

# **Ryhall CE Academy News**

Dear all,

As we look back on all we have achieved this year we are so thankful for our wonderful Ryhall community and proud of how much our children have achieved this year. Despite its challenges, we admire everyone's resilience and ability to rise up! Life in school over the last three months has been incredibly busy with a huge range of activities enjoyed by the children and it has been wonderful that we have been able to invite parents and carers into school to share these with us. Transition activities were able to take place this year and all the children met their new teachers. It was a lovely opportunity to get to know one another and explore their new classroom. Finally, we said a formal farewell and good luck to our amazing Year 6's at their Presentation Service on Tuesday followed with the Church Service on Wednesday. We are excited for their futures and look forward to hearing all about your achievements when you pop back and see us next year. As we come to the end of a very busy but enjoyable summer term, we hope you all have a pleasant summer break and look forward to pupils starting the new school year on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Mrs Barbara O'Brien, Interim Headteacher

### MP ALICIA KEARNS VISITS RYHALL

In February this year, Year 5 wrote letters to Alicia Kearns during their Rainforest Topic work, about their concerns over climate change and deforestation, as well as the impact on our local area. They asked if she was doing anything, if we can do anything, and lastly, if she would come in to speak with the pupils about this in more depth. On July 1st, Alicia Kearns visited our school. She started by joining Year 5 to answer their questions based on 'our planet. The children spoke in depth about the Mallard Pass solar farm and reasons for and against this. They spoke about her role as an MP and how she got into this, then asked her about what she has to do as an MP, her role in protecting our area and being our spokesperson. She enjoyed her tour around school, being shown around by two of our wonderful Year 5 pupils. Alicia Kearns then joined all Year 1 to 6 pupils in the hall to answer some more questions. Each class had chosen 1 question they really wanted the answer to. Before departing, she said how wonderful our school and pupils were, and was pleased she had been able to visit us. She also invited the pupils to the Houses of Parliament to see her when they are free!

#### AUTUMN TERM PREP KINGSWOOD CATERING

Don't forget to make your orders for the Autumn Term. All orders must be made

by **Tuesday** 23<sup>rd</sup> August. www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

After School Activities These will be available for booking In due course



## HAMBLETON AWARDS

At the end of year 6, we celebrate the work and achievements of the children across the course of their time at Ryhall. At the Leaver's Assembly, we presented cups to our winners, recognising their commitment and effort to achieve academically and uphold our Ryhall Family ethos.

#### WINNERS...

Overall contribution to school life: Ariel Ecclestone Citizenship: Sophia Epps Courtesy: Alysia Ryder Progress: Isabella Gatens The Bishop's Prize for RE: Benjy Tinker Literacy: Dylan MacPhee Maths: Toby Haylock-Cox Commitment to the Arts: Otto Forkin Achievement in Sport : Niamh MacPhee

## TERM DATES 2022-23

Term 1 starts	Wed 31 Aug
Reception Children full time	Fri 2 Sep
Open Classrooms for Parents Y2-Y6	Mon 5 – Thurs 8 Sep 3.30-4.00pm
After School Clubs begin	Mon 12 Sep
Phonics & National Curriculum Y1	Wed 14 Sept 3.00pm
Reception Open Afternoon	Thur 15 September 2.30pm
EYFS workshop for Reception parents	Thur 15 September 2.45pm
Parent/Teacher Consultations – VIRTUAL	Tues 27 Sep 3.45-6.00pm
Parent/Teacher Consultations – In Person	Thur 29 Sep 3.45-6.00pm
Film Night KS2	Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Harvest Festival YR/1/2/4	Fri 7 Oct 2.00pm
Harvest Festival Y6/5/3	Mon 7 Oct 2.45pm
Caythorpe Trip Leaves Y5	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Film Night Rec/KS1	Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Caythopre Trip returns	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Term 1 ends	Fri 14 Oct
Term 2 begins	Mon 31 Oct
After-School Clubs finish	Thurs 1 Dec
FORA Christmas Market	Fri 2 Dec 5.00-7.00pm
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 16 Dec

Bold indicates event for parents to attend - more details to follow in the Autumn Term

#### Uniform

Please check that all item of school uniform are named, this makes returning lost items possible. Also check that shoes/trainers/plimsolls fit.

#### A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2022

Primary School is over now with high school coming fast, I have to tell you this last year has simply been a blast.

Shortly you'll be moving on to somewhere fresh and new, This school will be so different when we do not have you.

We've watched you grow and turn into the person that you are, To read and write and count with ease, you simply are a star!

We want you to remember, a message from us all, Live your life and chase your dreams, whether big or small.

You are unique and wonderful and sadly, will be missed. So grab life and forever hold it tightly in your fist.

Goodbye from us and thank you as it has been so much fun, Remember you are special and you're simply number one!

