



# Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

TRUST  
RESPECT  
FRIENDSHIP  
HOPE  
RESILIENCE  
COMPASSION

It's wonderful to have a cause for celebration once again and we couldn't get through this term without recognising the achievements and momentous 70 years on the throne of our Queen, Elizabeth II; also our Head of the Church of England.

### PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE

On 20<sup>th</sup> May everyone in school voted for the type of tree they would like planted in the school grounds to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This links to a national campaign called The Queen's Green Canopy, which aims to encourage as many people as possible to plant a tree this year. We all understand the importance and benefits of having more trees in our environment so we were keen to take part. The School Council representatives asked their class to vote for the tree they would like from a choice of apple, pear and ornamental cherry. We reminded children of the importance of thinking carefully, deciding for themselves, having a say and making their voice heard. The votes were then counted and results shared at the end of the day. There was a clear winner.... the ornamental cherry tree which had over 140 votes from staff and children. With the help of Mrs Want and Eco Club we have planted our tree this week as part of our special Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We will also have a special plaque marking the event. Then we can all watch our tree as it grows and blossoms each spring and remember the special time we planted it. I wonder how big it will be by the time our current Belvoir children leave our school? Thanks to Miss Watson and Mrs Want for organising yet another memorable event.

It wouldn't be Summer Term 5 without the traditional May Dance festival – this term with the Platinum Jubilee at the heart of each of the class performances. The staff and children have certainly enjoyed being able to perform this to a crowd as whole school once again. However you commemorate the jubilee celebrations, we hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some time together making your own wonderful memories.

**TRANSITIONS** In Term 6, we will focus on 'transitions'; transitions to the National Curriculum for Reception children, transitions to the next year group or key stage and transitions to secondary school for our oldest children. Alongside what has become our traditional transition week, children will have the opportunity to meet with their new class teachers through a number of activities e.g. story time. We know that transition is also important to parents – don't worry, we'll be providing opportunities for you at the start of the new academic year.

**ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY** At the end of this term, you will receive the Annual Survey letter which includes the link to the online Google Form. The staff and I would really appreciate your support in completing this annual survey as it helps to shape the future developments of our school. We do ask some additional questions of you in relation to wrap-around care as well as ways in which we can support you in helping your child with their learning. We appreciate your time given to this. Thank you. I look forward to seeing you a little more myself in the final Summer Term when we continue to 'live life in all its fullness'. With every good wish to each and every one of you.

*Katy Walker*, Headteacher

## AWARDS

Awards have continued well in Term 5 – keep up the great work!

### SILVER AWARDS

Bailey Virgin, Lucas Southwood, Ava Lidgley

### GOLD AWARDS

Elin Evans, Emily Cobb, Ruby Lee

### END OF TERM CLASS DOJO LEADERS

Belvoir – Harriet Kettle & Maisie Palmer

Belton – Shay Sidhu

Woolthorpe – Jessica Glover

Rockingham – Matteo Pacitti

Tolethorpe – Ailish McMullen-Kennett

Burghley – Ellena Burrill

Hambleton – Sophia Epps

### VALUES AWARDS

Skylar Burkhill & Tallulah Sorbi – Trust & Friendship

## TERM DATES 2022

### TERM 6

Mon 6 Jun	Start of Term 6
Tues 14 Jun	Year 1/2 visit to Hunstanton Year 5 visit to the Space Centre
Wed 15 Jun: 6pm	Reception 2022 Parents Evening
Wed 22 Jun: 2pm/6pm	KS2 Play
Wed 29 Jun	Year 5/6 visit to the Warning Zone
Thur 30 Jun: 6pm	Music Concert
<b>Fri 1 July: 9.15am</b>	<b>Belvoir Class Assembly</b>
Mon 4 July	Y2 Multiskills - Oakham
Mon 11 July	<b>Y6 Gala Dinner</b> Y5 Inspiring Scientists Day - CCR
<b>Tue 12 July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Mon 18 July: 2.30pm</b>	<b>End of Year Celebration Assembly YR/1/2</b>
<b>Tues 19 July: 2.30pm</b>	<b>End of Year Celebration Assembly KS2 inc. Y6 Leavers Celebration</b>
<b>Wed 20 July: 9.30am</b>	<b>Y6 Leavers' Service</b>
Wed 20 July	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR

**Bold** indicates events for parents to attend.

## SUMMER SUN!

Whilst we continue to enjoy some summer sun (hopefully this will continue), please help us to help your child stay 'Sun Safe'. Please do encourage your child to wear a hat when outdoors (please make sure this is named) and we would appreciate you applying a long-lasting sunscreen before arriving at school.

