



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 7th March 2025



York Residential – Year 4 Parents Meeting

A reminder that the Year 4 parents residential meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 12th March at 5:30pm in the hall. We encourage all parents to attend, so they can learn more about the exciting trip the children will be going on.

Dear Parents,

This week has been all about reading – from the Book Fair and Reading Café to book swaps, librarians and children reading with other classes. The highlight for me was definitely the reading café – watching the children reading on their own and with their friends really drove home the importance of reading for pleasure. Everyone's route into reading is different so we are always trying to find new ways to achieve this. Part of this is ensuring our book stock is varied but engaging.

If you have had particular success with your child with specific authors or genres please let us know. Some money raised by the Friends of RMJS is being spent on our reading stock but I want to ensure we are spending it wisely on the right books!

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

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
24 th April	Toot Hill – Year 5 Parents Meeting
6 th June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop

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	99.6%
3J	95.2%
4H	96.9%
4M	97.9%
5AC	98.4%
5G	97.9%
6L	98.1%
6M	99.4%
All	97.9%

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



House Points

Jupiter	290
Mercury	318
Neptune	223
Saturn	248

Children are earning House Points each and every day for making good choices and showing the REACH values. These are the latest totals for Spring 2 – well done to all the children earning all these House Points!



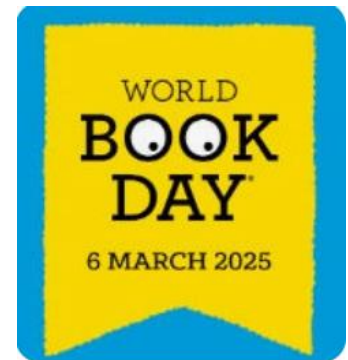
Bingham Twinned Town



On Monday, we were joined for assembly by Councillor Gareth Williams, for a talk about Bingham's relationship with the twinned Bavarian town of Wallenfels. Strong links have existed between the two towns for over 40 years with people visiting both ways.

The timber trade is a big industry in Wallenfels. Gareth talked about how rivers were used for transporting felled trees downstream. Today, rafting takes place on the river and Gareth brought in a rafting pole to show the children.

World Book Day – Reading Week



We have really enjoyed celebrating books and reading this week at school. The Reading Café was a huge hit with more and more people coming each day. It was lovely to see children socialising with their friends and sharing books. Thank you to those adults who came too and the many children who said that we should do it everyday! I am not sure there is enough bread in Bingham to sustain that but there was a wonderful buzz each morning and the gorgeous smell of toast floated through the building.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Scholastic Book Fair. Soon, we will share with



you how much commission has been raised to spend on new books and gather the children's views as to what they would like to see more of on the reading shelves in classrooms. All the children looked great in their pyjamas on Thursday and managed to stay awake despite being warm and cosy all day! Children also took part in a Book Swap and enjoyed reading stories with another class.

We constantly hope to engage the children with a love of reading and aim to instil the value of reading as a wonderful habit for life. A phrase which resonated with me during the week was: 'Read yourself happy' which shows the value of quiet time and escaping from daily life with a good book. Please continue to enjoy reading to your children as they will see the importance of it and learn lots from you as well as encouraging them to read independently.

A special thank you to our wonderful Y5/6 librarians who helped with the Book Fairs, Book Swap, a book competition and two assemblies—they all showed excellent initiative and leadership and were such a huge help all week.



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:

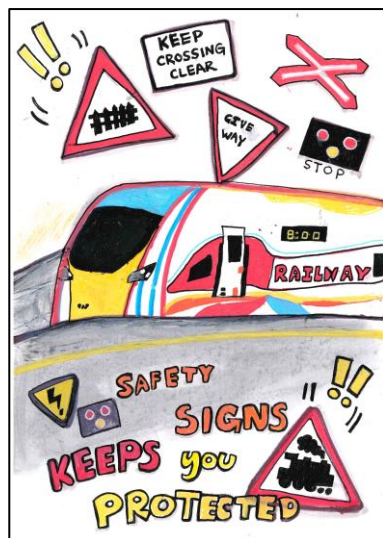
Most correct answers: Cassie, 4H

Most coins earnt: Cassie, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Layla, 3J

