



# Ryhall CE Academy News

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Well it hasn't been the end of the first term that I expected but thanks to our amazing staff team, there has been very little disruption to your children in school. It has been an incredibly busy start to the academic year as we try to return to what we know to be a more normal school life. It has been a pleasure and delight to have opportunities for parents to return to the classroom and we hope to have many more of these experiences as time goes on. Thank you for all your wonderful comments you shared following your classroom visits at the start of the term. We have already had our first parent-teacher consultations, some held face-to-face and some held virtually: this was in response to your feedback you shared in Summer Term's parent voice survey. As a result, we have had the highest number of parents 'attending' meetings which has been fantastic. These first meetings were focussed on 'settling in' – our next meetings in the Spring Term will consider progress. You will have the chance to see your child's work in progress in their books during the Open Afternoons that we have scheduled in to our Autumn Term Two calendar (see dates to the right). Don't forget that you can also see some of your child's learning in progress on SeeSaw (Years 1-6) or Tapestry (Reception Class).

Today, we have seen the welcome return of our Year 5 & 6 children following their residential trip to Caythorpe. We know there will be lots of washing and sleep to catch up on, but nothing will be greater than all the wonderful memories made this week. The class teachers and I are all looking forward to hearing all about the adventures they've been on as well as seeing all the wonderful photos taken over the week (we will make sure these are shared with Year 5/6 parents also). I'm sure those parents in particular would like to join me in giving my heartfelt thanks to all

the staff who accompanied this trip in any way – without their commitment we cannot run such wonderful trips for our children. Thank you all.

*Katy Walker*, Headteacher

## Cross-Country Success

Huge congratulations to our fabulous Cross-Country runners for their sterling efforts at the Rutland competition. We were so impressed with them all. Five of our runners will now go on to represent Rutland in the Leicester competition in February with Izabella Salisbury taking top spot as the Year 3 Girls Champion in Rutland. Well done to all.

## TERM DATES 2021-22

Term 2 begins	Mon 1 Nov
<b>Hambleton Class Open Afternoon</b>	Thurs 18 Nov 3.00-3.30pm
<b>Woolsthorpe Class Open PM</b>	Fri 19 Nov 3.00-3.30pm
<b>Tolethorpe Class Open Afternoon</b>	Mon 22 Nov 3.00-3.30
<b>Belton Class Open Afternoon</b>	Tues 23 Nov 3.00-3.30
<b>Rockingham Class Open PM</b>	Wed 24 Nov 3.00-3.30
<b>Burghley Class Open Afternoon</b>	Thurs 25 Nov 3.00-3.30
Non-uniform for Christmas Market	Mon 29 Nov
Class Reverse Advent Begins	Wed 1 Dec
After-School Clubs finish	Thurs 2 Dec
<b>FORA Christmas Market</b>	Fri 3 Dec 5.00-7.00pm
Christingle Service YR/1/2	Fri 10 Dec 2.00pm
Christingle Service Y3/4/5/6	Fri 10 Dec 2.45pm
Christmas Lunch	Thurs 16 Dec
<b>Music Assembly (tbc)</b>	Fri 17 Dec
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 17 Dec

Bold indicates events for parents to attend – more details to follow in Autumn Term 2.

## UNIFORM NAMING

Please do take this opportunity this half term to check that your child's uniform is all still named. We can only return items which are named – otherwise they will sit in our lost property until they are claimed. Your support with this is very much appreciated.



## AUTUMN TERM 2 PREP KINGSWOOD CATERING

Don't forget to make your orders for the Autumn Term 2. All orders must be made by **Wednesday** 27<sup>th</sup> October.

[www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)

## UNIFORM

Summer uniform is no longer to be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

## Wrap Around Care

Please make bookings for w.b. 1<sup>st</sup> November by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## AWARDS

In Autumn 1, we have enjoyed giving out a number of awards – both for developments in reading or times tables or for something significant leading to a Silver or Gold Award. Finding the right momentum can sometimes be hard at the start of any academic year, but once again, many children have shown the necessary effort, determination and resilience to make good progress.