## STAMFORD FOOD BANK

If you would like to know how to access Stamford Food Bank in times of need, then please get in touch. We can support you with a confidential referral.

The Ethos Council would also like to give our support where we can. If you would like to make a termly donation to the bank, then please drop any items off in school. We will arrange for a collection in July so please ensure food items are in date.

## Living a Healthy Lifestyle

We all know how important physical activity is to our health and we try to give as many opportunities as possible to encourage your children to be active; this term, we've enjoyed the new challenge of skipping with the help of 'Skip2Bfit'. Nutrition and good mental health are also an important part of that mix and the Summer Term brings many new learning experiences – the children in Years 2-5 have already enjoyed learning how to make a healthy meal from 'roots to food' and it's been wonderful to see how many of you have enjoyed cooking that wonderful 'Jambalaya' recipe and enjoying it as a family. Our PSHE work this term focuses back on ourselves and how we can keep ourselves healthy – this includes Mini First Aid in Years 5 & 6 as well as emotional health with 'The Conversation Stamford'.

## Belvoir News

Term 5 has been all about 'growing'. We began looking at a book about a guinea pig called 'Christopher Nibble', which told us all about how you need seeds to grow plants and that if you take all the plants then no more plants will grow. We found out what the parts of a plant are called and labelled them ourselves. We planted sunflower seeds and wild flower seeds in the pots outside and they have grown so much! We have been keeping a class diary of the sunflower seeds' progress.

We read another book about 'Christopher Nibble's Caterpillars', which introduced to us to the life cycles of butterflies. We even got our own caterpillars in the classroom and we have been watching them grow bigger and bigger until they disappeared...! Don't worry, they had only changed into chrysalis! We are currently patiently waiting to see what the butterflies will look like when they emerge...

A book called 'Nature's Tiny Miracle...Bee' explained to us the very important job that bees do - pollination! We all wrote our very own acrostic poem using the letters BEE and put them into another class book.

In RE we have been looking at creation from a Christian viewpoint. We read a book about the seven days of creation, and how God created different things on different days. We learned how important our role is in looking after our world, and realised we already knew many ways in which we could help from our work last term. All this learning fitted in really well with our very first school trip when we went to Nene Park in Peterborough. We all listened well and safely took part in pond dipping, bug hunting and looking at plants and their life cycles. A great day out was had by all. After another very busy term, we hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all in Term Six!

## ECO NEWS

This term the Eco Warriors have been busy caring for the orchard, the raised bed with our onion and garlic crop in and the ongoing task of taming the Wild Garden. They have also been designing a 'Wheelbarrow Garden' to celebrate the Queens Jubilee that we will have on display at school. They have come up with some great ideas, and have been caring for the plants prior to planting. We are hoping to recreate this in another wheelbarrow at The Jubilee County show at Oakham, in half term.



## FINAL SUMMER: TERM SIX PREP

### KINGSWOOD CATERING

Don't forget to make your orders for the Summer Term. All orders must be made by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.**

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

### Wrap Around Care

Please make bookings for Summer Term 6 by **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

## MODESHIFT STARS UPDATE

As part of our school's work to promote active and sustainable travel, we thank you for your ongoing support in using a '5-minute walking bubble' where you can. One of the dates to note for next term is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Clean Air Day, when we hope you will be supporting the JTA's with an 'anti-idling' initiative & competition.

## Rockingham News

What a busy term for Rockingham! We got started with two fascinating themes – plant life in Science and finding out about a contrasting location in Geography. It was really interesting waiting to see what happened to the seeds we planted. Some of them germinated successfully but others may have been buried too deep or maybe the conditions were just not right.

A favourite part of this term has been finding out all about India, helped by Mrs Want's memories and artefacts from her visit there. In art we made clay hands with our own mehndi patterns imprinted on them using different tools and techniques.

We were lucky enough to have two inspirational visitors – David who has motivated us to get skipping and Darren who turned us into little chefs making delicious jambalaya!

As well as all this, we worked hard in Reading, Writing and Maths and really enjoyed showing just what we know and can do, in our special quiz booklets!

(SAT's). Practising our May dance has challenged us as we have to keep the beat as we try to get all our actions synchronised!

It has been really special to welcome a new pupil to our class. We love having him and are so proud of how he has settled. We can't believe our time in Year 2 is nearly over. Luckily, there's plenty of fun and learning to come!

Thank you to all our parents for your support over this term once again and we look forward to seeing you even more next term.



## Tolethorpe News

This past term has 'flown' by! We have been loving our theme for the summer term, discovering new locations, and finding out more about where we live! We are steadily making our way around Rutland, finding out about different landscapes and villages.