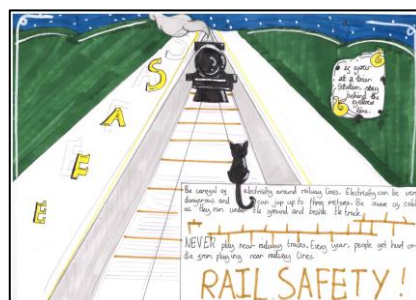
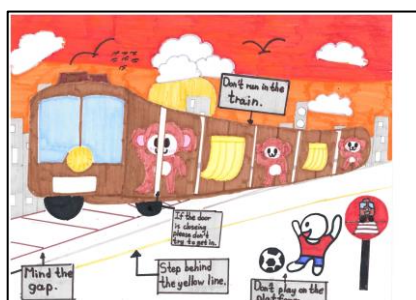
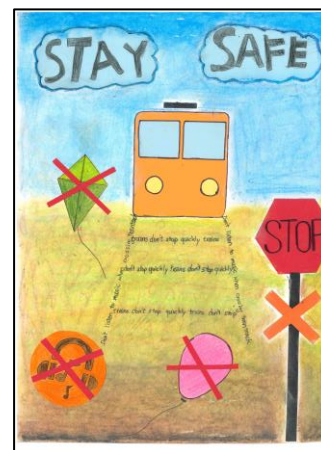
Biggest improvement in speed: Daniel-Junior, 4H

Rail Safety Poster Competition



We had over 40 entries to the competition designing a rail safety poster to be displayed on the platform at Bingham Railway Station. A huge well done to Camille – her entry on the left – for this poster which is of an almost professional standard! In the coming months this will appear on the platform at the station. Below are the three runners up. We are also hoping these will be displayed too!

Thank you also to East Midlands Railway for the books and bookmarks they kindly brought in for World Book Day!



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.

3B	Rosie Carrier & Ella Wong
4M	Alya Cheung & Zac Wong
4H	Kya Wong & Charlotte Chui
5G	Adrian Chan & Caleb Sanders
5AC	Nancie Thompson & Scarlett O'Brien
6M	Seb Brihmani & Evelyn Minta
6L	Sasha Hanson & Ella Potter

Upcoming Dates w/c 10th March 2025

Monday 10th March 2025

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Raya and the Last Dragon, 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 March 2025

- Handball club for years 3&4 group two. 8.15-8.55am in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.
- Selected Year 5 children attending Indoor skills/sports festival at Toot hill School 4-5.30pm. Children need their PE kit, trainers or plimsoles a drink and a snack.
- 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, children to bring in a small snack.

Wednesday 12th March 2025

- Honours assembly.
- Bible Explorers lunch time 12.45-1.15pm
- Selected Year 3 children attending indoor athletics festival at SNA. 4-5.30pm. Children need their PE kit, trainers or plimsoles a drink and a snack.
- Year 4 York residential parent meeting, 5.30pm in the hall. No children to attend.

Thursday 13th March 2025

- Martial arts club, 8 – 8.45am. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers required. (This club is now full).
- Selected children attending Multi skills event at Clifton campus, Nottingham Trent within school time. Children need to bring a drink, and a snack for the journey.
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.
- Year 6 booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.

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 March 2025

Monday

- Cheesy pasta spirals with pizza style toppings with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and tomato pizza with tomato pasta salad and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Lemon cupcake with fruit slices.

Tuesday

- Beef lasagne with garlic & tomato bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegetable lasagne with garlic & tomato bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate cookie & orange wedges.

Wednesday

- Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with a selection of vegetables.
- Quorn grill with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes with a selection of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate crunch and chocolate sauce.

Thursday

- Beef and potato pie with potato wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese, onion and potato pie with mash or skin on potato wedges with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Strawberry mousse.

Friday

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Crispy vegetable fingers with chips and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Lemon drizzle cake with custard.

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.

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.

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.

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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