

**Robins Lane Primary School Newsletter** 

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# Headteacher's Notes

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday, we started the week with my 'Extraordinary People' assembly which focused on the life of artist Frida Kahlo. Some of our Key Stage 2 children really impressed me with their recall of her style and 'iconic' status which they remembered from art units they have studied in school. Her message "At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can" links to our WINGS values – particularly around never giving up and her life story shows that she endured many challenges in her relatively short life. Next week, we will be reflecting on the life and achievements of David Nott (a war surgeon and humanitarian) so you might want to get ahead of the game and discuss this in advance!

On Tuesday, a group of pupils attended a football tournament at Ruskin Drive. The pupils played 7 games in the group stage winning 5, drawing 1 and only losing 1 game. This meant the pupils finished top of their group stage and played a final game against Eccleston Lane Ends. Unfortunately, they were beaten 2-0 in the final. This is still a great achievement for our pupils, and we are immensely proud of their achievement. Well done!

On Thursday afternoon our Y5 and Y6 children experienced an innovative workshop provided by FACT learning. The workshop focused on the quote "I live on the internet", and what that might mean for our pupils. They completed a mapping activity where they brought their likes and references of 'living online'. Following on from these conversations they used artificial intelligence to design what their lives would look like as online video games. This was then turned into Augmented Reality filters that the group explored – children and staff had a brilliant, inspirational experience.

On Thursday night, we held our first EYFS open evening of the year – it was wonderful to meet new families and showcase our learning environment. Our young visitors explored every nook and cranny and enjoyed meeting our staff. Dates of future open events for Nursery and Reception are available on the school's website.

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA helpers and to our warm-hearted families for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning earlier today. We raised an incredible £103.40 for this fantastic cause. Thank you to 'The Balloony Bin and Florist' who kindly donated the amazing balloon bunches that were part of our stall.

The achievements of Robins Lane's children never cease to amaze me, and I love hearing about how our children go above and beyond in our community to help others. One of our Year 3 children, Frankie, completed a 5k moonlight walk – she received a certificate and a medal which she wears with pride, and she raised over £1000 for Willowbrook Hospice. Well done Frankie – this is truly inspirational!

Just a reminder that our parental survey is still live – thank you to those families who have provided feedback already – it is vital that you share your honest views in order for us to ensure the very best provision for the children.

Storm Agnes appeared briefly this week and reminded us all that colder, wetter and windier days are on the way. It's definitely time to wrap up warm. Please take a minute to write names in coats and jumpers just in case they get mixed up or go missing. Have a relaxing weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed, on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Tomkow



### Attendance

#### This week's class attendance is:

Reception - 98.67% Year 1 - 95.52% Year 2 - 91.67% Year 3 - 95.52% Year 4 - 97.32% Year 5 - 95% Year 6 - 96.33%

### Jigsaw Award Scroll Winners

### This week's certificates were for: 'Think about other people's feelings'

#### The winners are:

Nursery – Tommy F Reception – Emmie W Year 1 – Logan S Year 2 – Junior M Year 3 – Finley B Year 4 – Alfie B Year 5 – Oliver H Year 6 – Reece H

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



# Timetable Rockstars/Numbots

### This week's stars are:

Reception	Watch this space!
Year 1	Watch this space!
Year 2	Edna B
Year 3	Joel B
Year 4	Matthew P
Year 5	David B
Year 6	Alyssa C

# Class Dojos

### This week's winners are:

Nursery	Ellie S
Reception	Harvey H
Year 1	Abel W
Year 2	Emily C
Year 3	Zachary M
Year 4	Isla F
Year 5	Carly M
Year 6	Autumn K

Spelling Shed

# Year 6 Autumn K

### Last week's stars are:

Year 1	Watch this space!
Year 2	George J
Year 3	Joel B
Year 4	Henry J
Year 5	Seren B
Year 6	Mollie G

# WINGS Award

### This week's winners are:

Nursery	Sadie M
Reception	Keira H
Year 1	Bobby M
Year 2	King C
Year 3	Patrick F
Year 4	Kai K
Year 5	Ada L
Year 6	Reuben W-J

# Happy Lunchtime Award

Frankie H	Edna B
Oliver T	Brody G
Alyssa C	Lily M
Amber R	Mia W

# Friday Cake Sale

Please be reminded that we have a Friday cake sale every Friday to raise money towards our Year 5 & 6 Paris residential trip. Children are welcome to bring £1 into school to purchase a cake during breaktime as a Friday treat.

# Secondary School Applications

St. Helens School Admissions have confirmed that the online portal for parents applying for a secondary school place in September 2024 is now available. Letters will be going out to parents informing them how they can apply online. If a parent has already submitted a paper application, they can still apply online, as this will mean they will receive an offer email on 1<sup>st</sup> March. If parents have any queries, please contact Tracy Potter in School Admissions on 01744 671030.

# Friday Fun Nights

6<sup>th</sup> October- Science Experiment Night 13<sup>th</sup> October- Baking Night 20<sup>th</sup> October-Halloween 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.