

Newsletter

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Message from Mr McCoy

Well done to our KS2 Kurling team who represented us so well at yesterday's event. As we'd expect, their manners and sportsmanship were exemplary. Some of our Year 4 children have been busy today and have taken part in a local Sports Hall Athletics competition, hopefully they will come back this afternoon with some good news.

Years 5 & 6 have had a great experience this week working with the Debt Awareness team and they have been looking at money, budgeting, savings etc - a lifelong skill.

Thank you for supporting our book fair last week, it was amazing to see so many of you buying books. We sold £2596 worth of books and accessories and the commission we receive will be spent on new books for our school library and the book vending machine. Lots of children were really excited to win Golden Tickets last week. Some of the winners have been out for their winning treat this afternoon, a group of children will be having lunch with me during the last week of term, lots of children won gold coins for the book vending machine and a few children won an extra break time for their class. What a great event! Thanks again to the FOBH for their support in organising and running this event.

Have a great weekend everyone and I'll see you on Monday.

Merit Award - Children who demonstrate responsibility

	R.O.T.W	W.O.T.W	M.O.T.W	Bronze	Silver	Gold
RHE	Alfred M	Michael G	David D	Isaac McK	Hope K	Una W
RHU	Mila C	Noah R	Nancy M-S	Kara S	Eliot D	Sofia D
RR	Fin H	Penelope H	Barney F	Lucy J	Penelope K	Olivia H
1A	Louis C	Arthur D	Isla N	Amiyah M	Luke C	Emma H
1CS	Haydn R	Zain T	Elara J	Sadie C	Willow L	Vinnie F
1M	Miya L	Ella C	Ava B	Max H	Kim R	Ivy H
2G	Freddie D	Mollie B	Harry B	Molly H	Sophie F	Amelia G
2J	Ethan D	George K	Ellie R	Oliver H	Grace C	Charlie G
2W	Bradley R	Edie F	Evie Y	Isobel R	Hattie H	Clyde W
3D	Maggie L	Luca D	Jude H	Evie F	Harper E	Elliot K
3H	Spencer D	Cohan W	Ivy P	Molly McW	Archie J	Tom K
3M	Tiffany H	Isla McC	Ryan S	Mia J	Regan L	Milo G
4C	Andriana C	Elise S	Rhea J	Leon T	Joel C	Ella G
4MC	Lucas S	Imogen S	Bethany H	Sky W	Max R	Millie M
4MO	Grace L-G	Hallie S	Lucas W	Maisie A	Mason McC	Thea C
5B	Georgia W	Annabelle K	Emily C	Emma B	Charlie H	Mollie C
5W	Tom B	River L	Dylan R	Bea D	Enzo O'N	Freddie G
6D	Daniel K	Amelia M	Poppy F	Toby K	Athelia R	Marley D
6W	Seren R	Leo D	Archie L	Reuben L	Frankie W	Alex D

What's on w/c 18.03.24 FOBH Donate an Egg week During School After School Goalball Y3 & 4 - Mr Ja

18.03.2024	Before School	During School	After School
Monday	FOBH Roberts Recycling Collection	Y2, Y5 & Y6 PE 5W Swimming	Goalball Y3 & 4 - Mr Jackson 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm
Tuesday	Dodgeball Y3 & 4 - Mr Dagnall 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground) at 8.00am	YR, Y4 & Y5 PE	Fitness Frenzy Y3 4 5 & 6 - Mrs Aspinall-Wood 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm Parents Evening (not 4Mo)
Wednesday	Dance Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Karen Elliott (External Provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground) at 8.00am	Y1 & Y3 PE 4Mo Parents Evening Rock Steady Concert	Gymnastics Y3 4 5 & 6 - Future Gym (External Provider) 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.20pm Parents Evening
Thursday	Multisport Y5 & 6 - Future Gym (External Provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground) at 8.00am	Y1, Y2 & Y3 PE	Gymnastics YR 1 & 2 - Future Gym (External Provider) 4 of 4 Exit via main reception at 4.15pm Environment Afternoon
Friday	Athletics YR, 1 & 2 - Future Gym (External Provider) 4 of 4 Enter via Junior Library corridor (KS2 playground) at 8.00am	YR, Y4 & Y6 PE	

