



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 21st March 2025



Inset Day

A reminder that Friday 4th April is an inset day and the school will be closed to all children. School will reopen to children after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 22nd April.

Dear Parents,

I hope parents found the Year 3, 4 and 5 Parents Evening sessions helpful this week. A reminder that if you do have any questions or concerns at other times in the year, please contact your class teacher or one of the school leaders.

Sadly, I have had a number of conversations this week with a range of parents about mobile phone issues. Some of these involved children in Year 3. This is the first time I have been involved in mobile phone issues with children this young. The issues have mostly involved Whatsapp groups – an application with a minimum age limit of 13.

There has been a lot in the media about mobile phone use amongst children and the many perceived harms. I repeat my view that I don't believe children should have a mobile phone until late in Year 6 at the earliest as they prepare for secondary and ideally this should not give them access to social media and all the other applications that we know cause lots of challenges.

Of course, these are decisions for parents ultimately but when these problems arise outside of school, they often find their way into school and we have a duty to investigate and resolve them. We really appreciate parents support with this. If you believe there is anything else we can do to support with this, do get in touch.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Mother's Day Gift Shop



For those taking part, children will be coming home today with their lovely gift from the Mother's Day Gift Shop. Huge thank you to the Friends of RMJS for organising this event which has raised a brilliant £363.76.

Dates for the Diary

3 rd April	Easter Bake Sale
Summer Term Dates	
24 th April	Toot Hill – Year 5 Parents Meeting
w/c 19 th May	Healthy Lifestyles Week
6 th June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop
25 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Summer BBQ

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	95.9%
3J	99.3%
4H	95.9%
4M	94.5%
5AC	94.7%
5G	95.8%
6L	94.9%
6M	95.9%
All	95.8%

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



House Points

Jupiter	683
Mercury	741
Neptune	567
Saturn	518

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!



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	Annabel Moskwa & Harrison Winch
3B	Ava Austin & Kiki Lam
4M	Violet Lilly-Colman & Ellie Morris
4H	Daniel-Junior Walsh Heffernan & Hiu Ching Wong
5G	Jenny Towers & Isaac Amari
5AC	Isla Johns & Isabelle Wong
6M	Ella Bensley, Emily Carter, Sadie Smith & Florence Lee
6L	Sapphire Kaur & Tommy Williams

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: Lottie, 3J

Most coins earnt: Lottie, 3J

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

Biggest improvement in speed: Amber 4H

Sports Update

A huge well done to our fantastic group of Year 4 children who recently took part in a brilliant dance festival! They showed great enthusiasm while learning a dance routine and even had a go at some ballroom dancing skills. It was wonderful to see them socialising with children from other schools, building confidence and having fun. They even joined in with Mr Jennings to bust a few impressive moves! The event was full of energy, inclusivity, and smiles, and it's safe to say we'll definitely be looking forward to returning next year.



It is competition time again! This time, the Friends of Robert Miles have organised an Easter Egg Design competition. The children have a template to use to help them draw their very own designs. Entries should be placed into the boxes outside Miss Horsfield's classroom by the end of Monday 31st March. The winning entries, chosen by the School Council, will receive an Easter Egg.



A vibrant green poster for an Easter Egg Design Competition. At the top, a string of yellow and purple triangular bunting hangs across the width. Below this, the text 'Free competition' is in purple, followed by 'Design your own Easter egg' in a larger, bold purple font. To the left and right of this text are clusters of yellow, pink, and orange balloons. In the center, 'WIN A CHOCOLATE EGG!' is written in large, bold, pink capital letters, with 'FOUR EGGS UP FOR GRABS' in a slightly smaller pink font below it. A circular blue logo for 'FRIENDS OF RMJS' featuring a school building is in the center. Two white rabbits with yellow flower crowns are positioned on the left and right sides. A white cloud-shaped box on the right contains the text 'Deadline: Monday 31st March' in purple. At the bottom, seven decorated Easter eggs (yellow with purple stars, pink with yellow flowers, orange with yellow crosses, purple with yellow stars, orange with yellow swirls, pink with yellow hearts, and orange with purple flowers) sit on a patch of green grass.

Free competition

**Design your own
Easter egg**

**WIN A CHOCOLATE
EGG!**

FOUR EGGS UP FOR GRABS

**Deadline:
Monday 31st
March**

One chocolate egg winner per year group.
Winners will be chosen by the School
Council & Mr Evelyn.

Weekly Menu w/c 24th March 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

- Fish and chips with bake beans or a choice of vegetables.
- Crispy vegetable fingers and chips with bake beans or a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate oatly slice

Term Dates - w/c 24th March 2025

Monday 24th March 2025

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Moana 2, 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 25th 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.
- 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 reading booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.

Wednesday 26th March 2025

- No honours assembly.
- Bible Explorers lunch time 12.45-1.15pm

Thursday 27th March 2025

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

- Year 4 Lion Learners animal experience within school time.
- 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 maths booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.
- Selected year 3 and 4 children attending Queen and King ball at East Leake Academy 4-5.30pm. Children to bring their PE kit, a drink and a snack.

Friday 28th March 2025

- No after school activities.

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 STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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