



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

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When I asked the staff for their newsletter articles this week, there was a sense of shock – how had the last two weeks passed by so quickly? As always, it's been busy with some great experiences and learning. Every classroom I enter I see children who are prepared to take on challenges in their learning and pushing themselves to be even greater – what great mindsets they are developing. It's also an absolute pleasure to hear children enjoying reading in so many different ways. I will take this opportunity to offer our thanks to all those parents, relatives and friends who come in to support in our reading work. Last week the children in years 5 & 6 enjoyed a short trip to Casterton College Rutland where they watched their secondary peers (including some ex-Ryhall pupils) in yet another amazing performance; 'Alice in Wonderland'. As always, it was well rehearsed and hugely professional, with some of our own children saying how much they are looking forward to secondary productions. As you'll see in 'dates for your diary' we've had to move a couple of our events planned for next term. Some of our governors will be attending the Show What You Know open afternoon on Friday 2nd March and would love to see you there. Over the next term's newsletters, we'll be putting a 'Spotlight on Governors'. I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome our newest Co-opted Governor, Mrs Kayleigh Compton, who joined us for her first meeting last week. She looks forward to seeing you at some events of next half of the academic year. If you haven't already signed up to Class Dojo, why not take the time over the half term holiday to do this. It's a great way to keep in touch with the class teacher as well keeping you up to date with what's going on. Many classes now use it for reminders, including homework. Next term, we'll be using it to record Values Awards points as well as points for showing a 'Growth Mindset' and 'Resourcefulness'. We look forward to seeing you there! Finally, if you do keep up to date with us via social media you will have already seen that Ruby-Skye McArthur is asking you to join her on a litter pick which she has organised in response to the 'Show What You Know' homework. If you're able to please do join her on the Ryhall Playing Field (at the park) on Tuesday 13th February at 10.30am. I wish you all a restful half term break (if you're able to take one).

Katy Walker, Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Sun 18th Feb	2.30pm – Ryhall Academy Praise (RAP)
Mon 19th Feb	Start of Term 4
Tues 20th Feb	Hand in date for Show What You Know hwk
Tues 20th Feb	Group Photos – POSTPONED
Tues 20th Feb	Eco Warriors – Green Day at Stibbington
Tues 20th Feb	3.30pm meeting for Yr 5 Parents – Tolethorpe Class
Tues 20th Feb	5.00pm Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting in Hambleton Class
Wed 21st Feb	Year 2 Multiskills Festival
Wed 21st Feb	2.30-3.30 School Nurse Drop-in for parents
Mon 26th Feb	GROUP PHOTOS – revised date
Tues 27th Feb	Tolethorpe (Yr 5) Class trip to Cambridge University Gardens
Tues 27th Feb	SEN Review Meetings – pm
Wed 28th Feb	SEN Review Meetings – am
Fri 2nd March	SWYK OPEN AFTERNOON – revised date
Sat 3rd March	Cross Country – Stamford Welland Academy
Tues 6th March	3pm Rockingham Class Assembly
Mon 12th March	Year 4/5 Arts Day at CCR
Wed 14th March	Burghley (Yr 3) Class Trip to Peterborough Museum
Wed 14th March	3-6pm Rec/Yr2/Yr6 Parent-Teacher Consultations
Thurs 15th March	9-12 Rec/Yr2/Yr6 Parent-Teacher Consultations
Fri 16th March	9am Music Assembly
Fri 16th March	2.30 Woolsthorpe Wax Works Museum
Fri 16th March	5.30-7.00 FORA Disco
Sun 18th March	2.30-3.30pm Ryhall Academy Praise

WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of our weekly awards over the last two weeks:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

Iris McMullen-Kennett

BELTON

Harris Austin

ROCKINGHAM

Eva Edgson

BURGHLEY

Leila Porter-Toufik

WOOLSTHORPE

Gabriel Jagger

TOLETHORPE

Eva Smalley

HAMBLETON

Kiera Robinson

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

Bobbi Crooks

BELTON

Lottie Hartles

ROCKINGHAM

Archie Hill

BURGHLEY

Ben Fletcher

WOOLSTHORPE

Daisy Muxlow

TOLETHORPE

Jim Allen

HAMBLETON

Jasmine Favell

'HANDWRITING HEROES'

Congratulations to the following children for working hard to develop their handwriting:

Bailey Virgin, Albert Birch, Ted Bolitho, Mercy Edobor, Jason Moat, Marshall Garghan-Ruff, Maddison Garghan-Ruff, Luke Collins, Libby Perry, Scarlett Booth, William Gregory, Solomon Johnson and Luke Greaves.

'RYHALL READERS'

Well done to the following children who have been awarded for their reading commitments:

Willam Sloss, Jackson Glover, Josh Richardson, Henry Hill, Charlie Houghton, Daniel Edobor, Ivy Prior, Sophia Epps, Evie Linnell, Toby Fryett, Marshall Garghan-Ruff and Katie-Mae Giddings.

