



Dear Parents/carers

2023 has gotten off to a great start at school, with the children working hard and after school clubs in full swing too. As ever, we have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks so please check the dates page on the newsletter and Class Dojo to ensure that you don't miss anything!

Please ensure your children have their gloves, hats, jumpers and coats named as the weather has been particularly cold and the children really need to keep warm whilst outside.

Ofsted News

We are delighted to be able to share the report from our most recent OFSTED inspection, which took place on the 22nd-23rd November 2022.

The whole staff are so pleased with the way in which the inspector has managed to capture everything we have worked so hard to achieve for our children and community. Thank you to all parents who contributed to the OFSTED survey. Our strong partnership with our families is one of the reasons that Robinswood is such a successful school - everyone is working together to make a difference to our children.

Some of the phrases from the report make us beam with pride are:

"Pupils enjoy school. The school code 'Be kind, be honest, be responsible, be respectful' is the bedrock of the expectations that staff have."

"School leaders are relentless in their desire to improve the lives of pupils through a purposeful education. Their expectations are high and everyone, staff and pupils alike, contributes to them. Leaders' actions, and modelling of behaviours, have captured the right responses. The school is harmonious and everyone is striving to provide, or receive, a better education."

"Pupils' personal development is a vital part of the school's work. Pastoral support for pupils and families is a strength of the school. Leaders have strong relationships with parents and carers who share concerns promptly. The personal, social, health and economic curriculum supports pupils successfully from pre-school to Year 6. Pupils flourish in their understanding of the world around them."

We are very proud of our school, of what our children achieve, and of the positive atmosphere, that permeates the school. We will continue to work hard to improve our 'GOOD' school!

ATTENDANCE

A new attendance page has been created on our website – please take a look for helpful information. You will also find a link to the schools Attendance Policy on there.



We have introduced a new role of Attendance Ambassador.

These children will support me to promote and celebrate good attendance throughout the school. I asked year 5's to write me a letter telling me why they would be the ideal candidate for the role. We had some amazing letters and could see how passionate they were to help promote attendance and support those who may need it. The successful applicants were announced in assembly last week. They are Freya, Victoria, Rilan and Roble. We have already had our first meeting where they all came up with some fantastic ideas to promote attendance – keep an eye out for some amazing posters coming soon!

Valentines Discos

We will be hosting Valentines Discos for Reception & KS1 and KS2 separately on Tuesday 14th February.

Tickets will be for sale on Parent Pay or from the office.

Reception + KS1 tickets cost £3.50 to include refreshments so no money is required at school

KS2 tickets cost £2.50 and refreshments will be on sale on the night.

Reception + KS1's disco will be straight after school until 4.15pm in the bottom hall (bring a change of clothes in a named bag.)

KS2's disco will be from 4.30pm - 5.30pm in the bottom hall.

Pre-School

We have explored bubble painting in small group. Each child was given a straw, and the adult demonstrated how to create the bubbles by blowing through the straw into the paint mixture. The adult then showed the children how to catch the bubbles on their paper. From exploring this activity, the children found different ways in which marks can be created. The children also shared their knowledge of colour names. New vocabulary was modelled to the children such as bubbles, paint, blow, splat and straw.



Reception

The Reception children have settled back into school life brilliantly since returning after Christmas and all of the Reception staff are so proud of their efforts.

They have enjoyed learning about the topic Under the Sea and loved being able to hold [and smell] a real-life lobster! The children have completed some excellent artwork and writing linked to both fiction and non-fiction texts.

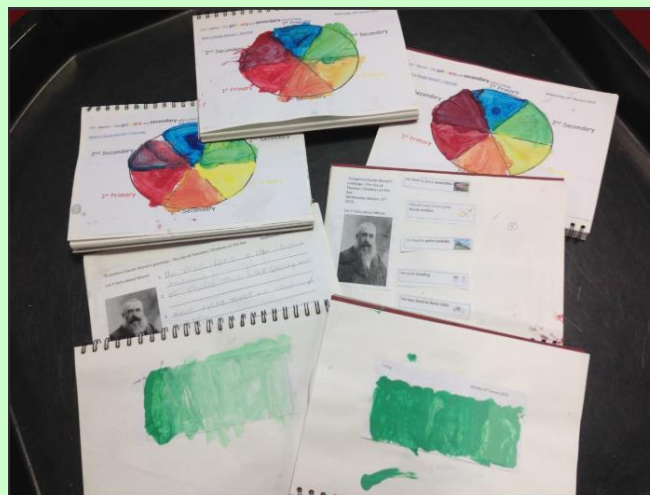
The children have also been able to explore the signs of winter when going on a walk, made pizzas, experienced fencing for the first and also been able to work with their friends to create dens and develop their Maths skills over at forest school.



Year 1

In Year 1 this term we are studying the artist Claude Monet.

We have found out some facts about his work and style, practised colour mixing and tinting to develop our skills. By the end of term, we will be able to combine all our skills to create our own pieces of art.



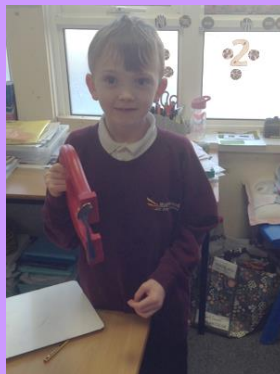
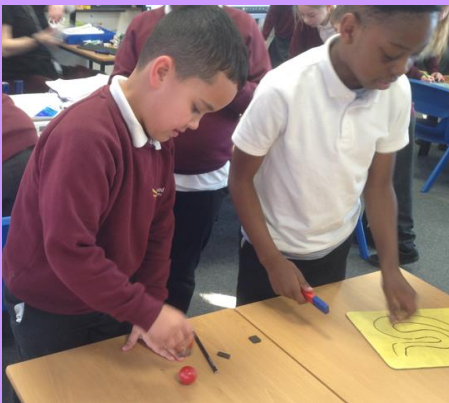
Year 2

We have had a busy start back to school in Year 2. In science, we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow well. In the photographs, we have been sorting beans, plants and bulbs!