### SILVER AWARDS

Jackson Gray, Lottie Brown, Molly Fish, Lana Lovett, Amelia Pyrtok, Bella Ferreira, Isaac Rawlings, Jacob Allwright, Natalia Blok, Emily Cobb, Lucas Southwood, Dylan MacPhee, Sophia Epps

### ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Independent Reader: Tyler Armstrong, Ellena Burrill, Samuel Griffin, Lottie Hartles, Rose Le-Prevost, Ivy Prior, Isabelle Wilkinson

Ready Reader: Megan Cosgrove, Willow Matthew, Lucas Southwood

Rising Reader: Otto Forkin, Dylan MacPhee, Niamh MacPhee, William Sloss

Super Reader: Dylan MacPhee

Advanced Reader: Alysia Ryder

Star Reader: Ailish McMullen-Kennett,

### END OF TERM CLASS DOJO LEADERS

These awards will be distributed at the start of Autumn Term 2.

Belton – Theo Da Silva

Rockingham – Molly Fish

Burghley – Isaac Rawlings

Woolsthorpe – Bobbi Crooks

Tolethorpe – Ruby-Skye McArthur

Hambleton – Isabella Gatens

## Maths News

This term, we held another Ryhall Rock Star Day and this was once again a hit with everyone. We all definitely channelled our inner Rock Stars and there were some amazing costumes. Ryhall was even graced with the presence of Freddie Mercury! Of course the day was not just about dressing up as a Rock Star but also all about Maths too. We used this opportunity to re-launch the use of Times Tables Rock Stars in Key Stage 2 and the children all logged on during the day and participated in games and festivals against their peers. I set up a Battle of the Bands where all the Key Stage 2 classes competed against each other across the course of the day to see who could collect the most points. Woolsthorpe were the overall winners at the end of the day with a huge 447 points. Well done to Woolsthorpe!

**Music Mark** It is with pleasure that we share with you our recent news that we have been nominated by Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust to become a Music Mark school for the 2021/22 academic year. They shared with us that they have recognised our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music, and as a result, they would like to celebrate it by nominating our school to become part of the Music Mark community. This is fantastic, particularly with the recognition of our work to keep Music alive at the school when there is so much pressure on children's 'catch up'. Our music curriculum has been further developed this academic year and we are now working towards implementing more aspects of the new Model Music Curriculum that was published in March 2021. Through fundraising, we are

looking to further enhance our musical instruments provision so that we can introduce more whole class single instrumental teaching practices. It has been wonderful to see our Year 5 children enjoying learning to play the Ukelele this term – working under the expertise of Maggie Boothby (NMPAT) and Mrs Chapman – we can't wait to showcase their work with you. We do now work with a number of peripatetic music teachers that can provide instrumental tuition in flute, piano, keyboard, ukulele, guitar, drums and singing. Please do contact our office if you would like to find out more. These lessons are 50% subsidised for children who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium (free school meals).



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SCHOOL**

## Woolsthorpe News

What an amazingly fast moving and jam packed half term Woolsthorpe Wonders have had. We have all settled in brilliantly and have been working really hard on all things Egyptian! Our Maths work has focused on the value of numbers and addition and subtraction of some really big numbers – it's really stretched our brains. In our written work we have read a Roald Dahl story, 'Esio Trot', and used our expanded noun phrases and DADWAYER sentence openers to write our own adventure story for Alfie, the tortoise. Our Science work has been learning about Gums to Bums; learning about the digestive system and where our food goes to and about what types of teeth we have and what their roles are. We've almost finished an investigation on which drink causes the most decay – our bets are on Cola although apple juice may well be a close second! In RE, we have looked at the Noah story and the promises that God made to Noah and those that Noah made to God. This has linked well with our School Value of Hope...Noah had to believe in God and Hope that He would keep his promises. We have learnt a lot from this theme of 'Why do people follow God?' and been able to relate it to both our family and school life. Finally, 'Walk Like an Egyptian' has been great fun, if a little gory! So far we have learnt about Egyptian gods, the hierarchical social pyramid and the mummification process. We will continue to learn more about this ancient civilization into Autumn Term Two. Hope you enjoy a restful break.