FORA UPDATE

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support with our termly Cakes at Break Sale today. Next term we'll be looking forward to the FORA Disco with the popular Mr Holroyd as our guest DJ.

Burghley News

Wow! Burghley have been busy this week. We have been studying geometry. We started Math by looking at 2D shapes and further investigating their properties and then we moved on to recognising right angles. We now know that angles are a measure of turn so we practised using mathematical words like right, left, clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turn, half turn and degrees. In Science we have been looking at diet and food groups. We helped our Romulus he has a terrible diet and needed help! We designed a balanced meal for him and then made a model of the meal on a plate. I wonder if you can work out what food groups we used in our balanced meals? We also thought about internet safety and how to keep ourselves safe at all times when we are online. We thought about what a good online friend might look like.



Belvoir News

Well done with the reading challenge, the children are very proud of their star stickers for reading four times a week. We're now half way through the year and it's wonderful to see how well the children are progressing in many areas – the joy of reading brings so many opportunities so keep up the great work.

We have continued on a frosty theme with a wonderful story all about 'Jack Frost'; we have done some frosty writing together with winter addition and counting. Our special story from the bible this week was the 'Good Samaritan'; the children all thought of ways to be kind and helpful, and wrote their ideas down, which was turned into a kind and helpful book!

Our phonics lessons have been moving along at a very fast pace. We have been learning lots of new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words over the last couple of weeks. Please help your child to remember them by looking at them in the red phonics book at home. You could play games to help your child remember the sounds and ask them to read and write the tricky words. Hide them round the house and play a treasure hunt challenge. Don't forget to share your games with us on Tapestry.

Tolethorpe News

This week we received a letter from the amazing naturalist and scientist Sir David Attenborough. We've been writing our own letters in response and some of us have suggested that he might like to pay us a visit here in Ryhall. We'll keep you posted on any response we receive. For Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, we shared ideas through role-play and made posters to display around the school. We want to help others keep themselves safe whilst enjoying the internet. Our maths brains have focused on developing recall this week and we're learning how to interpret timetables. Maybe we'll get a chance to practise with these on any journeys over the holidays.

Belton News

The week began by making playdough; reading instructions by ourselves. We had to be very careful to follow them exactly, otherwise the recipe didn't work. We looked at 'bossy' verbs that began each instruction. 3D shape has been our Maths focus this week; identifying, naming and describing their properties. We then began using our investigative and reasoning brains asking questions like how do we know it is a square? Why can't it be a triangle? What would happen if we added a corner to the square, which shapes 'tessellate' and why? As the week progressed we continued to use our enquiring minds to design an investigation to keep our Gingerbread men dry. We thought carefully about what we would need and how we would to carry out the investigation. We predicted the results using reasoning and some really tricky words such as 'absorbent' and 'waterproof'. Which can you remember?

Hambleton News

A very busy term has just flown by for Year 6 children. The children have been working extremely hard during their assessments last week and have had a 'change of gear' in order to move forward with their learning. As a bit of light relief from all the hard work in the mornings, the children have written, filmed, produced and edited their own Dinosaur Discovery documentaries about discovering dinosaur footprints. At the time of writing they have yet to be viewed but I'm sure they will be spectacular! We have also spent time reviewing our term and year so far and thought about what extra efforts we need to make over the next term or so in order to achieve our own personal goals and targets. I look forward to seeing all our Year 6 parents on Tuesday 20th (5pm) - Year 6 SATS briefing. Please don't forget to book in to KIA if you want to make use of the free facility from 5pm.

Woolsthorpe News

Woolsthorpe class have been continuing their investigations into the mysterious world of forces and last week we all became civil engineers; designing and building bridges using just 2 sheets of paper. Using their new learning about truss and arch bridges, some of their structures were able to hold more than 80 pennies!

In tandem with our favourite novel of the moment 'How To Train Your Dragon', we are creating an instructional manual for our very own dragons and have been learning how to weave in some exciting subordinating conjunctions to upgrade our writing.

Our topic of Extreme Earth keeps us hooked with its fascinating facts. Yesterday, with the gloomy, overcast skies outside, we switched off the classroom lights and got down to some serious learning about the terrifying effects of a tsunami. We have all decided that we are very relieved to live inland in such a quiet county!

Rockingham News

Over the past two weeks Rockingham class have been studying traditional Indian culture and traditions. We started by retelling the story of Rama and Sita which led us to understand why Hindus celebrate Diwali, what happens and why. We have used this knowledge to make clay Diya lamps using a mehndi design. We also had a go at playing the drum in the style of a Djembe drum learning the 3 different waysto hit the drum to make sound, we worked hard to follow a pattern in time. We also admired some professional Bhangra dancers; we used this to have a go at some bhangra style dancing ourselves - we discovered this is extremely tiring. In Maths we have been developing our fluency of multiplication and division, trying to recall many facts from memory rather than using our fingers. Mrs Tharme has set us a hit the button challenge on Class Dojo.

Enjoy having a go!

