



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy two weeks in school with lots going on and amazing learning taking place.

Our Y6 children had the opportunity to attend Robinwood residential centre for a 3 day residential. They completed lots of activities including zip wire, canoeing and trapeze. They worked fantastically well as a team-offering each other support and encouragement to complete activities outside of their comfort zone at times. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their own time to take the children this year. We continue to be committed to a residential in Y6 and we believe that attending at this time of year is a perfect start. We have provisionally booked for our current y5 to attend next year and information will be shared ASAP. We do recommend small payments weekly and this avoids a larger sum being owed nearer to the time!

It has been great to see clubs starting around school in the last weeks and 153 pupils have already begun to access the clubs we are able to offer currently. It will be fantastic if every child in school can complete a club this year and that is something we really are aiming to achieve!

We are very proud to announce that following our accreditation for UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Status in July, we have received confirmation that we have been accredited and are now officially a <a href="UNICEF Rights">UNICEF Rights</a> Respecting GOLD status school.



This achievement has taken many years of work led by Mrs Askew, Miss Boyd and our children in school. We are now one of only 350 schools in the UK to have met the required criteria and be accredited. Some strengths taken from the report to describe our school as having:

- An ethos that places positive relationships based on mutual respect and trust at the heart of school life.
- A caring and inclusive ethos where staff and pupils ensure that everyone, particularly those with additional needs, feels supported and fully involved in school life.
- A strong desire to develop pupils' understanding of inequalities around the world.

Nightline @Robinwood.....

Robinwood residential group photo.....



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## WELCOME MEETINGS: REMINDER

We will be holding welcome meetings for the new year during the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The meetings will begin at 2:30pm and finish by the end of the school day. Reception and nursery will be holding separate 'stay and play' events later in the term.

The meetings will outline the expectations for the year, share curriculum information and other general information.

YEAR GROUP (CLASSES)	TEACHERS	DATE
1 (Tiger and Jaguar)	Miss Boyd and Miss Cashman	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
2 (Hummingbird and Pangolin)	Miss Simms, Mrs Askew and Mrs Simpson	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
3 (Zebra and Penguin)	Miss Harrison and Mrs Williams	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
4 (Lion and Shark)	Mrs Pender and Mr Phillip	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
5 (Koala and Y5 Wolf)	Miss Armstrong and Mr Wong	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
6 (Cheetah and Y6 Wolf)	Miss Caldwell and Mr Wong	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October

## Attendance League Table (18th September – 29th September 2023)

Position	Class	Percentage	LEAGUE POINTS	Please arrange appointments out of
1st	Jaguar	98.21%	YEAR 1 WINNERS	school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolf	96.96%	UKS2 WINNERS	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shark	96.9%	YEAR 4 WINNERS	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehog	96.25%	EYFS WINNERS	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hummingbird	96.14%	YEAR 2 WINNERS	Look out for further attendance
6 <sup>th</sup>	Koala	96%		challenges in the upcoming weeks.  'In to win' raffle 2 days next
7 <sup>th</sup>	Penguin	95.77%	YEAR 3 WINNERS	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lion	94.76%		week- Prize in every year group!
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cheetah	94.66%		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tiger	9448%		Every two weeks we will have a
11 <sup>th</sup>	Owl	94.23%		winner in each year group or
12 <sup>th</sup>	Zebra	94.21%		phase- these will be recorded and
13th	Pangolin	91.46%		end of term prize time will go to
14th	Squirrel	92.99%		the winners

Attendance is crucial for us as a school and we want everyone in our school community to recognise the value of being in school.

## Some things to consider....

- Our curriculum is designed to build on learning day after day, week after week, term after term and
  year after year. Missing learning is like taking away Jenga blocks and learning becomes wobbly and
  not secure. It is like building a house on sand or leaving some bricks out altogether! Every lesson
  matters!
- Having time off school can impact negatively on friendships and relationships with peers.
- Developing good habits in attendance and punctuality sets the children up for later life.
- Unauthorised absences will lead to warning letters and potential fines- if your child is ill let us know.
- Keeping children absent without valid reason can be categorised as educational neglect.
- We will be undertaking home visits working with Knowsley School Attendance Service to complete
  attendance welfare calls over the remainder of the term to monitor absences. We have a duty of
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## Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL
Squirrel	Esme S and Elliott L
Owl	Teddy B and Lillie H
Hedgehog	John Jacob O and George P
Jaguar	Holly J and Emma B
Tiger	Teddy R and Mikella P
Pangolin	Annie C and Louis S
Hummingbird	Nyla and Zach
Zebra	Sialur M and Oliver Col.
Penguin	Zach T and Sage W
Lion	Frankie C and Michelle P
Shark	Charlie S and Lottie
Koala	Gracie B and Amber G
Wolf	Daisy S and Mary Rose T
Cheetah	Fraser P and Millie W

To follow what is going on in your child's class, please join Twitter and follow the class page. It is a great way to see all the learning and fun that goes on in classes.

Mr Cooper's special award for being a fantastic example to everyone around school CHARLIE FISH.

Mr Cooper's special award for amazing effort with reading OLIVER FINNEY.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Ian Cooper

ADVANCE WARNING......REMEMBER TO WEAR YELLOW ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.

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