



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Newsletter Date — 26th April 2018

Education Strategy Partnership (ESP) - Working Together!

Earlier this year, we mentioned that we were working with a number of local schools as part of our continual efforts to raise standards and to achieve the best outcomes for our children at Robert Le Kyng. Called the Educational Strategy Partnership – ESP for short – the following schools and settings have agreed to work together in an informal but meaningful way, sharing best practice, resources and expertise to help raise standards:

- Croft Playgroup
- King William Playgroup
- Lethbridge Primary School
- King William Street Primary School
- Robert Le Kyng Primary School
- Highworth Warneford Secondary School
- Commonweal School



As you can see, this group consists of schools and settings that cater from the very youngest, all the way up to sixth form. This gives us a good view of the journey a child takes through their education and helps us to deliver continuity as children move through the system. The ESP operates in a climate of mutual trust and a willingness to explore a range of activities designed to support the work of all stakeholders. As a group we are better placed to access additional funding to support these activities. There have been no changes in the way that individual governing bodies are structured; no restriction on the schools' essential freedoms and no centralised pooling of finances.

Since September, there has been time to review, plan and implement new teams through networking of chairs of governors, headteacher, school business managers and SENCOs. Some of the work the ESP has done so far includes:

- Provided support for new Headteachers, new Chairs of Governors and new governors
- Supported Schools preparing for Ofsted inspections
- Worked with Senior Leadership teams to review priorities and strategies
- Delivered an Emerging Leaders course to 25 Staff across all schools in the group
- Facilitated a programme of peer lesson observations across Primary Schools
- Established a Key Stage 2/3 Transition working group to focus on academic and social continuity
- Assisted the review of effective practice in our two Playgroups
- Provided support for administrative aspects of schools' work

Such is the success of the collaboration that all schools have agreed to continue working together in the same manner next year. Further planned work includes:

- Continuing developing transition practice
- Exploring funding streams
- Development of further CPD opportunities for staff
- Ensure that all schools in the ESP remain at least good in the eyes of OFSTED

We have included a tab on our website, where we will continue to update any further news about our work with the ESP.



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Letters Sent Home



16/04/18 Residential trip preferences (Year 4/5)
16/04/18 Caring Club trip (specific pupils)
18/04/18 Football match 23.04.18 (specific pupils)
20/04/18 Class 11 Update (class 11)
23/04/18 Football match 26/04/18 (specific pupils)
23/04/18 Year 5/6 Multisport cancelled (specific pupils)
24/04/18 Football match (30.04.18) (specific pupils)
24/04/18 Football match (04/05/18) (specific pupils)
25/04/18 RLK Supporters Disco
26/04/18 Cotswold Farm Park 02/07/18 (Reception)
26/04/18 Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow (Year 5 and Reception)

My Place in the World



At RLK, we are very proud of how we work well as a team across our classes and year groups. In the summer term, we are looking to run a themed week on the topic of **'My Place in the World.'** In this week, we will be exploring ideas based around Swindon, England and the countries where some of our children were born. This is a call out for help! Are you a good cook and could make or demonstrate sample foods? Are you able to demonstrate a skill traditional to England or another country in the world? Are you able to teach or show a sport / dance? Or do you have resources such as pictures / posters to represent Swindon, England or another country? If so we would love to hear from you to see if we can work together that week. Please contact the office or Mrs Mackinnon.

Use of the school grounds after school



It is lovely to see that as Term 5 has started the nicer weather is finally coming our way! After school, we have a wide range of clubs that use our school grounds both on the playgrounds and on the fields. We are very proud of the clubs and see these as a fantastic opportunity for our children. So that the clubs can run successfully, please can we remind everyone that children should be with an adult after school and should be following the school expectations for behaviour. For example this would include not disturbing the clubs and ensuring that they are given plenty of space as well as leaving any sticks that may be on the school grounds. The toilets are for use only by the children who are attending clubs at this time.

Thank you for your support.

Value of the Term

As a part of our 'RESPECT' values, this term we are focusing upon perseverance. Perseverance is really important for living a life you enjoy and are proud of. Why? Because life is full of challenges and struggles. Perseverance is the drive that helps you get past the hard stuff to get to what you want. Without perseverance, you won't get far in life. It is about:

- Not giving up
- Keeping going—even when something is hard or we don't get it straight away

R.L.K. Supporters' News—Summer Fayre – Saturday 23rd June

We are still looking for some prizes for our Summer Fayre. Please let us know if you or a company you work for would be able to donate a prize for our prize draw. It could be something simple such as a voucher for a meal, hair or beauty treatment. If you are able to help us in this way or have any other ideas for a prize, please contact the RLK Supporters. You can speak to Mrs Beale, leave a note at the Office or email us at

Supporters@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk



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Diary dates



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| 7th | Bank Holiday |
| 10th | Class photographs and Disco for Years 1—6 |
| 23rd | Year 4 play to parents |

JUNE

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| 11th | Sports Day for Years 5 and 6 at 10.15—12 |
| 11th | Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 at 1.20—3 |
| 12th | Sports Day for Years 3 and 4 at 10.15-12 |
| 12th | Sports Day for Reception at 1.30—2.30 |
| 23rd | Summer Fayre |
| 26th/27th | Parents evening for Years 1—6 |
| 26th | 6p.m. New Reception parent evening |
| 29th | T D Day |

JULY

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| 2-4th | Year 6 Induction at Commonweal |
| 11th | Year 2 play to parents |
| 16-18th | Year 6 Braeside |
| 20th | Reading Breakfast |
| 23rd | Open evening |
| 24th | Year 6 play to parents |
| 26th | End of term—school closes at 3.15p.m. |