Key Dates Spring B Term

- 18.03.24 Monday—FOBH Roberts Recycling Collection
- 18.03.24-22.03.24 Monday-Friday —FOBH Donate an Easter Egg Week
- 19.03.24 Tuesday—Parents Evening (not 4Mo)
- 20.03.24 Wednesday—Parents Evening
- 20.03.24 Wednesday—Rock Steady Concert (PM)
- 21.03.24 Thursday—Environment Afternoon
- 26.03.24 Tuesday—Y4 Assemblies (AM)
- 27.03.24 Wednesday—FOBH Easter Bingo (Evening)
- 28.03.24 Thursday—Deadline to order toast on School Money for Summer A Term
- 28.03.24 Thursday—FOBH Easter Egg Raffle
- 28.03.24 Thursday—FOBH Own Clothes Day —Bring a Bottle for the Gala
- 28.03.24 Thursday—School Finishes for the Easter Break (Return Monday 15th April)

Friends of Bleak Hill

Dates for Your Diaries

Roberts Recycling 18.03.24

Easter Bingo 27.03.24
Easter Raffle 28.03.24
Own Clothes Day Bring a Bottle for Gala 28.03.24



Friends of Bleak Hill (FOBH) Family Easter Bingo
Wednesday 27th March 2024 - Doors Open 5.45pm, Eyes Down
6pm

The popular Family Easter Bingo is being held on Wednesday 27th March at 5.45pm at school. Please come and join us for a fun family night with lots of prizes to be won. As this is a bingo event it is most suitable for school age children as children would be required to sit quietly and mark tickets with a family member.

Tickets for the evening are £1.00 per person. Tickets will be available from 12pm on Friday the $15^{\rm th}$ of March via SchoolMoney in the shop section. This event is always popular so please purchase tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We only have a limited number of tickets available, and they will be on a first come first served basis. To allow more families to attend we would ask that each family buys no more than 6 tickets

Thank you for your support.

Friends of Bleak Hill Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets for the raffle will be available to purchase in class from Monday 25th March up to the morning of Thursday 28th March. The raffle draw will take place during the day on Thursday 28th March.

Tickets are £1 per strip and children can bring cash into school to purchase tickets.

Money raised will go back in to supporting our school and will benefit our children.

If you are able to donate an Easter Egg to our Easter Egg Raffle could you please bring them in via your child's class during the week 18th-22nd March.

Thank you for your support

Friends of Bleak Hill



Our next **Roberts recycling** collection has been arranged for

Monday 18th March at 9 am

Put all your items in a black bag or 2 then leave outside reception in front of the bin store.

We accept the following 'good quality' items:

- Shirts, T-shirts, vest tops
- Trousers, shorts, jeans, joggers
- Jackets, hoodies
- Bags
- Belts & Ties
- · Boots, shoes, trainers
- Hats
- Gloves
- Clean/new underwear
- Skirts, Dresses
- Jewellerv
- Swimwear
- Lingerie

We don't accept:

Bath robes, socks, slippers

Pyjamas

Uniforms and workwear





All Day. Every Day.



Attendance Matters



Attendance		
Whole School	96.4%	
Reception	92.0%	
Year 1	95.6%	
Year 2	97.2%	
Year 3	97.0%	
Year 4	99.3%	
Year 5	99.4%	
Year 6	95.3%	

Equates to:	100%	PERFECTION
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL Off ceach year	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL ME Off reach year	95%	NEARLY THERE
SCHOOL Off each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90%	CONCERNS ordered to Educational. Welface (Persistent, absenters)
30 SCHOOL	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

KEY MESSAGE

The next attendance register review will be completed during the Easter break. If your child is below 93% attendance or has a record of late arrivals you may receive a letter. Please don't be alarmed we are just trying to offer support and solutions.

If anyone needs support before hand, please remember we are here. We have tried enough things over the years to have many solutions that are worth a go

SEPTEMBER TO DATE

What could be an attendance concern?

Attendance below 93% is considered an attendance concern

Persistent Absentee below 90% Attendance

Entrenched poor attendance significantly below 90%

Attendance below 50% with the need for external

agency support

Absence patterns

Arrivals after classroom doors have closed

Lateness after the register closes

School anxiety that requires pastoral support



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

De*#! While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there *are* some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, carroons and accumentanes, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or sociolising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

Encroaching **ADVERTS**

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read though older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

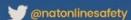
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SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024 11AM - 4PM

MELLOR AND BLACK ENCHANTED
TEA GARDENS
22 DUKE STREET, ST.HELENS, WA10 2JP

STALLS
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS
EASTER GAMES AND RAFFLE
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!









Please help me to raise funds and awareness for Autism

My name is Ian Marsden and I am running the London Marathon on the 21st April 2024 for The National Autistic Society as part of Team Autism





Please help in any way you can by donating to my Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/ian-marsden-teamautism

Any questions? Email me on: rhrian@gmail.com



Good luck to one of our Grandparents who is taking on the London Marathon in April!