This term within maths, year 5 have been loving all things decimals; getting to grips with the important of place value when adding/subtracting them. They have shown a real resilience when answering word problems and reasoning questions, really developing all of these skills.

We have loved reading *Around the world in 80 days*, creating our own Non-Chronological report 'Around Rutland in 80 days' pulling all of our skills together, applying these within our writing. We have recently enjoyed reading *The Dam*, which really made us connect with our spiritual side.

GRAVITY, GRAVITY EVERYWHERE! In science this term we have been 'pulled' into all things 'Forces'. Investigating air and water resistance, finding out all about what effects gravity has on us and the earth around us!

Our highlight of this term has definitely been visiting the Rutland Osprey Project, seeing the Ospreys in action through our binoculars and telescopes. We have loved learning all about these majestic birds and relating this information to our local area study!



## Hambleton News

Well, what a busy term our Hambleton Heroes have had! We started off in revision mode; polishing our Reading, Maths, grammar and punctuation skills in preparation for the SATs. When the time arrived, they all handled the challenge brilliantly - arriving calm, confident and spurred on by toast and Mrs Jesson's motivational music. We thoroughly enjoyed the annual end of SATS water fight too! Lots of cold water, laughing and memory making. As well as completing our end of key stage assessments, we have continued to develop our writing skills, this term focusing on writing narrative. Inspired by Armin Greder's 'The Island', we retold the ending to the story including language to describe characters, setting and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to advance the story and convey characters. The children worked tremendously and produced stories that engaged their audience and would have made Greder proud. Our final task has been practicing our Maypole dancing skills in preparation for the traditional Ryhall May Festival; lots of fun!

## Belton News

Did you know a magic beanstalk grew in Belton Class over the Easter holidays? Attached to which was a set of instructions from Jack explaining how to grow a bean. Following the instructions carefully we began research on how to keep a bean alive. So far, we have done well and our beans have grown really tall; the tallest reaching 1.2 meters! We wrote our own stories of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' using a 'Talk for Writing' approach and even designed and created beautiful oil pastel drawings of the flowers that would grow on our beanstalks. Following this, would you believe it - we had a break in! We returned from morning break to find our classroom in disarray! A chair had been broken, porridge bowls were overturned, spoons and books had been flung all over the place. A small silver bracelet, a shoe and some hair with a bow had been left behind! We immediately studied the evidence and decided it must have been GOLDILOCKS! Busily, we designed and wrote 'wanted' posters using super adjectives. Finally, imagining we were Goldilocks, we wrote some amazing letters to the Three Bears apologising for our behaviour! In Design Technology we designed and made new chairs for Baby Bear, we tested these designs using a school mascot bear.... We were SO excited when our Bear Chairs successfully held his weight! This term is a first for some things in Belton Class, they performed their very first live assembly for the parents and in front of the whole school! They were simply FANTASTIC, I am sure all of you would agree. We also took part on our very first May dance and festival - what an amazing way to end the term!

## Burghley News

It has been another great term in Burghley with the highlight for many being the Roots to Food workshop where children got the chance to experience being chefs cooking a jambalaya. The children all did such a fantastic job and learnt new culinary skills. The children really enjoyed having our class assembly and it was lovely to have all the parents come in to the classroom so the children could showcase their learning. In Art this term, we have been going all abstract, inspired by the work of Kandinsky - we think our gallery is quite spectacular. As mathematicians, the children have been working on fractions and showed great perseverance, well done Burghley! We have really enjoyed getting out in the sunshine over the past couple of weeks ready for our May Dance and have really enjoyed all the festivities for the Jubilee. The children have excelled themselves with their attitude to learning and commitment. I hope they all enjoy their half term, and I look forward to seeing the children of Burghley for their final term in Year 3!

## Woolsthorpe News

As we reach the end of yet another busy term, the children have excelled themselves with their work ethic and commitment to their learning. Our work on the Anglo-Saxons has concluded with looking at the finds from Sutton Hoo (an archaeological dig of a burial ship in Suffolk). We have also been able to enjoy the sunshine hunting for invertebrates in our Wild Garden. This was followed by the children creating a poster to show the dangers our environment can place on the habitats we have in our gardens and in school. One of our highlights was the Roots to Food workshop where the children learned to chop, slice, and cook their own food.

During this last week of term, Woolsthorpe Wonders have had an amazing time celebrating and learning about The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We learned about the Queen and her family, made crowns to wear for our picnic lunch and learnt about our decade of the 1970s. When I asked the children what the favourite part of the week had been their response was 'all of it!' Thanks also goes to our Woolsthorpe parents for their help in organising what the children needed throughout the week. Enjoy the half term holiday, whatever your plans, and I look forward to seeing the children back for their final term of Year 4!