6%
4H	97.9%
4M	95.2%
5AC	95.0%
5G	95.2%
6L	99.4%
6M	95.9%
All	96.1%

Congratulations to 6L for having the best attendance this week!



House Points

Jupiter	924
Mercury	1,100
Neptune	1,005
Saturn	955

Children are earning House Points each and every day for making good choices and showing the REACH values. Here are the latest totals for this term – the winning house at the end of each term enjoys a non-uniform day!



Times Tables Rock Stars

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

Most correct answers: Harrison, 3J

Most coins earnt: Cassie, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Jake, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Aurora, 3B

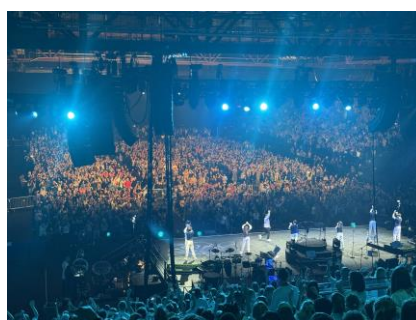
Honours Assembly

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	Alisa Chan & Annabel Moskwa
3B	Mia Wheat-Brown & Ororo Chan
4M	Reuben Taylor & Teddy Davies
4H	Martha Lawton & Georgi Tang
5G	Nellie Saunders & Ava Parker
5AC	Abby Cheung & Llewyn-Rayn Wild
6M	Edward Bailey & Harry Vaughan
6L	Lexi Thompson & Dolly Barker-Richards

Young Voices

Last Friday, we joined lots of other schools for the annual Young Voices mass-choir event at the Birmingham NEC. After months of practising the songs, it was wonderful to go to this huge venue and be part of this amazing event. Uplifting songs and fantastic performances from professional artists made for a memorable occasion.



Sports Update

A group of Year 3 children had an unforgettable experience representing the school for the first time at a basketball festival in Nottingham. The event was made even more special as they had the opportunity to learn from a professional player from the Nottingham Hoods. With enthusiasm and determination, they showcased fantastic teamwork, skill and sportsmanship throughout the festival. With it being their first time showcasing our Robert Miles values, they gave it their all and did an amazing job, making their school proud. Most importantly, they had an incredible time, enjoying every moment of the fast-paced and exciting games while developing a love for the sport.



Half Term Competition

We are also running a special 'Book and a Biscuit' event for parents with children on the SEND register at 2.45pm on 25th February. Parents are invited to come into school to read with their child whilst enjoying a biscuit. Please contact Mrs Wallace if you would like to attend. Email: jemma.wallace@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk.

SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon



Rail Safety
Art Competition 2025

Winners will have their artwork displayed at Bingham train station!

Theme: Rail Safety – How Can We Stay Safe Around Trains?

What to create: A poster no bigger than A3 paper. Felt Tip Pens will work best. Make your poster bright and colourful. Be creative and teach important messages about rail safety.

Entry Limit: One entry per person. Please put your name and class on the back of your poster

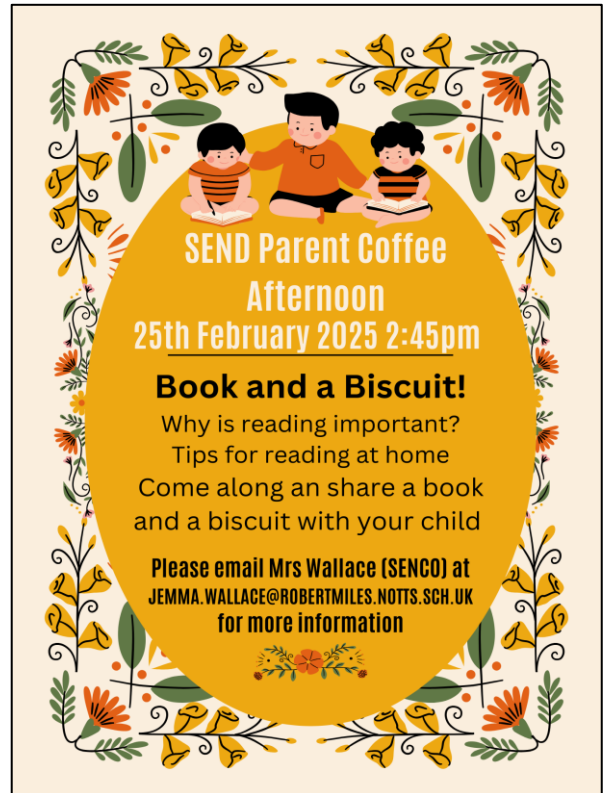
Deadline:
Friday 28th February 2025
Find your year box in the Year 4 shared area.

