

"We aim high and reach for the stars"



ROBIN HOOD ACADEMY

October 2019 Newsletter

5 PENCE CHALLENGE

Mrs Walker is raising money for school through the 5p Challenge. Each class will be up against each other to try to collect the most. The winning class will be rewarded with an extra play time so hunt down the sides of sofas and in your loose change hidey holes and see how many you can find!

Money raised will be used for extra resources for the children.



PTA AGM

The hard working group, Friends of Robin Hood are having their AGM on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 9:15am in the Dining Hall. Please come to the school office to sign in if you are attending.

YEAR 5 MOVIE NIGHT

Friends of Robin Hood are hosting a year 5 movie night on Monday 18th November 2019, 3:15pm to 5pm.

Please look out for letters to sign up to attend this and thank you to the friends for organising the event.



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I think you will all agree that our corridors are looking like an explosion of topic work at the moment! The staff have been working really hard with the pupils to open out the topics from each year group into the corridors to showcase and share the learning!

Our Early Years children have settled well into the routine of Reception and Nursery. Nursery have been busy hunting for bears, creating story maps showing their focus on mark making. They also celebrated, 'it is good to be me' for World Mental Health Day earlier this month.

In Reception, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the Elmer story and please do look on the blog to listen to the children retelling the story! They have also made the most of the sunshine in the last few weeks to explore the outside area. They have been enjoying role playing people who help us and acting out scenarios!

The year 1 corridor is a wonderful walk through history at the moment, from the most recent win of the World Cup back to the prehistoric times when dinosaurs roamed the streets of Hall Green! There have been lots of drama activities as they have acted out events from their memory box and they even found a time capsule!

Year 2 have been enjoying the locality and looking for physical and human features to compare and contrast. The year 2 corridor is showcasing a mixture of physical and human features, including a very popular zebra crossing!

The lockers in year 3 are covered in graffiti tags at the moment - all legitimate! The Urban Pioneer unit is offering year 3 many art opportunities. Please do have a look at their city skyline art work as you pass through.

Years 4 and 5 have been traveling back in time. Year 4 to the Roman period and year 5 back to

Egyptian times when Pharaoh's ruled. Year 4 had a visit from the Roman Man, who helped them to understand what life was like as a Roman Soldier. Y5 have been looking at timelines and linking their knowledge to the drama opportunities from The Rep. Please keep an eye out for their Pharaoh creations as you walk through their corridor. I have to say, they make very regal looking Pharaohs as a year group! They are looking forward to their trip to London for a rare opportunity to see the Egyptian artifacts at the museums.

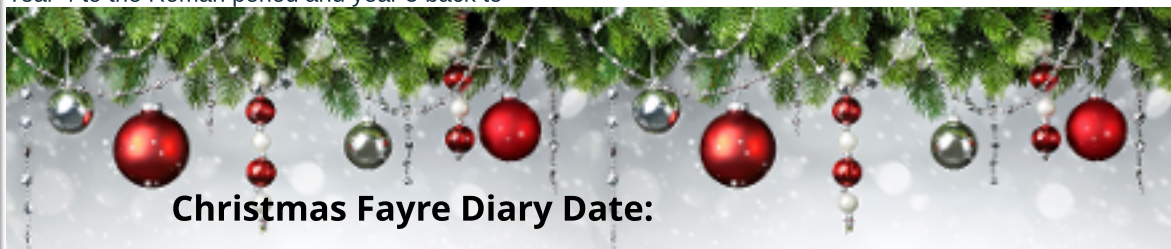
It has been a frosty start to the year for year 6, who have embraced 'The Frozen Kingdom'! The corridors celebrate high quality art work where there has been great attention to detail. They have also enjoyed their trip to the Mosque and visits to Hall Green Library. Their Talk for Writing Text, Pig Heart Boy, has inspired some highly emotive persuasive writing around organ transplants.

As we move further into the Autumn term and head towards December, the topics being longer now will enable pupils to deepen their skills and knowledge in these subjects.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening or arranged a call with the class teacher. It is great to welcome you into the school and have an opportunity to share the work your children have done. Please do remember that class teachers and leadership will make themselves available to speak to you as soon as possible, should you have anything you wish to raise.

Enjoy a restful half term everyone!

