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We would like to welcome Nadia Witkowska who has joined Robins since our last News.

Coffee Morning



A reminder that Mrs G is holding a coffee morning on Thursday 19th May from 9.15 – 10.30. There will be the opportunity to meet with a selection of governors and also to meet the Lower, Middle and Upper School Heads of Department as well as having time for a chat with each other.

Middle School Lemonade Stand



The children in Middle School have been learning about the importance of water. We discovered that not everybody has clean water to drink. We read the story 'Clean water For Elirose' and found out that Elirose, who lives in Haiti, has to walk a long way to

collect water from a well and it is very dirty! In the story, the children raise money to help Elirose by selling lemonade to their friends.

Middle School would like to raise some money to help Fulgence, the child we sponsor in Burundi, by holding a lemonade sale. We will be making our own lemonade and selling it at playtime on **Tuesday 17th May**. Please can you send your child to school with a donation of 50p on that day so that they can buy a delicious glass of lemonade from the children in Middle School. Thank you for your support,
Lisa Cox

Tales From The Chalkface!

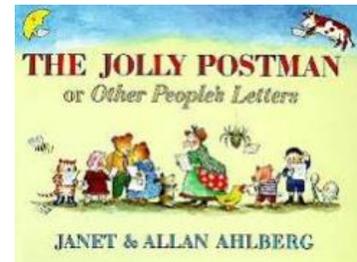
Lower School

Lower School have continued their topic *All About Ware*.

Robins visited Scott's Grotto. This magical place is made all the more exciting because there is no electricity and the children had to carry torches to see where they were going. We were a bit worried that they might not be brave enough to go in, but they all enjoyed it very much.

The children have also been learning to write for a range of purposes. Owls have learnt to write a list. They knew how to do this successfully, going down the page and starting on the left. They wrote lists of the animals they saw on

their trip to Harlow Park Farm.



All classes are reading *The Jolly Postman* by Alan and Janet Ahlberg and the children are looking forward to writing their own letters and posting them in the post box.

All of the children are learning about *Stranger Danger* and understanding the importance of not talking to people we don't know. Both Owls and Penguins have demonstrated an understanding of this whilst out and about on their weekly trips.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have been continuing to learn about water and rivers. They have developed their geography skills by carrying out some real fieldwork at Spital Brook, a small stream in Barclay Park.



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The children went in the water and observed whether it looked clean or dirty. They measured the flow of the water by counting how long it took a leaf to travel a set distance along the stream. The children also measured the depth and width of the stream. We were all really impressed with their observations and careful measuring.



Puffins and Toucans really enjoyed their visit to 'The Gibberd Garden' in Harlow where they saw a wide range of different sculptures within the beautiful gardens. They followed a plan to help them to locate and identify the different sculptures and also looked at whether they were made of wood, stone or metal. The children in Swifts are really looking forward to their visit on Monday. Having completed their own Modroc sculptures the children are now exploring 3D art using Plaster of Paris.

In food technology lessons the focus has been on the difference between raw and cooked foods. The children enjoyed preparing a salad using raw vegetables and then made a vegetable kebab which they cooked. Opinion is very much mixed as to whether raw or cooked vegetables taste better!

The children made a delicious spinach and ricotta lasagne focusing on the difference between the lasagne pasta sheets before and after they were cooked.

Upper School

All three classes have been out this week, as part of the PSHE Life Skills topic. In class the children learned how to buy a train ticket and order food in a café, using role play. They then went out to do the real thing, catching the train from Ware to Hertford East and buying a snack and drink at Sainsbury's Café in Hertford.



Eagles Class also took the opportunity to do some shopping whilst in Sainsburys.

Mr McGrath took a group of Upper School children to the MLD Football Festival last week. The school entered a team in both the A Team and B Team competitions. Both teams performed really well, and although they didn't win the trophy, they had lots of fun and showed some impressive skills.

This Friday another group of pupils returned to the same venue for a Football Festival, taking part in a variety of skill-based games and small-sided 'friendly' matches with children from other MLD schools.

On Thursday Miss Strain took her class to take part

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in a Tennis Festival at Gosling Sports Centre in Welwyn Garden City. The children had a really good day, taking part in a range of activities to practice their hand-eye co-ordination, agility, and balance as well as developing their tennis skills.

Leaver's Event

I have been approached by some Year 6 parents with regard to the organisation of a Year 6 Leaver's event. It will be on Thursday 21 July from 6.30 – 8.30 at Middleton School. We are looking for this to be an informal opportunity for the children and families to be together. Children will be expected to attend with a parent. Unfortunately we cannot cater for siblings.

Just to let you know that as part of this event we are offering 'Leaver's Hoodies' at a subsidised cost of £8. (FOMS are kindly going to pay the other £8 for each child.) More information to follow.

Community News

We have been given information about a Half Term Kidz Klub which will be held from Tuesday 31 May to Friday 3 June from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm (early drop off, late pick up and half days available) which will take place at John Warner Sports Centre. Children must have been born before 1/9/2010 and the cost is £20 in advance and £23 on the day. For information and to book contact Leah.blackman@broxbourne.gov.uk / 01992 785574. The club is delivered by Broxbourne Council.