Judging:
Your poster will be judged on creativity, originality, colour and rail safety, by the school prefects.

Don't Forget:
Think about key rail safety rules like staying behind the yellow line, using crossings safely, and avoiding distractions near train tracks.

Get Creative & Good Luck!

Miss Horsfield (Year 4 teacher/Art lead) and Bella (Art Prefect)



SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon
25th February 2025 2:45pm

Book and a Biscuit!
Why is reading important?
Tips for reading at home
Come along and share a book and a biscuit with your child

Please email Mrs Wallace (SENCO) at [JEMMA.WALLACE@ROBERTMILES.NOTTS.SCH.UK](mailto:jemma.wallace@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk) for more information

This week, our Art Prefect (Bella) and Art Lead (Miss Horsfield) launched a special rail safety competition with some of the winning entries having their designs published on the platform at Bingham Railway Station.

Friends of RMJS – Upcoming Events



Valentine's Bake Sale

Thursday 13th February

We would be grateful for any baked donations. Please bring to the school office on Thursday morning.



The Friends of RMJS are holding a.....

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP
Friday 21st March

Fill in the pre-order form that your child comes home with by **Wednesday 26th February**

Upcoming Dates w/c 10th February 2025

Monday 10th February 2025

- Year 4 group one and two bikeability session. Children to bring their bike and helmet to school.
- Year 6 Athletics final at West Bridgford School. Leaving school at 3pm, children to be collected at 5.30pm from West Bridgford School.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Bolt, there is a £2 compulsory charge for orange squash and biscuits at this Club. Please use our online payment system to pay for this.

Tuesday 11th February 2025

- Safer Internet day.
- Last Handball club for years 3&4 group one. 8.15-8.55am in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.
- Year 5 group one bikeability session. Children to bring in their bike and helmet to school.
- Year 5 and 6 girls Futsal club. 3.30-4.30pm in the hall. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers you may need.
- Year 6 booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm. Invited children to bring in a small snack.

Wednesday 12th February 2025

- Year 5 group one bikeability session. Children to bring in their bike and helmet to school.
- Honours assembly
- Bible Explorers.

Thursday 13th February 2025

- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.
- Martial arts club, 8 – 8.45am. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers required. (This club is now full).
- Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day, children welcome to dress up as an Egyptian or an Archaeologist.
- Friends of Robert Miles Junior School Valentines bake sale.

Friday 14th February 2025

- Inset day. Return to school on Monday 24th February following Half Term.

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

Weekly Menu - w/c 10th February 2025

Monday

- Cheese and tomato pizza with tomato pasta salad and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegetable meatballs, tomato sauce with mixed rice and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Apple and sultana crumble bar with custard.

Tuesday

- Pork sausage with mashed potato, gravy and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Plant based sausage with mashed potato, gravy and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Iced carrot cake and orange slices.

Wednesday

- Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.

- Quorn grill with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate shortbread/pinwheels with chocolate sauce.

Thursday

- Garlic and tomato chicken pasta spirals with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Garlic and tomato vegetable pasta spirals with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Toffee cream tart.

Friday

- Inset Day

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 SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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