Hambleton Class, what heroes you are! This year has been another challenging one but you have risen to the occasion. Over the year you have shown your talent, knowledge and humour and we have loved every minute. We have enjoyed seeing you grow and mature into the young people you are today. You are more than ready for secondary school. Remember to aim high and be amazing!



#### MATHS

Our times tables skills have been going from strength to strength through KS2 and many children are regularly logging on to TT Rock Stars at home to continue their practise and recall speeds. You are able to access TT Rock Stars over the holidays to please encourage your child to log on as often as possible and have some Times Table fun. By the time children reach the end of Year 4, they should be able to recall the facts for all the tables up to 12 x 12.

The Studio game on TT Rock Stars allows children to gain a 'Rock Star' speed and be given a ROCK STAR STATUS ranging from Wannabe to Rock Hero. At the end of every game the children are given a speed, this is the average time it takes to answer each question in seconds. This then equates to a rock star status.

#### Special mention needs to go to these children:

Hambleton – **DANIEL** continues to be top of the 'rock star' pile in Hambleton with a recall speed of 0.48 seconds per question. Well done Daniel.

Tolethorpe – **ELIN** continues to be top of the 'rock star' pile in Tolethorpe with a recall speed of 0.62 seconds per question. Well done Elin.

Woolsthorpe – **OLIVIA** is a Rock Hero. Her recall speed is 0.79 seconds per question. Great job Olivia.

Burghley – **AGGIE** is a Burghley Rock Legend with a recall speed of 1.77 seconds per question. Well done Aggie, I can see you becoming a Rock Hero very soon. ©

As a school we are currently 22nd place on the local schools leaderboard with an average speed of 4.58 seconds per question. I wonder if we could creep a little higher up the board over the Summer holidays? Keep logging on and practising at home.

#### **EVERYTHING ECO**

The Eco Warriors finished their last few sessions by harvesting their onions and garlic, making bug habitats and then using their garlic to make an afterschool snack of garlic butter on toast! We have had a busy year, but lots of laughs too!





**CONGRATULATIONS** to you all and of course to Mrs Want and her Eco Warriors as we have once again been selected as a Highly Commended entrant for your project 'The Great Outdoors' in the Primary Awards for Green Education in Schools (PAGES) 2022.

There were almost 140 entries and around 19,000 children.

The judges said that it was a very difficult decision to select the award winners, so being selected as a Highly Commended entrant is a real achievement of which you should feel very proud!

They said, "This was another brilliant project from Ryhall CE Academy and once again we were really impressed with the huge range of activities the children have undertaken during the year and the large amount they have learned as a result. The way in which the whole school has been involved was fantastic to see."

The prize is  $\pounds100$  to put towards our next Eco Project or some new equipment for our Eco Team.



#### **Burghley News**

This term has "flown" by again! We have been learning about earthquakes and volcanoes, which has been a huge amount of fun. Using the picture book "Flood" by Alvaro F. Villa, the class has written and acted our class story. They have also created some wonderful poems with excellent vocabulary use. Children have really liked being able to bring the magnets out and explore them for themselves during our work on magnetic forces. Burghley were lucky enough to visit Burghley House, where we all had a great time exploring the gardens, searching for mini-beasts and creating our very own sculptures. Burghley has worked incredibly hard this term in all areas of their work, but especially with their practise of the times tables, where they are making superb progress. In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of shapes where children created their own 3D shapes and looking at mass and capacity in which the class have been conscientious, continually showing perseverance in their learning. The class should be extremely proud of all of their accomplishments. Their participation and enthusiasm for learning has been remarkable.

#### **Belton News**

Belton Class have been off on holiday this term! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!'

We received a letter from Ocean Explorers in St Martin asking us to help educate people in the world of 'Sharks!' They are becoming more and more endangered and they need our help.

We read non-fiction books about sharks and using our comprehension skills, learned many facts! Did you know one of the smallest sharks is just 30cms long, whilst the longest sharks can range up to 12m and beyond? We set about writing our own non-fiction journals to share and educate people. We then sent our journals to St Martin to help teach their children and visitors about sharks and litter pollution. We have also explored 'The snail and the whale', finding interesting vocabulary and using our own adjectives to describe the places visited by the snail by writing postcards. We loved following the snails journey on a real map, learning the names of the oceans and seas.

As Historians, we researched 'Seaside holidays from the past'. We instigated why and when seaside holidays became popular, using a variety of sources. What did people wear, do and see at the beach 100 years ago? Why did they have bathing huts, what is a hockey pokey and who were 'Punch and Judy'?

In Science, we have been keeping an eye on the weather, we observed seasonal changes, recorded weather patterns and examined how seasons affect both animals and humans. To help us on our recording we learned how to create and use tally charts and pictograms.

