



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 8th November 2024



Dear Parents,

I hope all of our families had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. We started the second half of the autumn term by going straight into the Remembrance Day period. On Monday we were joined in assembly by Hedley Malloch, from the Bingham Royal British Legion. He spoke about the importance of this day and the flowers used in different countries to remember those who died. He also spoke about the impact on Bingham in the world wars and how the Chinese remember their fallen.



On Wednesday, Mrs Wallace and I went with some of the Year 6s to the cemetery to lay poppies at the graves of Bingham residents who lost their lives in various conflicts. It was interesting to find out more about these people from Hedley and also to reflect on the upheaval and fear when reservists were being called up to serve.



On Monday, we will mark Remembrance Day itself with a period of silence at 11am.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

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Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

11th & 13th Nov Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening
27th November Y5 Space Centre Trip
6th December Parent Forum
16th December Y3/4 Carol Performance
17th December Y6 World War One Workshop
18th December Y5/6 Carol Performance
18th December Christmas Lunch

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	96.6%
3J	100%
4H	98.3%
4M	97.8%
5AC	94.2%
5G	99.2%
6L	96.9%
6M	93.8%
All	97.0%



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

House Points

Jupiter	460
Mercury	420
Neptune	341
Saturn	347

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.



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: Jasmine, 3J

Most coins earned: Jasmine, 3J

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Dexter G-J, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Nate, 3J

5 / 6 / 20 Reading

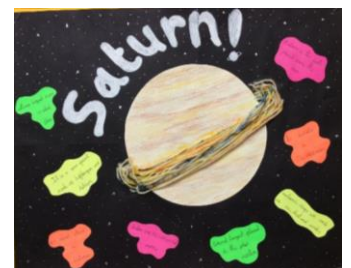
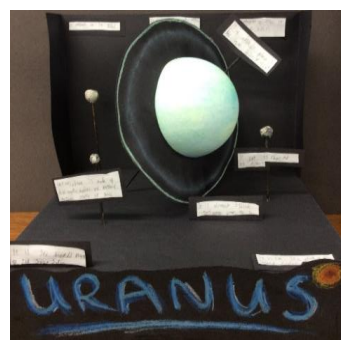
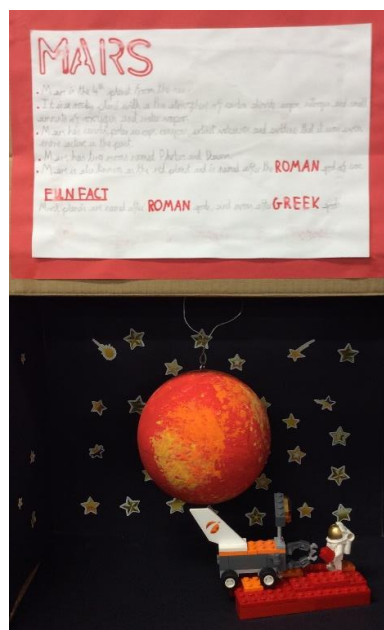
An exciting reading project will be launched next Friday called 5-6-20. This is being run for some of our children across all year groups whose reading needs a little bit of a boost. The name 5 - 6 - 20 relates to the target to: read 5 times per week for 6 weeks for 20 minutes each time. Many of you will have had a phone call about it this week and your child will come home next week with a pack containing bookmarks and stickers. We will keep them motivated and excited in school, praising and rewarding them for all the wonderful reading they are going to be doing with an adult at home. We look forward to hearing about it and seeing the progress they will no doubt make!



Excellent work in the Spotlight



Year 5 have started their Earth and Space topic this week and are learning about the planets in our Solar System. The children used their homework time to find out facts about one planet and be ready to share them with the class. We have been so impressed with the effort the children have put into this task; the models, posters and information texts they have created, have been excellent and added so much to their learning.



Children in Need

Next Friday (15th November) is the annual Children in Need fundraising appeal. Children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes for a donation of £1. A £1 donation will also see your child entered into the draw to receive a Pudsey bear. Last year Albie (now in 4H) won the draw and went home with Pudsey!



We will also be running a bake sale after school and in afternoon break to raise more money. If you would like to make a donation, please drop any cakes off at the office on Friday morning.

Year 6 Hoodies

Year 6 parents still have the opportunity to purchase a 'Class of 2025' leavers hoodie to commemorate their child's time with us. The hoodies have a large '25' design on the back, containing the names of all the children in the year group, and will feature the school logo as well as well as children's initials. Children can pick from two styles of hoodie.



	Child	Adult
Zip Up Hoodie	£20	£23
Over the head Hoodie	£18	£20

We

have samples of each hoodie in a range of sizes in the office.

Please pop in and confirm the size which is best for your

child. **These hoodies will be personalised, so if the sizing is not correct then these cannot be exchanged or refunded.** The order is being place this Tuesday (12th November) so this is a final reminder to please place an order if you would like your child to have a hoodie. Payment needs to be made via the school shop on your Arbor account.

Local News & Information

We are happy to publicise local events and activities for children in the newsletter particularly ahead of holiday periods. (Please note the school is not endorsing these events as they are run separately.) Any enquiries should be made through the website address shown on the leaflet below.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Christmas presents and decor galore
Personalised gifts | Designs in clay | Jewellery
Textiles | Home fragrances | Artwork | Wood crafts
Skincare | And much more!

Saturday
23rd November 2024

Free entry
10am - 2.30pm
Bingham Methodist Centre
Needham St, Bingham, NG13 6AE

Find out more:
mailchi.mp/3ele80d4f8fa/xmas24

Hammond
SOLD
01949 87 86 85

JACK and the BEANSTALK

"THE GIANT FAMILY PANTOMIME"

DECEMBER 5TH - 8TH 2024
BINGHAM ARENA
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BMTCNOTTS

Weekly Menu - w/c 11th November 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

- Beef burger with jacket wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- A Quorn burger with jacket wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- School cake with custard.

Tuesday

- Pork sausage roll with skin on baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion pastry roll with skin on baked wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate mousse and orange smiles.

Wednesday

- Roast gammon with gravy, stuffing, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Quorn grill with gravy, stuffing, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate brownie.

Thursday

- Beef pasta bolognese and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Plant-based pasta bolognese with garlic bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Fruity strawberry jelly and mandarin segments.

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.
- Vanilla and cherry cookie cup and custard.

Upcoming Dates w/c 11th November 2024

Monday 11th November 2024

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Ratatouille, there is a £2 compulsory charge for orange squash and biscuits at this Club. Please use our online payment system to pay for this.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 parents evening, starting at 3.40pm.

Tuesday 12th November 2024

- 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) for group two.
- Tag rugby club for years 5 & 6. 3.30-4.30pm. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need. This is the last session for this term.

Wednesday 13th November 2024

- Honours assembly.
- Bible Explorers 12.45pm – 1.15pm in Year 6 shared area.
- Selected children attending EQT Boccia tournament within school time at Rushcliffe arena.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 parents evening, starting at 3.40pm.

Thursday 14th November 2024

- Martial arts club, 8 – 8.45am. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers required. (This club is now full)
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) 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.) This is the last session for this term.
- Selected Year 6 children attending a dodgeball festival at East Leake Academy. Leaving school at 3.15pm. Children to wear their PE kit, have a drink and a snack to take with them.

Friday 15th November 2024

- Children in need.
- No afterschool activities today.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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