



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This term has been one of the most challenging yet – not only have the staff dealt so admirably with my own absence, we have also been most significantly impacted by COVID. For many, this has seen a return to remote learning. Whilst many outside of education (and in 'education' I include primary parents) may consider this to be a fairly easy task, we all know the challenges that this comes with. I would like to thank all of you, including our wonderful staff team, for making this happen. As we have focussed on Children's Mental Health this week, we are reminded to keep in mind the impact that this two-year long virus has had on our children, not just in their personal and academic development. Where you can, take this coming break as a time to breathe, a time to explore nature and a time to talk. I wish you all a happy

and healthy break. *Katy Walker*, Headteacher

ETHOS

This term, the Ethos Council focus has been on worship in school and Church. At the start of Christmas holidays, some children did a Bible reading in a special service at church, which told the story of Christmas from its beginnings in the Old Testament as well as the more familiar story in Luke's Gospel. Once back in school in January, the children supported Rev Jo in leading worship for Epiphany, which, due to Covid, was recorded for the rest of the school to join in with in their classes. Their most recent involvement was actually in church for Candlemas on 2nd February with the whole school (in two separate services). The Councillors shared the reading of the story of Simeon and Anna in the temple, read prayers and lit candles. At the start of February they had an opportunity to take part in a day's conference via Zoom with 16 other schools from Peterborough Diocese, learning about pupil leadership of worship. The children came up with an action plan which we will start working on in Term 4. The aim is that they will feel confident to plan and lead some of our worship each term on their own. It has been a real pleasure working with these fantastic children who are both committed and enthusiastic. Thank you for all your efforts and commitment Ethos Councillors.



AWARDS

In Term 3 we have continued to enjoy giving out a number of awards – both for developments in reading or times tables or for something significant leading to a special Award. Congratulations go to all our Award winners – keep up the great work!

SILVER AWARDS

Alessia Pacitti, Elin Evans, Zuzanna Blok, Lilly Harding, Lucas Southwood, Archie Day, Harry Glover, Lottie Brown, Orla MacPhee, Evie Wilkinson, Isaac Rawlings

GOLD AWARDS

All of Belton Class, Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Mason Boyden, Arthur Schofield, Tom Griffin, Jackson Gray, Georgie Roberts, Lemonie Scott, Maya Pye, Katie Hartles, Noah Parnell

ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Ready Reader: Ollie Bates, Eden Boyden, Lois Etheridge, Ted Johnson, Rudy Maltby, Matteo Pacitti, Georgia Rawlings, Izzy Salisbury, Arthur Schofield

Independent Reader: Jacob Allwright, Luke Collins, Roman Epps, Winston Lambert, Finn Palmer, Kyla Powell, Esme Scholes

Super Reader: Tyler Armstrong

Advanced Reader: Niamh MacPhee

Star Reader: Natalia Blok, Otto Forkin,

Classic Reader: Emily Cobb, Joshua Clarke(3rd), Holly Tinker

END OF TERM CLASS DOJO LEADERS

Belvoir – Edie Schofield

Belton – Reuben Ward & Shay Sidhu

Rockingham – Matteo Pacitti

Burghley – Holly Tinker

Woolthorpe – Jessica Glover

Tolethorpe – Alessia Pacitti

Hambleton – Sophia Epps

VALUES AWARDS

Harris Austin-Resilience, Holly Saffer-Resilience, Lana Lovett-Trust, Evie Donaldson-Respect, Orla MacPhee-Friendship, Roman Epps-Resilience

TERM DATES 2022

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| Term 4 begins | Mon 21 Feb |
| After school/lunch clubs continue | Mon 21 Feb |
| Year 5 swimming starts (10 weeks) | Fri 25 Feb |
| Start of Lent | Wed 2 Mar |
| World Book Day | Thur 3 Mar |
| Last week of After school/lunch clubs | Mon 21 Mar |
| Tolethorpe Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y5) | Mon 21 Mar |
| Yr 3/4 Mini Musical 2.30pm & 6pm | Tues 22 Mar |
| Spotlight Dance Show Dress Rehearsal – Stamford Corn Exchange | Wed 23 Mar |
| Rockingham Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y2) | Wed 23 Mar |
| Spotlight Dance Show | Thurs 24 Mar |
| | Fri 25 Mar |
| Hambleton Class Assembly followed by Class Open Afternoon (Y6) | Mon 28 Mar |
| Parent-Teacher Consultations R/2/6 (Virtual) 4-6.30pm | Wed 30 Mar |
| Parent-Teacher Consultations R/2/6 (face-to-face) 9-12pm | Thurs 31 Mar |
| Last Day of Spring Term | Fri 1 Apr |

Bold indicates events for parents to attend.

