



### Rota Kids at Robert Miles school, Bingham



The Pledge:

As a Rota Kid, I promise  
To be fair to all,  
To serve my community,  
To show respect for others.

13/06/17 sent Rob the Rota Kids brochure and he responded with his interest and suggesting a meeting

11/07/17 CN & AR met with Rob to discuss, with outcome of a very positive response to trying a launch at School assembly on 12th October. ( I am very optimistic as well, it is great doing new things in school - even after all these years here! Quote from Rob)

We remember that you were quite happy to do some research on the Rotary Great Britain & Ireland Website to prepare a presentation on Rota Kids to your children, but we thought the one already prepared and attached might help you in the process. No problem if you prefer to 'do your own thing', you know your audience much better than we will ever do.

If there is anything else that you feel we could help in the process, do not hesitate to contact either myself or Chris and naturally we are really looking forward to joining you in support at the launch

just a few notes from the meeting:

1. School Assembly Launch of Rota Kids at Robert Miles, Thursday 12th October 2017, 09.15hrs. Hopefully Adrian, Chris & Allen to attend (might be worth getting into Adrian's diary ASAP)

Rob to put together the launch presentation from material in Handbook & Rotary website.

2. Rob's objective is to look for 'expression of interest' from the children and hopefully get together a group of about 12 children.

3. Agreed that our & his emphasis would be on 'service' type projects, rather than fund raising (he's conscious of 'charity/funding fatigue' for parents. Examples are: possible meetings for the children at senior people care homes; one of their pupils has recently been diagnosed with Leukaemia, so some form of research/service project a possibility.

4. Due to high work load of staff with club projects, Rob may take on the School leader role.

5. We are looking to appoint about 4 Rotary Club 'leaders', to give us the necessary cover. We will all need to seek DBS(Disclosure & Barring S? The new system that followed on from CRB and is a continuing update method)

6. Chris to make enquiries of the existing Rota Kids Club in Derby and make arrangements for us to visit.

7. Chris and Allen to prepare some presentation for Club sometime before October, but announce our progress this Thursday (13 July) (which Rob said he would be happy to attend/join us & we offered the facility for him to visit Club on any Thursday.)

12/10/17 Head Rob Gilbey with President AC, CN & AR present in support did a PowerPoint presentation to a special assembly at the school. It was a great presentation & spoke in the language that the children could understand, great advert for Rotary, wish we had videoed it!

23/11/17 CN, AR & MM attended with Rob Gilbey facilitating: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with 'the volunteers'

Rob had received about 25 enthusiastic enquiries, but decided that was too big a group and the Year 3's tend to volunteer for anything, without realising what it entails and they are probably too young.

So we finished with 10 girls and 2 boys (2 girls from year 4, but responsible enough to understand and contribute)

Random names gathered: Olivia, Amelia, Emily, Ben, Niamh (Neeve), Freya, Eleanor, Helen

Rob first asked the question about what they could remember about the presentation he did at assembly (12/10/17)

'Helping with community' was the answer. What is a community: Bingham, RoT, but we added school and international communities.

Chris then did our introductions briefly explain he was chairman of Youth activity and I was his deputy, Mike was responsible for publicity and webmaster & I was his deputy.

We then talked about the structure of their committee, a possible leader (President), Vice president, someone to take notes and distribute to everyone, so they knew what had been agreed and who was taking what action (Secretary) and probably someone to look after the finances (Treasurer)

Rob emphasised the 'skill sets needed' for each job and then decided to ask if there were any volunteers for President: - 6 volunteers. Discussion then took place on how they decided who would be President. We got to secret ballots and voting eventually.

Rob then asked whether or not they had thought of any ideas for projects since the assembly?

Cake sales, memorial statue for Bingham, book donations, book swapping, litter picking, v

Cleaning up plastic bottles in the Butter Cross

We kept interjecting and how we might help the officers that were appointed and generally provide support and mentoring for them and any projects they came up with.

Olivia & Emily asked whether they could make a book where they could make notes and Rob agreed to provide them with a 'spelling Book' and a copy of the Rota Kids Logo and 'pledge' so that they would all have the same cover for their Rota Kids book.