## Art Club

Drawing from observation was the focus of the first couple of weeks of our art club. Children scaled up their small charcoal drawings to amazing, huge drawings of natural objects. On our third session, we moved on to printing, using press print technique with coloured inks. It was much harder to draw on the polystyrene than on paper but our printed designs looked fantastic. We loved this technique so much we want to try it again, maybe nearer Christmas. The children also love bringing in what they have been creating at home. Keep drawing! If you're interested in joining our club, then please contact the office.



## English News

This term a new scheme of teaching phonics has been introduced to Reception and KS1: Read, Write, Inc. The children are absolutely loving learning the rhymes, sounding and blending with our 'Fred fingers'. They have also been developing their knowledge of how to read and spell many 'red' words! Their reading is rocketing along with their love of books





Humbleton Heroes have had a brilliant start to Year 6 - stepping up to challenges in the classroom and impressing Mrs Jesson and Mrs Johnson with their resilience and perseverance. They have already completed a whistle-stop tour of crime and punishments through the Roman, Saxon, Tudor and Georgian times, including all the gory and disgusting bits too! In English, they have read Colin Thompson's book 'How to Live Forever' and have written persuasive letters as the Ancient Child. They have also studied 'The Highwayman' poem written by Alfred Noyes, discovering it is a story of love, courage, jealousy and betrayal. They've completed some brilliant drama during a hot-seating activity, developed the skill of writing metaphors, similes and personification, written their own version of the poem, in the same style and retold the events as a story for their final 'hot' write. In Maths, they have continued to build on their knowledge of the four operations of number, including learning to solve tricky long multiplication and long division problems to help them escape a locked room puzzle. We are sure that many of the class will be looking forward to their holiday following the Caythorpe residential and we're keen to hear all about it! Have a great break!



What a wonderful world! The children listened to this classic Louis Armstrong song for their home learning and thought about the things they find amazing about our world. We have enjoyed finding out about countries, continents and oceans. We found out how to take care of our unique planet and how to take better care of the wide variety of life on earth. We had better not forget our wonderful welly walk to see the llamas and alpacas! Miss Bethel has helped us learn dances from around the world in our performing arts session this term. In English, we read two books, which made us think about what we can do to make a difference to the environment. The books inspired us to write letters to encourage others to plant more trees; and we wrote instructions about how to make a bug hotel. Mrs Want helped us experiment in our sketchbooks and create some great art – we loved Yayoi Kusama! In RE we have been learning about how Muslims live because of what they believe. Our love of reading is growing because each week we have been taking home a brilliant book from the Recommended Reads selection; we are getting good at writing book reviews too. All in all, this has been a great term and a wonderful start to Year 2 – Miss Watson is incredibly proud of the wonderful start we have made.



been had in Belton Class this term, it has flown by! The Gruffalo visited our class and left us his books to share; we set about creating captions and labels for the characters. Then, an unusual letter arrived from the mouse, explaining that he doesn't really eat Gruffalo Crumble - his favourite is apple and blackberry - he even enclosed the recipe! Using our awesome reading skills, we decided to follow the instructions and make our own crumble - it was delicious. We went on to write our own recipe cards. As scientists, we have been exploring our senses using experiments to test them. We embarked on a 'Listening walk' in our garden area, designing and carrying out a smell test. Our results showed that most of us prefer a citrus smell! We used our eyes to spot items and our hands to feel and describe different textures. We loved the shaving foam and ice the most! We have now launched a 'Big Reveal' book swapping project. Each week a child receives a wrapped up book to take home and share with their families. It has been such a great hit & the children cannot wait to take home the next book. They have delighted in telling us all about what they have read! A huge THANK YOU to all the our parents for your wonderful support!