Year 3

In science, Year 3 have been investigating magnets and materials that are magnetic. We made predictions and tested our theories. There were a few surprises too that challenged our thoughts.



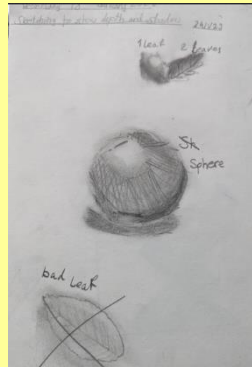
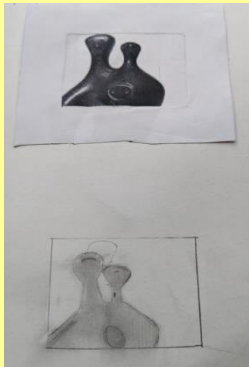
Year 4

Year 4 have had fantastic start to the term. We started off this term learning about our new book by exploring forest school and hunting for clues. Our book is called Podkin One-Ear and it's about a one-eared warrior rabbit. We have enjoyed going swimming and wowing the instructors from last year with our progress. Some of us have even moved up and changed groups! Our fencing taster session was great fun. It is now Cedar class' turn to learn the clarinet and it is much harder than we thought it was going to be! Even Miss G finds it hard and squeaks when playing!



Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the Artist Henry Moore. We have been looking at his fantastic smooth and holey sculptures, which are often inspired by nature. The final goal of the project is to produce our own clay sculpture in the style of Henry Moore, but, so far, we have been improving our sketching skills. We have focused on sketching natural objects and trying to make sure our sketches are 3D and as detailed as possible.



Year 6

Year 6 have been immersed in their History topic this term: they entered a room left empty during an air raid and made inferences about life in World War Two by observing the artefacts left.

They also signed the Official Secrets Act to promise not to share any British secrets they learn while studying Bletchley Park and the incredible work done by the mathematicians working there.



Sporting News

Robinswood football team travelled to Field Court on Tuesday 24th of January to play their first match since Christmas. Despite losing captain Leo to flu, the team organised themselves brilliantly and started the game strongly with JJ, Santino and Tobias bossing it from the back. Joe scored an excellent opening goal after a couple of minutes, which was quickly doubled by Harvey. The second half saw Robinswood dominate, with Riko making his debut. But they couldn't turn their dominance into another goal. Ra'Jhane made an excellent stop and also saved a penalty. The match ended with a well-deserved 2:0 victory and Brayden gave the loudest 3 cheers of the season. Well done team!



A huge congratulations to the Sports Hall Athletics team for their phenomenal performance in the recent competition held at Oxstalls on the 6th January. They were by far the most supportive team there (cheering each other on non-stop) and finished an impressive 3rd overall. A special well done to Sky Esson for being the only Year 4 pupil to take part and putting in a tremendous performance in the team relay event. Well done Team Robinswood!



The Library

Stay & Play Session



A play time session and story for pre-school children and their families

Matson Library
Thursday 12 January 2023
14:00 - 15:00

Booking is essential - scan the QR code or visit gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk

BOOK HERE

A colorful promotional poster for a library session. The background is white with large, overlapping circles in blue, purple, orange, and pink. The text 'The Library' is in the top left. The main title 'Stay & Play Session' is in large white font on a blue circle. A QR code is in the middle right. Below it is a 'BOOK HERE' button with a book icon. The bottom text provides the location, date, and time, and a booking link. There are two circular photos: one showing children reading a book together, and another showing a child playing with toys.

Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Thursday 26 th January	Football match- Calton Primary (home)
Friday 27 th January	Young Voices Concert-Birmingham
Tuesday 31 st January	Year 3 &4 swimming
Wednesday 1 st February	Pre-School Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd February	Football match-Abbeymead primary (away)
Friday 3 rd February	Open afternoon-1.30pm for parents with multiple children 2.00pm for parents with one child in school.
Week beginning Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health week SEND parent group
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 3 &4 swimming Parents evening
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents evening Young Minds matter assembly Pre-School Parent meetings
Monday 13 th –Friday 17 th February	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 13 th February	Cheltenham Dance Festival
Tuesday 14 th February	Year 3 &4 swimming Valentines Discos 3:15-4:15 KS1 and Reception, 4:30-5:30 KS2
Wednesday 15 th February	Pre-school-Valentine's Day stay and play
Friday 17 th February	BEST Assemblies Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Saturday 18 th -Sunday 26 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Back to School SEND parent's group
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March	Year 1 + 2 Trip to Slimbridge
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 6 Mock trial
Thursday 16 th March	Year 6 School Nurse Height and Weight Checks
Monday 27 th March	Parent forum 2pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 5/6 Romeo & Juliet performance at Henley Bank School (p.m)
Friday 31 st March	BEST Assemblies Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish

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Saturday 1 st -Sunday 16 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	Back to School
Thursday 25 th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Friday 26 th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 27 th May- Sunday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Back to School
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term-3:15pm finish
Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 th July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Wednesday 26 th July	Summer Holidays