It was agreed that the children would do their voting and think about ideas for projects so they were ready for our next formal meeting. Probably in the New Year, and for which Rob would notify us. We could then look to organising registering them and organising their Charter, supplying certificates and wrist bands

05/02/18 We entered reception to see a Rota Kids poster that the 'Club' had produced, asking if children knew what Rota Kids was, then proceeded to tell them to 'listen up' and talked about 'helping the community' and listed the names of 12 of the 13 in the group

(lesson 1. get someone to 'proof read' anything before you go public!). But what initiative and enthusiasm.



Once with Head Rob and the 'team' we were then to find out that they had also done a questionnaire and they had received some ideas...a few 'off the page', but a particularly good one, that they are organising as their first project. Taking the school choir to sing to a local 'Retirement home' ...and two of the children had Mum's who either worked or had contacts in such Homes, which they would be following up.

It then came to them announcing the results of

their Officer votes, for which Rob had acted as 'returning Officer':

President: Amelia Oglesby; VP: Niamh O'Brien; Secretary: Lexie Warrington; Asst. Sec.: Emily Lenter-Oxley; Treasurer: Ben Mayer; Asst. Treasurer: Callum Gardener (NB not sure all surnames spelt correctly!)

We had a brief chat about 'Chartering' their Club to be formally welcomed into the International Family of Rotary. Rob asked what the format was, which was honestly answered as we will check with the RI Web site, but said we could more or less do our own individual Charter. Present the certificates, wrist bands (Tee shirts?), but no doubt there would be some formal Registering of the Club and contacts to any other Rota kids Clubs. Initially Rob suggested we could just do it with the team members, but came around eventually to suggesting perhaps to a special Honours Assembly (which they seem to do on Wednesdays)...we mentioned possible involvement of parents.

We talked about the roles of the Officers, mentioning Agenda's, Minutes, Budgets etc. and it was clear Rob was keen to hand over the responsibilities to the team, obviously with his and our support.

Rob felt they should 'present' to an assembly about what Rota Kids is and what they are trying to do in the community. Emily, Niamh and Freya had already produced a cardboard 'suggestion box' that they would be placing in the Hall.

So they then proceeded to arrange to meet in the afternoon to prepare an agenda for a meeting on Tuesday 6th to discuss what they would present to the school.

Other ideas were discussed, saying that many were related to supporting charities (one of which was regarding Alex, a pupil who had passed away last year with Leukaemia, but Rob said the school already had plans in hand for that and would treat it separately to the Rota Kids)

The possibility of a Rota Kids badge was discussed and Ben was to follow that up looking at purchasing or possibly buying a badge making machine!

We asked Rob about publicity and their school website and he said nothing had been posted yet, but he would write to us on this matter. He also raised the possibility of the team visiting our Rotary Club which we said would be a great idea.

What a start, what enthusiasm?

26/02/18 They had investigated, ordered and received 20 Rota Kids Badges, which were distributed and enthusiastically donned. President Emily brought the meeting to order with Secretary Lexie saying that she would make action notes and put them on the school

computer system. Confirmation of contact details for Moorlands Care home had been obtained and a window of 10 to 3pm was identified as their time for services and Rob would ring to finalise arrangements. Lots of discussion then took place regarding number of singers and how to choose them, what music they would sing, how many songs (4 or 5). It was determined that 9 of the singing volunteers would be Rota Kids, and a total of about 30 was the ideal number. A ratio of 10 pupils to one adult was required, which would be covered by RG, Mrs K, CN & AR. Parents' permission for such outside events was already covered. The classes were to be approached about volunteering to sing with Amelia looking after 6AR; Lexie 6H; Hannah & Louise 5M; Niamh, Emily and Freya 5L. After much discussion about when they would perform, taking into account SATS week, week commencing 21 May was selected (They were informed that we couldn't do the 23 May, but would obviously like to be there to support them). It was also agreed to involve Mrs King who looked after music and their recent Festival of Young Voices, where they had a choir of 60 performing. Friday lunchtime, 2 March was chosen for their next internal meeting.