



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

29th November 2024

Headteacher's Notes

Dear parents and carers,

December is on the horizon and the winter weather is keeping us all on our toes. The weather is wet and cold and can make mornings even more challenging when it comes to getting out of warm beds and facing the elements. Thank you to our generous parents who have contributed coats, old uniform, and other items to help out families in need. Your kindness makes such a difference. We remain short of girls' uniform so if you have anything that you no longer need, please send it into school so we can pass it on. As always, please let us know if you are struggling with uniform or coats and we will do what we can to help out.

On Tuesday, in my inspirational people assembly, I was delighted to share the story of Dr Mae Jemison, an engineer, physician and astronaut. The children were captivated by Mae's story and realised the power of striving to succeed. In 1987, Mae became the first black woman in the astronaut training programme at NASA and a few years later she flew into orbit – the first African American woman in space. The children had differing suggestions about what NASA stood for and I said I would clarify this...it is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration – I don't think any of us got it right! I have also popped this link in [NASA](#) so you can share it with your children and catch up with NASA's current work.

At The Sutton Academy this week, Year 4 completed the background for their sunflower painting through collage. They looked at using different mediums to create texture. By ripping apart coloured paper, they were able to add layers and manoeuvre around the sunflower.

During their visit to The Sutton Academy this week, Year 5 were designing leaves using zentangle patterns. The children filled their leaf with zentangle patterns and then added warm colours to them. They have collated our leaves into a class wreath which is proudly displayed on their classroom door. I had never heard of a zentangle so I investigated - The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. The patterns are known as tangles. Tangles are created with combinations of dots, lines, simple curves, S-curves and orbs. These patterns are drawn on small pieces of paper called "tiles" because they can be assembled into mosaics. The Zentangle Method is to create beautiful images where artists should enjoy increased focus, creativity, self-confidence, and an increased sense of well-being. How wonderful to read about the potential positive effects of this experience.

As I type today's newsletter, Year 2, Miss Fazakerley and her army of staff and volunteers are visiting the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot. This is a very exciting opportunity for our Year 2 class to watch a performance of Alice in Wonderland at this incredible venue. Miss Fazakerley wants her class to experience a professional drama performance and to be inspired to undertake extra-curricular activities in the same field. And, with the next month in mind, for children to understand key performance qualities to practise as they prepare and rehearse for their own Nativity play which they will perform later in December.

Enjoy the last couple of days of November before the December madness creeps in - wrap up warm, stay safe if you are out and about; have a cosy, restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Tomkow





This week's 100% Attendance Hero is:

Freya W

Attendance

This week's class attendance is:

- Reception – 93.2%
- Year 1 – 94.7%
- Year 2 – 98.9%
- Year 3 – 95.2%
- Year 4 – 95.2%
- Year 5 – 96.2%
- Year 6 – 96.9%

Jigsaw Award Scroll Winners

This week's certificates were for:

'Try to solve problems'

The winners are:

- Nursery – Amaya F
- Reception – Lois C
- Year 1 – Matilda B
- Year 2 – Bobbie C
- Year 3 – Emily C
- Year 4 – Wilson A
- Year 5 – Matthew P
- Year 6 – Thomas W

Well done for making our school a better place!



Timetable Rockstars/Numbots

This week's stars are:

Reception	Coming soon!
Year 1	Amelie J
Year 2	Hassan B
Year 3	Edna B
Year 4	Joel B
Year 5	Matthew P
Year 6	David B



Class Dojos

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Jacob B
Reception	Kobe T-H
Year 1	Miami Y
Year 2	Louie H
Year 3	Benjamin B
Year 4	Joshua G
Year 5	Maisie W
Year 6	Bethany W



WINGS Award

This week's winners are:

Nursery	Gracie P
Reception	Nancy M
Year 1	Teddy H
Year 2	Charlie T
Year 3	Evelyn M
Year 4	Luke H
Year 5	Bella S
Year 6	Amber R



Spelling Shed Award

This week's stars are:

Year 1	Harvey H
Year 2	George P
Year 3	Oliver G
Year 4	Elliott M
Year 5	Nathaniel N
Year 6	Bethany W



Happy Lunchtime Award

This week's winners are:

Evelyn M	Dean H
Lilah R	King C
River G	Felicity M
Emily C	Evie D

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.