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Robins Lane Primary School Newsletter

10th November 2023

Headteacher's Notes

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a relaxing half term break. I hope you have spent quality time with loved ones and have had lots of fun. I have enjoyed hearing about the children's adventures. It can be difficult returning to school after an enjoyable break, I'm pleased to report that the children have settled back into their routines and learning admirably.

I opened this half term's assembly programme by revisiting the 'Extraordinary People' whose life stories inspired us in previous sessions. The children had brilliant recall and understood that inspirational people are not all the same. We began our new series with a focus on the life of Professor Stephen Hawking (theoretical physicist and cosmologist) As you can imagine, this was quite a complex subject and we discussed that to be a theoretical physicist you need curiosity, wonder, persistence, a sprinkle of maths and humility. This checklist relates so closely to our school values. The children were sad that Motor Neurone disease impacted on Professor Hawking's life and understood why he said, "Because every new day could be my last, I have developed a desire to make the most of each and every minute" His incredible story links to our WINGS values – particularly around never giving up and striving to succeed. Next week, we will be reflecting on the life and achievements of Nelson Mandela (Freedom fighter. Father of a nation) so you might want to find out about his life in advance.

This week our Year 4 and some of our Year 5 children have been attending swimming sessions at Queens Park. The sessions are vital, and we would encourage parents and carers of all our children to build on these sessions which could one day save their life!

On Wednesday a small group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils began a six week 'Beacon Project' experience at St Helens Fire station – the children involved had a fantastic first session and we look forward to them continuing to work on collaboration and communication through practical, challenging activities. The staff at the station said the children were motivated, polite and a credit to themselves and the school. What a great start!

Continuing with our sporting news, on Thursday, we were very fortunate to have Miss Eden, a dance expert, in school to deliver the start of our dance units for this half term's PE. She will be working alongside our teachers for the next 6 weeks to deliver high quality dance PE lessons. Some of our Y5/6 pupils have also had another opportunity to work with Miss Eden after-school to participate in a Dance club with the performances set to be filmed on the final week. We do still have some spaces available if you'd like your child to attend. There are some excellent photos on the school's Facebook page which really do capture the children's enjoyment of these quality sessions. Thank you for supporting us with our new PE kit arrangements – it has really impacted positively on the time available for participation in activities.

I'm sad to report that, despite the passage of time, the world news this week remains devastatingly bad. I hope we can all spend time thinking about the plight of the innocent children and people of Gaza and Israel. Our children struggle to make sense of the events happening, as many adults do – BBC's Newsround is an age-appropriate resource that can really help children to begin to understand the complex world they live in.

Now that the clocks have gone back, I can certainly feel winter is drawing in. Make the most of the daylight hours over the weekend and let's hope that the weather is kind to us. Have a lovely weekend with your family and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Tomkow





Attendance

This week's class attendance is:

Reception – 98.67%
 Year 1 – 94.14%
 Year 2 – 93%
 Year 3 – 93.79%
 Year 4 – 92.37%
 Year 5 – 83.46%
 Year 6 – 90.34%

Jigsaw Award Scroll Winners

This week's certificates were for:

'Accept that everyone is different'

The winners are:

Nursery – Nancy M
 Reception – Amelie J
 Year 1 – Jayden H
 Year 2 – Lilah E
 Year 3 – Willow G
 Year 4 – Matthew P
 Year 5 – Millicent R M
 Year 6 – Joshua A

Well done for making our school a better place!



WINGS Award

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Joshua O
Reception	Harper U
Year 1	Hassan B
Year 2	Regan C
Year 3	Alec M
Year 4	Bella S-S
Year 5	Lilah A
Year 6	Jessica O



Happy Lunchtime Award

This week's winners are:

Henry J
Lily M
Emily C
Alissia B
Amara D
George J
Robin H



Timetable Rockstars/Numbots

This week's stars are:

Reception	Zoe J-H
Year 1	Kaitlyn B
Year 2	Edna B
Year 3	Joel B
Year 4	Jake M
Year 5	David B
Year 6	Finn D



Class Dojos

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Joshua L
Reception	Teddy H
Year 1	Angel Y
Year 2	Emily C
Year 3	Bella T
Year 4	Charlie W
Year 5	Cameron S
Year 6	Reuben W-J



Spelling Shed Award

Last week's stars are:

Year 1	James R M
Year 2	Sennen M
Year 3	Joel B
Year 4	Henry J
Year 5	Evie D
Year 6	Alissia B

Friday Fun Nights

17th November- Bracelet Making Night

24th November- I'm A Little Robin, Get Me Out of Here!

1st December- Christmas Crafts Night

8th December- Reindeer Food Making

15th December- Christmas Film Night

Suggestion Box

If there's anything you'd like us to know, or you have any ideas on how we can improve, please let us know in the box below.