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During one of our first assemblies of the new year we had a relaunch of 'Times Tables Rockstars' and 'Numbots'. This is a website that every child in the school has access to. Children in **EYFS** and **Year 1** have access to 'Numbots'. Through immersive games, children are able to build their understanding of number. Ultimately, regular use of 'Numbots' will lead to children achieving the 'triple win' of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from 'counting' to 'calculating'.

From **Years 2-6** children should be regularly practising their times tables. So much of the Primary and Secondary Mathematics curriculum can be linked directly back to times tables facts, and it is vitally important that children are able to recall these with fluency. The best way to achieve this is through short, regular practise; Times Tables Rockstars is ideal for this.

As well as reading five times a week, we expect children to be regularly practising recall of addition/subtraction or times tables facts. All children have been given a login to 'Numbots' or 'TimesTables Rockstars'.

To find the websites please follow:

<https://numbots.com/>  
<https://trockstars.com/>

If you find that you are unable to access these websites from home please speak to your child's class teacher.

Mr Fannin

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Fraser Portraits  
will be coming into  
school to take in-  
dividual photos on  
**Thursday 10th  
October 2024**

If you would like a group photograph  
with a pre-school sibling, please bring  
your children to the hall at 8.15.

Please also ensure that your child  
wears their jumper or cardigan. No  
green hair accessories please as this  
can compromise the 'green screen' pro-  
cess.

Congratulations to our catering  
team Bev, Donna and Koren who  
have secured another 5 star food  
hygiene rating when inspected by  
Swindon Borough Council's Environ-  
mental Health team last week.



Class 9 and 10 have had their school  
sleepovers already this term. They arrived  
at 6pm and played outside for a couple of  
hours. They then had pizza before playing  
in the dark with LED helicopters! Next it  
was a story around the campfire followed  
by a wildlife walk where we saw lots of  
foxes. Finally, it was time for bed and the  
children were picked up by their parents  
at 9.30 after having breakfast.

Thank you to all the staff who made this  
possible.





# Parent Support Advisor

As many of you will know, part of my role is to be available to parents to discuss concerns or worries you may have around your child's behaviour or development. Recently I became aware of a website called My Family Coach ([Home - My Family Coach](#)), which is run by an organisation called Team Teach, who train all our staff in behaviour support strategies. My Family Coach is free to access and has a wealth of knowledge and advice for parents in all situations. There are articles, podcasts and free online classes (for example there is an upcoming class on creating routines and coping with change) and I would recommend giving it a look if you have the time! There is also a free app called My Family Journal which gives parents the opportunity to note down behaviours or events so that when we get together to discuss them we can look back and try to establish whether there is a pattern or a trigger. It's also a great way to record the good days, sometimes we can get overwhelmed by the negative and lose sight of all the good things happening!

On this theme we will be hosting another Lighthouse talk in the hall next week (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October) at 9am, entitled Managing Big Feelings. Please see the poster attached, it would be lovely to see some of you there.

**As always, I am here to offer support and advice to all parents of children here at RLK. Parents/carers do not need to be referred but instead can contact me directly via the school office, or by emailing [psa@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:psa@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk)**

**Drop in sessions happen every Tuesday. Please email me or ring the office if you would like to book a slot to discuss any issues, big or small, regarding parenting.**

**In addition to Tuesday morning drop in sessions, I also open the school library on Mondays until 4pm where I am also available to discuss any issues.**

**Tara Ward - Parent Support Advisor**



## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Honour Based Abuse**

Honour-based abuse is a crime or incident committed to protect or defend the 'honour' of a family or community. If your family or community think you've shamed or embarrassed them by behaving in a certain way, they may punish you for breaking their 'honour' code.

#### **Is honour-based abuse happening to you?**

Have you been threatened or abused if you've tried to.....

- separate or divorce
- talk to certain people
- have sex before marriage
- become pregnant or give birth outside of marriage
- wear clothes your family or community think are inappropriate
- use drugs or alcohol
- access higher education
- challenge what your family or community expect of you
- disagree with the religion of your family or community

People who carry out honour-based abuse are often close family members but also extended family or community members.

