



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Newsletter Date – 1st April 2022

FRIDAY 8th APRIL WILL BE A NON UNIFORM DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Supporting Ukraine – Non Uniform day and Just Giving page

Sadly, it seems that there will be no quick resolution to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. After considering the different options open to us and researching the best and most meaningful ways to help, we have decided that our role should be to raise money for the organisations that are helping and ensure that the support we give gets directly to them. As you know, we have started the process of joining the Blue Kite Academy Trust and they have set up a Just Giving page so that families can donate whatever they feel they are able to.

To donate please use the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thebluekite-academytrust?utm_term=9WXedgzbj

As well as this we are planning a **non-uniform day on Friday 8th April**, where children can come into school in their “home clothes” for a small contribution towards the Disasters Emergency Committee. They can bring this in on Friday. However, if you would like to donate directly to this charity, the link is:

https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI2pHxovDy9gIVh7TtCh0RSgezEAAYASAAEgIC6vD_BwE

As always, we will be sensitive when talking to the children about the issues raised through this appeal, but many of them will be happier feeling that they are doing a little something to support the people who have been affected by this crisis.

If you need any further advice on how to talk to your children about these issues or if your child is anxious, further advice can be found at:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Thank you for your help with this,

Mrs Smith
Headteacher



Did you know that we have a Facebook page?

Just search ‘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 and any personal posts added will be removed)



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Our Football Cup run is over! Our B Team, who represent us in the cup, lost to St Catherine's A Team. Our team of mostly very inexperienced players, battled superbly against their team of children who have been playing football for years. We hope the opportunity given to our children will inspire them to continue to play football in the future.

We also entered the Swindon Rugby Tournament. We gave a great performance and reached the final. In a close game, RLK beat Peatmoor to be Swindon Champions – the team now go to the Wiltshire Games. Well done !

In the Wiltshire Games Hockey final, RLK were magnificent! The team showed incredible effort to battle through to the final to play Stonar School. RLK ran them close losing 2-0 in the final. Our children nearly beat them and should be incredibly proud.

Well done to everyone who has represented us recently—our values of teamwork, perseverance and resilience have been abundant! Also, it does seem at times, that we are one of the only schools that also teaches sportsmanship and respect for the opposition. Well done RLK!

Outdoor Curriculum

Our Year 2 children are coming to the end of their Forest Schools lessons. In Term 5 our Year 1 children will have their free Forest Schools lessons.

Year 4 children are off to Legge House in Term 5.



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Supporters News

R.L.K. Supporters' News Summer Fayre – Saturday 18th June

The Supporters are beginning to plan for our Summer Fair this year and we are looking for some prizes for our Summer draw. 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. We have already had one amazing prize offered by Swindon Town Football Club. 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

Date of next Supporters Meeting

The next Supporters Meeting is on Thursday 7th April at 7 p.m. in the school hall. Why not come along and see what we do!

Easter Competition

The Supporters are pleased to announce they will be holding their Easter Egg colouring competition this Easter. Details of the competition and egg templates will be given out during the final week of this term. Any completed designs will need to be returned to school by Tuesday 26th April.



We understand that for Yr 5/6 children who are walking on their own to and from school, may wish to bring their phone to keep safe. If a parent/carer wants their

child to bring a phone to school, they will need to first fill in a permission slip for this (these can be obtained from the office). The child then needs to sign their phone in as soon as they arrive at school so that it can be kept in a safe location for the duration of the school day. They can sign it out again at the end of the day. The phone must remain **off** whilst in school.

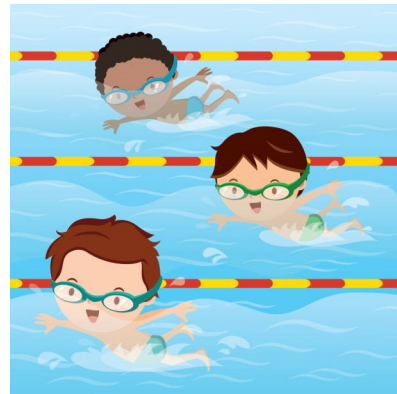
Holiday Swimming Lessons

Dorcan Recreation Complex and the Link Centre are running Holiday Swimming Lessons for children during the half term.

They are offering local schools a discount of 25% with the use of this discount code:

HAPPYHOLIDAY

To book the lessons, customers will need to visit their website <https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/lessons-and-courses>





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Robert Buckland MP Invites Families To Enjoy Free Safari Spring Trail

South Swindon MP, Robert Buckland, is inviting families to enjoy the new Safari Spring Trail in Swindon Town Centre.

Launched by InSwindon Bid, The four-week Safari Spring Trail has been supported by the Government's Welcome Back Fund through Swindon Borough Council.

The trail will take place from Monday 28th March to Sunday 24th April 2022.

The Safari Trail features ten animal characters, as well as several activities to take part in throughout the period. The Spring Safari Trail booklet, including the trail maps and exclusive Explorer Special Offers from Lamaya, Love Brownies & Fillerz are available to collect from the following locations: The Crossing, Brunel Shopping Centre, Love Brownies, Faringdon Road, Nationwide, Regent Street, Forces Support Shop, Regent Street & Swindon Hub, The Parade.



Robert Buckland MP commented:

“The Safari Spring trail, launched by InSwindon Bid, is a fabulous idea and I hope that it will be enjoyed by families here in Swindon over the next four weeks. It looks like great fun!”

Along with exploring the town centre in search of the amazing animals, grabbing a selfie and collecting the fascinating facts, the younger explorers can take part in various Arts and Crafts experiences, from Safari-based sand activities to designing animal-themed magnets.

Spring Safari booklets can also be downloaded from the inSwindon BID website
www.swindontowncentre.co.uk