CHARITY

Looking back to the Autumn Term for now, to share our thanks with our school community. We are delighted that we were able to donate £110.50 to the Children's Society following the Christingle Service. As we also believe, every young person deserves a good childhood and your donations help towards giving hope and happiness to those when they are abused, exploited or neglected. You can find out more on their website <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/> Thank you.

COMPASSION RESILIENCE HOPE FRIENDSHIP RESPECT TRUST

What's On

One Touch Football are back this holiday period.

One Touch Football Soccer School

FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS 2022

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Dates available are 14/15/16 February at the Ryhall Playing Fields. Other venues/dates are available in Bourne, Peterborough and Grantham. See their website for details.

Sporting Updates

Our House Captains have continued to work through their development project as Sports Ambassadors – working towards the Bronze Level Award which they hope to achieve by the end of the academic year. Next term they will be focussing on what can be put in place in non-curriculum time to make sure that we are all meeting the minimum 1-hour physical activity time each day (30 mins of this in school outside of the curriculum). We're looking forward to seeing what ideas the pupils come up with. Whilst this term hasn't been one for many competitions, we have seen four of our younger children enjoy a Gymnastics festival in Oakham, competing against other Rutland Schools children. They came a very respectable 7th place – congratulations and thanks go to Skye, Delphie, Georgie and Heidi for their great efforts – you have been wonderful Ryhall CE Academy representatives.

Cross Country Success for Izzy

In the Autumn Term we shared with you the success that Izzy had in the Rutland Cross Country Leagues, earning herself 2 Golds. This term, Izzy has continued her winning streak and earned her third Gold. This weekend, she will represent Rutland in the East Midlands final in Market Harborough. Good luck Izzy!



Belvoir News

It has all been about 'Snow, Frost and Ice' this term in Belvoir class. We began our adventures by listening to the story 'Lost & Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We wondered what would we do if a penguin turned up on our doorstep? Find out where it came from and return it of course! We discovered that penguins live at the South Pole, we got very busy planning what we would pack for a journey to the South Pole. We came up with lots of very practical ideas such as a roof for the boat!! We moved on to a story called 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge, this was all about a boy called Tom, who's dad goes missing in the North Pole. We really enjoyed the adventure that Tom went on to reach his dad, across the seas and into the icy terrain of the North Pole with icebergs, blizzards and enormous Arctic creatures. This time we planned out what our boat would look like and built our very own models and then made a list of the most important items to take with us on the boat. We were very lucky to get our own frosty days this term, we really enjoyed exploring the ice and the patterns in it, we also wondered why it melted in some places and not others? We set up experiments to see if we could freeze different things in the ice overnight, and we were delighted to see them frozen solid the next! Now how do we get them out...?

Tolethorpe News

This half term in Tolethorpe, we have been emerging deep down into the vast rainforest. We have become immersed in our theme 'I'm a year 5 get me out of here'. We have already learned an incredible amount through lots of investigation. We are now growing into intrepid geographers and scientists and have been finding out more about this incredible planet; we've worked out why the rainforests of the world are located where they are and what their climates are like. Using this knowledge and curiosity, we have written a formal letter to our Local MP to ask for their help; we're now waiting anxiously for a reply. The children have also been writing to persuade; thinking about persuasive features and language to use within a letter.

Our Maths has been exceptional this term as we have become very resilient learners, developing our written skills of multiplication and division, expanding our abilities to problem solve as well as in reasoning. We have started to delve deeper into fractions, linking these to our real life, including why they are of importance.

In Guided Reading we have really enjoyed reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, following the antics of four children, as they try their best to survive in the Amazon Rainforest! In PE they absolutely loved learning to play Boccia, which involved lots of tactics and new techniques.

They have also loved our rainforest themed Performing Arts this term, really exploring ways of expressing themselves through Dance and movement. Another fantastic term in Year 5 completed! Well done Tolethorpe Class!



Burghley News

It has been wonderful joining the Ryhall CE Academy family, I have really enjoyed getting to know all the children. Burghley have shown great determination and perseverance in their learning this term. Whilst our Maths has focused on multiplication and division as well as money, they have worked incredibly hard and taking on any challenges with great enthusiasm.

Burghley have been learning lots about deforestation and written some fabulous, well thought out persuasive letters as part of their English work. They have learnt so many facts, which they used in their writing and they did a great job!