Finally, after al/ our study we enjoyed an amazing day at the 'Sea Life Centre' in Hunstanton and a trip to the beach! We learned so much about sea creatures it was fascinating.



#### **Rockingham News**

Everyone in Rockingham has enjoyed the final term in KS1.

We have been busy learning about Christopher Columbus and other intrepid explorers. We were really fascinated by their adventures and are keen to find out more about Neil Armstrong.

Our Science has been great too, as we learnt about ourselves and other animals and what we all need to do to keep safe and healthy to survive. We did an experiment to find out what happens to our bodies when we exercise. Then we looked at the "Eatwell plate" and made a healthy fruit salad which most of us thought was delicious! We finished our computing lessons composing some music and creating art in different styles. A Road Safety training session with Walkwise and a Multiskills festival have also contributed to our varied activities. Miss Watson and Mrs Want are delighted with all the progress we have made this year and look forward to hearing how we get on next year.

#### **Tolethorpe News**

Though it has been jam-packed, this term has been absolutely incredible.

One of our highlights has to be visiting the Space Centre, learning all about the Earth, Sun and Moon and seeing the USSR space craft, which was a fantastic way to kick start our topic within science, about space!

We have loved becoming curious scientists this term, learning all about gravity everything and space, in between. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Osprey Project at Rutland Water, where we linked our geography knowledge in, to be able to understand the magnificent journey the Osprey do twice a year.

They worked immensely hard to put on a 'Show to remember' with Hambleton. They put in 100% effort to practice and rehearse it, to put on an amazing performance (which they really did!). We really have had a remarkable term, where we have 'travelled' all over Rutland gaining lots of new knowledge about our Local Area. Developing our skills that we have been practicing all year, by putting them all together to really be prepared for year 6! It has been an absolute joy to see them grown into eager and avid learners, who are most certainly ready for year 6! ©

#### **Woolsthorpe News**

What a fantastic but extremely busy final term's learning Woolsthorpe Wonders have had.

We have concluded our work on Viking Raiders with the children working on their own designs of longships at home and learning all about the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne and King Arthur in school. We've also finished honing our sewing skills and completed our Viking purses with Mrs Fowler.

In Science, we finished our work on Sound by designing, making and testing our own musical instruments that could change pitch and volume! Some really innovative ideas and lots of hard work too – well done!

Woolsthorpe Wonders have been a truly amazing group of children to teach this year. The children have excelled in their learning, persevered with new challenges and always with smiles on their faces and good spirited fun! I will miss them and look forward to following their progress as they venture into Year 5!

#### **Belvoir News**

This term has been all about 'journeys'. We have looked at books that have shown us many different ways that we could travel, from balloons to hundred decker buses! We have looked back in time to see what transport looked like many years ago and the children especially liked the steam trains! They plotted routes around the world for Emma Jane and her aeroplane to take and made maps for her to follow.

Although there were a few nerves, the children performed a fantastic parents' assembly. The children truly perfected their presenting skills and entertained the whole school and parents with their film debut in 'Our Favourite Books'. They told everyone about their favourite book from the year spent in Belvoir class and why it was so special to them.

Transition days took place in week 5 and the children were so grown up and sensible moving to their new class and meeting their new teachers, I certainly think that they have made a super first impression!

Please accept our thanks for all the support and enthusiasm you have given us during your child's first year of school. It has been an incredible year and the Belvoir team wish the children the very best for year one.

#### ENGLISH

This year we have continued to develop our love of reading; diving into an array of fabulous books from different authors, discovering new genres and challenging the choice of books we choose. The children have developed their reading skills, expanded their vocabulary and excitedly discussed books. They have also shared the books that they love and written book recommendations to inspire next year's cohort.

We have created a list of great reads for each year group, as a helpful guide when deciding your child's next book. They are all high quality and stimulating books to excite and engage your children. These have been shared by your child's new class teacher and a copy placed on Class Dojo. We can't wait to hear what the first book you have decided to read is!

We are also promoting the Summer Reading Challenge and encourage all families to join in as a great way to keep up reading and avoid the 'summer reading dip'. Information about how to enter is also on Class Dojo. Have a wonderful summer... your adventure is just one page away!



#### ACCELERATED READER

As you will now know, the Accelerated Reader scheme which is used by some children in Year 2 and all children in KS2, charts progress in many areas. One of these areas is numbers of words read. We continue to be staggered by the amounts that some children have read since the start of the scheme. We now have a number of 'Word Millionaires':



As a reminder to all our families you can continue with AR Quizzes over the summer break by using the following link: https://ukhosted69.renlearn.co.uk/1894677/

so why not participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and update your AR reading score and words read at the same time!

#### **ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES**

This term, Year 5 and 6 also came together to present two amazing performances of Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies. The whole cast were fantastic. Year 6 took on the main characters in the play and did the most amazing job! They all made us so proud and gave us all lots of laughs.

