



**Aim  
High,  
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Robins Lane Primary School **Newsletter**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

# Headteacher's Notes

Dear parents and carers,

After what seemed like the longest January on record, we are suddenly in March – I am not sure what happened to February! I am beginning to notice the positive signs of spring – daffodils, blossom and lighter mornings. Let's hope the weather shifts and we soon experience sunshine and blue skies to help us to feel refreshed and cheerful.

On Tuesday, in my assembly, I shared the story of Bobbi Gibb. Bobbi was the first woman to complete the Boston Marathon and had to do this 'disguised' as a man as women were unable to participate in this event in 1967. They were deemed 'incapable'. The children were shocked at this lack of equality and listened attentively to the story of Bobbi's fight against prejudice and exclusion. Bobbi's stance led to change and women were allowed to compete alongside men 'officially' for the first time in 1972. We discussed our WINGS values and how Bobbi must have had a strong sense of 'never giving up' when everything was stacked against her. What an inspiring role model.

On Tuesday, Year 5 enjoyed their second 'Learning to Work' session this week with Irene from The Chamber of Commerce. They learnt about the route to different careers. They began by investigating the costs associated with further education and how this can be funded. They played Top Trumps with different careers and studied Alton Towers and the associated diversity of career opportunities. The children engaged positively with the learning, asked sensible questions and learnt lots about the world of work that awaits them.

Last Thursday, we hosted our first parents to school workshop event. This event was well supported and as a result Miss Graham has already seen a HUGE improvement in engagement with reading. Thank you to our amazing families for supporting children so much – it really does make a HUGE difference to life outcomes. We do hope parents and carers will continue to support by attending planned workshop events. Please check with your information to see when your child's session is – we would love to welcome you into school to help you to understand and support in your child's learning journey.

Attendance and punctuality remain a key priority as we embark on the second half of our academic year – did you know that persistent lateness has an enormous impact on children's learning and self-esteem? Our doors open at 8:30am and close at 8.45am. After this time, children have to enter school via the school office. Children are marked late on their record if they arrive between 8.45am and 9.15am. Children find it quite a challenge to walk into lessons late and this can make them nervous and upset – not forgetting the learning they have missed. In line with DfE guidelines, if children arrive after 9.15am they lose their mark for the whole morning! As you can imagine, this has a real impact on the children's attendance record. Please reach out for support if you are struggling to get to school on time.

Have a wonderful weekend – relax and enjoy time together as a family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, rested and recuperated, on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Tomkow





## Attendance

### This week's class attendance is:

Reception – 98.33%  
 Year 1 – 97%  
 Year 2 – 94.33%  
 Year 3 – 93%  
 Year 4 – 95.65%  
 Year 5 – 96.79%  
 Year 6 – 96%

## Jigsaw Award Scroll Winners

### This week's certificates were for:

**'Have eaten a healthy, balanced diet'**

### The winners are:

Nursery – Aster W  
 Reception – Teddy H  
 Year 1 – Abel W  
 Year 2 – Ella H  
 Year 3 – Riley T  
 Year 4 – Maisie W  
 Year 5 – Millicent R M  
 Year 6 – Eris L

**Well done for making our school a better place!**



## Timetable Rockstars/Numbots

### This week's stars are:

Reception	Sophia C
Year 1	Alessia M C
Year 2	Edna B
Year 3	Joel B
Year 4	Henry J
Year 5	David A
Year 6	Finn D



## Class Dojos

### This week's winners are:

Nursery	Asya K
Reception	Keira H
Year 1	Dean H
Year 2	Megan M
Year 3	Finley B
Year 4	Henry J
Year 5	Oliver S
Year 6	John T



## Spelling Shed Award

### Last week's stars are:

Year 1	Audrey M
Year 2	George J
Year 3	Finley M
Year 4	Abigail W-J
Year 5	David O
Year 6	Joshua A



## WINGS Award

### This week's winners are:

Nursery	Kobe T-H
Reception	Lucia J
Year 1	Mya C
Year 2	Joshua B
Year 3	Finley B
Year 4	Isla F
Year 5	Lewis C
Year 6	Daisy A



## Happy Lunchtime Award

### This week's winners are:

Harry A	Willow G
Violet R	Charlie T
Bobby M	Isla F
Mya C	Dylan R

## Friday Fun Nights

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Mask making

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Bracelet making

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Film night (full session required)

## 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.**