#### **Types of honour-based abuse**

There isn't one specific crime of honour-based abuse. It can involve a range of crimes and behaviours, such as:

- [forced marriage](#)
- [domestic abuse](#) (physical, sexual, psychological, emotional or financial)
- sexual [harassment](#) and sexual violence ([rape and sexual assault](#) or the threat of)
- threats to kill, physical and emotional violence and murder
- pressure to go or move abroad
- being kept at home with no freedom
- not allowed to use the telephone, internet, or have access to important documents like your passport or birth certificate
- isolation from friends and members of your own family

If you are worried that someone you know may be being abused, or you are experiencing abuse yourself, please report it on 999 or 101 for non-immediate threats to safety. Alternatively <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/honour-based-abuse/report-honour-based-abuse/> can link you to an online form to complete. They also have a comprehensive list of organisations that can support people experiencing this kind of abuse. The organisation Refuge offer a live chat between 10am and 10pm for anyone experiencing domestic abuse at [refuge.org.uk](http://refuge.org.uk) or the National Domestic Abuse Helpline is open 24 hours on **0808 2000 247**.



## Reading for Pleasure



Reading can mean lots of things to different people. Many adults enjoy listening to stories, rather than reading the text. Children also love to hear stories, either read aloud by a family member, or by a familiar adult from a T.V. programme. If your children are looking for a story to listen to or watch, there are many resources from the 'Books Alive!' company. They have created versions of familiar stories for children to enjoy, that are available to watch on YouTube. They can be found by putting 'Books Alive!' into a search engine. As with any online search and use of YouTube, we would recommend that an adult does the searching so that children are accessing material that is appropriate for them.

## HARVEST DONATIONS 2024

Each year our school collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank). The Swindon Food Collective then distribute your donated items to those in need, helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness and the current cost of living crisis.

### **HOWEVER THINGS HAVE CHANGED THIS YEAR.**

Firstly, please note that we currently **have plentiful supplies of shower gel, pasta and baked beans.**

Secondly, we continue to be fortunate in receiving great support from supermarkets through customer donations hence why this year, **we are asking for a mixture of food related items and household goods/toiletries to help keep families safe and well within their homes.** Many people have limited amounts of or are unable to afford cleaning products and toiletries on a regular basis.

**We will be collecting donations from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

### **Swindon Food Collective Is In Most Need Of:**

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

- Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Biscuits
- Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); 1L Bottles of Squash;
- Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants



## SUPPORTERS NEWS

The new term is under way and the RLK Supporters have had their first meeting of the school year. We are already thinking ahead to the Christmas Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> December and beginning to make plans. Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October. Details of the date and time will be sent out early next week. If you would like to know a little more about what we do please see Mrs Beale or email the Supporters at [supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org)

### Asda 'Cashpot' fundraising scheme



A big thank you to all those who have signed up to the Asda 'Cashpot' scheme. After only a couple of weeks we have already raised £125. If you shop online or instore at Asda and have not signed up to the scheme yet, details of how to take part can be found on the attached flier or on the poster in the classroom windows.

### Key Stage 2 Theatre performance

The Key Stage 2 children were treated to a lively performance of the children's classic tale Oliver Twist, by the M & M Theatre Company on Monday. The performance was then followed by a 'question and answer session' with the Year 6 children. We've had some great feedback from children and staff and the cast members were also very complimentary about the behaviour and enthusiasm of our children. The theatre company will be returning in January to treat the children in Key Stage 1 to a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. A big thank you to the RLK Supporters for supporting the cost of these experiences for our children.



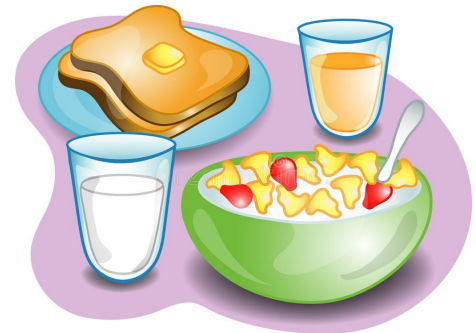
**SAVE THE DATE – the Robert le Kyng Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 4pm.**



Our breakfast club is open from 7.45 am every school day. Please contact the office if you'd like to book a space for your child.

A number of different activities are available each day and of course breakfast.

Booking and paying in advance for the next term attracts a 20% discount on the price.



### Did you know that we have a Facebook page?



Just search for 'Robert le Kyng Primary School' on Facebook, look for the RLK school logo and select 'Like' to follow our page.

We use this page for general updates, photos and sharing of useful education based Facebook links.



Please note that the main platform for school communication is Parentmail, telephone calls and the school office email address. (The Facebook page does not allow messages between parents and school)

### 2024 -2025 TD DAYS

2nd September

3rd September

4th November

14th February

24th February—School closed  
Blue Kite Trust

Collaboration

Day

I know that many children like to share sweets/cakes/biscuits etc with their class and teachers when it is their birthday. Unfortunately we are unable to facilitate this in school. We have children with allergies and it is not safe to share. Also with the cost of living crisis it is an unnecessary outlay.

Thank you for your understanding.