the children have had to life at 'big' school and they have all settled into their new class well. The children are confident and independent in coming in in the mornings and also when accessing the resources around the classroom, indoors and out. They have really impressed us with their tidying up skills and are remembering our mantra 'choose it, use it, put it away' very well (they must be very tidy at home!!). We have begun our daily phonics sessions and the children are beginning to learn how to identify sounds that letters make and even identify sounds in words and how to segment and blend them. You can help at home by completing the phonics homework; support your child to learn the sounds the letters each make and also the rhyme that matches how to write the letter. Please add any work to your child's tapestry account. Star stickers are being handed out when we see excellent behaviours and initiative - when they get to 10 stars a 'dip in the jar' will be awarded (this is a little prize similar to what you would find in a party bag). The children really love this incentive and are always counting their stars to check how many they have.



## Tolethorpe News

WOW! What an amazing start to the year we have had. They have shown such passion for our current theme: Argonauts, Monsters and Minotaurs! Within Topic, we have really engrossed ourselves in everything Greek; looking closely at Greek Vases (and the stories they hold) as well as looking at 3D sculptures by Svend Bayer and Greyson Perry, then designing and creating our own within Art; finding out all about the 'weird and wonderful' thing that is the Greek Democracy; finding out the most bizarre and peculiar facts about the Greek Gods and Goddesses. In English, we have been building upon our skills from last year and developing the ability to write for a specific audience and purpose, starting the year off looking at books called 'Farther' and 'The Night of The Gargoyles' writing amazing setting descriptions and recount texts. We are currently using our class reader 'Who let the Gods out' and learning all about Elliot and Virgo and their quest to Prisoner 42.

We have also become quite the mathematicians this term already, by building upon and recapping skills and knowledge learnt in year 4, challenging ourselves to use this, to carry on expanding our understanding and reasoning skills within maths. They have really worked hard to consolidate learning they gained at home and during year 4 and to develop this further within the class-room. We also really loved our ROCKSTAR day, with some amazingly dressed Rockstars, who all managed to escape our Multiplication themed escape room!



As Scientists, Y5 have become very curious and fascinated with materials and their uses! We carefully put together two investigations, to test the properties of materials including which materials are insoluble or soluble. We then wrote a clear report on these showing our fantastic science understanding, using our scientific vocabulary, which we have continued to grow.

## Burghley News

It has been a fantastic first half term in Burghley Class! In our topic 'Digging Up the Past' we have been exploring how historians, archaeologists and paleontologists find out about the past. We have used a range of sources to compare life from the Stone Age right through to the Iron Age and have written some brilliant diary entries as a Stone Age child living in Skara Brae. We have also been learning all about the life of Mary Anning and her discovery of the ichthyosaur fossil in Lyme Regis. We have used our own research to create informative reports and have worked hard to make the information as clear and interesting as we can.

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

When you're looking for things to do this half term, why not take yourself off to the local library, or just return to your own book shelves for a well-loved read and delve back in to a good book. There's a magic in sharing a book together with your child and there are so many benefits to it too!

Children who read  
**1,000,000 words**  
a year are in the  
top 2% of reading  
achievement.

Read **20 minutes** a  
day and you'll read  
**1,800,000 words**  
per year.

If you are wanting to be a little more active this half term, then why not take the opportunity to enjoy the sights around you on a nature walk – you could even use the opportunity to have a local litter pick – if you do, send us a photo and tell us what you've been up to. We know that many families also still have parents at work and you may be looking for activities. As well as the opportunity with Fiesta Sports below (recommend by Chris Thomas, Rutland Sports), don't forget that One Touch Football also have local opportunities (email sent end of September) [www.onetouchfootball.co.uk](http://www.onetouchfootball.co.uk).

### NERF WARS

25TH-26TH OCTOBER

### FOOTBALL

25TH-29TH OCTOBER

10am to 3pm

# HALF TERM CAMPS

AT UCC

OCTOBER 2021

Ages 4 to 12

### ADVENTURE

27TH-28TH OCTOBER

### TENNIS

29TH OCTOBER

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