In Science, the children have been looking at nutrition and why a healthy balanced diet is important. As part of this, they have been looking at food labels, comparing the information, and looking at the 'eatwell plate' completing their own which are up on display.

The children have been learning about the Romans and we will continue to learn about the Romans and the lasting impact in Britain next term. The children have been really engaged with this topic and have particularly enjoyed learning about the gladiators.

The passion the Burghley class bring in to school for their learning each day is exemplary. We have had a very busy term but with lots of fun along the way!

Thank you to the Burghley family for making me so welcome.

SPRING TERM PREP KINGSWOOD CATERING

Don't forget to make your orders for the Spring: Term Three. All orders must be made by **Wednesday 16th February**.

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

UNIFORM

Check all items still have names in and that shoes/trainers/plimsolls fit. As a reminder Summer Uniform can be worn (optional) after the Easter holidays. Please check our uniform policy which can be found on the website under 'Parents/Uniform'

Wrap Around Care

Please make bookings for Spring Term Week 1 by **Wed 16th February**.

Rockingham News

The topic on Toys has been particularly engaging for the children. The history unit involved children comparing toys spanning the past 100 years or so. The lesson on toy phones mimicking developments in technology was particularly fun! Our upcoming trip to Oakham museum to see some older toys at first hand is very exciting as due to the pandemic, many children have never been to a museum. Afterward we plan to set up our own museum with our very own descriptions about each toy. Our Science lessons investigating different materials and our DT puppet making have also been memorable highlights of our learning this term. When we turned our hands to writing stories for year 1 we found out we were really good! We presented them with our superhero stories for them to enjoy in a special big book.



Belton News

This term, Belton Class have been on safari to Africa! We have been exploring where Africa is, what it is like to live in different areas of Africa and how they are similar and different to ours. We have explored physical geographical features and animals that are found in Africa, loving every minute! We have planned Safari journeys for Beebots to see as many of the animals as they can. We used compass settings and directions to find our way through the savannah! In English, we have studied Handa's Surprise, identifying nouns, adjectives, question marks and capital letters. We worked really well innovating this story to create our own versions and then read these to our parents on seesaw! Following this, we developed our knowledge of non-fiction features within nonfiction books. We then embarked on creating our own non-fiction books on chosen African animals after spending time researching facts using the reading site 'EPIC!'. In our Science learning, we all became biologists with a specialism in classifying animals. We are now leading practitioners in identifying mammals, reptiles, birds, insect, amphibians and fish! We can also explain our reasoning. We hope that our parents have enjoyed seeing our fantastic art creations on Dojo – we're very proud of our achievements. The Belton Team look forward to seeing you with re-charged batteries very soon!

Hambleton News

What a term we have had in Hambleton. We have been conquering mountains; learning all about Everest, writing biographies about Sir Edmund Hillary and even finding out all about the life of a Sherpa. So many things packed into a few weeks. The children have worked hard with their English and Maths skills. We have spent some time working on percentages and how to find percentages of numbers. We will now be great company to take shopping in the sales to work out discounts on items! Next term our geographical skills will be stretched once more when we visit a country and focus our learning on a particular place! Watch this space Hambleton. As we have discovered many things about Mount Everest, we would like to set you a challenge for the half term. It is 43 miles from base camp to the summit of Everest. We wondered if we can collectively climb Everest and return to base camp. Keep track of the miles you walk/cycle/run over half term and we will add them all together when we get back to see if we can all conquer Everest just like Hillary and Norgay did all those years ago!

Woolsthorpe News

Once again Woolsthorpe Wonders have outdone themselves with their amazing learning. This Term has been all about water: from our learning about rivers in Geography to 'States of Matter' in Science. Our whole class reader 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' has been a huge hit with Woolsthorpe Class. This novel will be completed after half term when our writing will be linked to it. In Maths, we have continued to use our multiplication and division knowledge from before Christmas to help us with our Area and Fraction learning. Again, it is important that the children do continue to practice their times tables at home as they are an integral part of all the maths learning that will continue over the course of the year. In our Science learning we now know how solids, liquids and gases are formed and how the reversible changes occur. This has linked beautifully with our Geography theme of 'Water, Water Everywhere' which has included learning about the water cycle. Our learning in RE this half term has been about what it is like to be a Sikh in Britain. The children have had the opportunity to learn about the Sikh faith: where and when it started; their spiritual thinking and how and where they worship. This learning will continue into Term 4. Finally, I'd like to thank you for tremendous support with all the Home Learning that has had to continue over this term. It does mean a lot that the children continue with their learning and wondering even when at home.