Mrs Downs



Christmas Fayre Diary Date:

Friday 13th December, from 3:30pm - 4:30pm



ELECTIONS - PARLIAMENT WEEK - WEEK BEGINNING 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

As we have an active pupil voice at Robin Hood Academy, we will be electing the representatives for School Council, Team Protect and Eco-Council. Class teachers will be talking to the children about the leadership skills and social skills the children will use as part of these forums. They are great opportunities for pupils to have a say in making change happen, organise events, be part of projects and look at how they support the Rights of the child. The process will be a smaller version of the democratic voting which takes place in Britain, with children voting for the candidates who are put forward so they can decide who they want to represent them.

Article 12: Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them.

SRE CONSULTATION

With the new changes to Relationship Education from September 2020, Miss McClelland has started to audit the current provision. As part of this process she will be consulting with the stakeholders around the school to ensure that views are respected and considered. Information about the consultation opportunities will be coming out shortly.



MEDICAL TRACKER

Please remember that the ONLY communication of minor First Aid injuries will be via email. If you have not completed the Medical Tracker form to register your email address, please do so ASAP. This system allows school to have rigorous systems for monitoring first aid incidents to have a proactive approach to risk assessments. We still have many emails missing, please do make sure that you have sent your email via the link sent.

Dates for the Diary!

Week beginning Monday 28th October - school closed for staff training

Monday 4th November '19 - School reopens at 8:45 am for all pupils

Tuesday 5th - 11th November - Book fair starts in Main hall, before and after school

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (Sports Clothes)

Week beginning Monday 4th November '19 - Book fair begins

Thursday 21st November '19 - Open day for new parents 10am

Friday 13th December '19 - Woolly Jumper Day / Christmas Fayre

Friday 20th December '19 - school closes for end of term

Monday 6th January '19 - school closed for staff training

Tuesday 7th January '19 - school re-opens for all pupils

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, pupils are welcome to wear sports clothes for a voluntary £1 contribution to Children in Need. Mrs Curthoys and Mr Holland are going to be looking at fun sports opportunities throughout the day.



LIBRARY LAUNCH

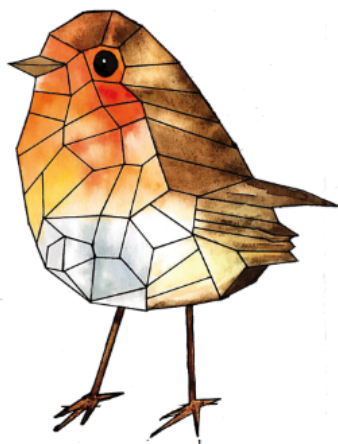
Mrs Farrell has been exceptionally busy over the last few weeks as she has banded all of the books in school so that our reading progression is clear for the pupils, staff and parents. It is so important that pupils have a book that matches their development and thanks to her hard work and the team who have supported her, this is now in place. The library will be opened after half term as we have really missed this valued resource while it has been designed, resourced and made into the best environment for our pupils to enjoy!

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 13th November to take photographs. A letter will come after half term for sibling photographs to be organised.



UNICEF RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



Introducing our Rights Robin! We are thrilled to welcome him to Robin Hood. He is here to help us to link our teaching and learning to the Rights of the Child so that we are always mindful of each article throughout our daily work at school.

A huge thank you goes to our Unicef Team in school, headed up by Mrs Budd. Mrs Davis designed and created the robin and we are grateful for her time and talent. Miss Cook has helped with producing the robin holding each article for every one in school to use. It has been a team effort in the making and something we value highly within the school.

The Rights Robin is made up of 54 pieces, each representing one of the articles making up the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

See if you can spot him around school and in your children's work when you are around school!

SWEETS AT THE END OF SCHOOL

We enjoy celebrating birthdays and special events as a school. Can we please ask that any food items brought in for sharing go through the classroom staff, who will ensure these are given out at the end of day, bearing in mind allergies and food sensitivities. As a school, we do discourage the sharing of sweets with friendships groups on the playground at the end of the day and would ask parents/carers to support us with this, thank you.



CONDUCT ON SITE

Just a reminder please that we are vape free, smoke free, mobile phone free site.

This is to keep our children safe and to role model positive behaviours on the school site.

We thank you for respecting this.



*We are looking for a rep for Parent Forum for
Reception and Nursery*



*Please see Mrs Goodwin in the office if you are
interested to collect the application information.*

***Applications to be in by Friday 15th November
please.***

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

Parent Well-being Coffee morning:

Friday 20th December 2019 - Festive Wellbeing Coffee morning



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please remember that applications for our Year 6 pupils are completed directly with the Local Authority and are now online. Click **here** for the link. The deadline is 31st October 2019 and late applications often lead to a limited choice of school and late confirmation of the school place allocated.

**Have a happy half
term everyone!**