



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Wow! What a scorcher of a Bank Holiday! I hope you all managed to enjoy it whilst keeping safe in the sun. Mrs Hicks has met with the Ethos Council over the last couple of weeks and the group would like to propose a change in one of our school Values from 'endurance' to 'resilience'. These few weeks are most definitely all about resilience for our Year 6 children who, next week, make real headway on their SATs journey. Many of them have worked very hard to practise and test their knowledge. We wish them luck in their tests next week and hope they can be proud that they have tried their best. I'd like to thank you for returning the annual parent survey last week. We are now collating all the responses and will publish this before the half term, including responses and actions to suggested areas for improvement. The staff and I are most grateful for the wonderful comments made.

Katy Walker, Headteacher

Belton News

The Three Little Pigs has been the focus in Belton Class over the last two weeks. We have been exploring which materials are best to build a house and why? We drew the three little Pigs houses on Purple mash and had such fun creating them using our chosen materials. Junk modelling was fun in the sun, designing and creating a home of our dreams! Some truly inspirational houses were made. Using the Talk for Writing approach we created a story map and put actions together to aid us in our written retelling of The Three Little Pigs. We up-levelled the story - editing and improving it using adjectives, conjunctions and sentence openers. The next week

we took our writing a step further and created our own story using the outline of The Three Little Pigs yet introducing our own characters! They ranged from hammer-head sharks to butterflies. Such amazing imaginations! In Maths we explored the value of coins and how many ways we can make the same amount. By the end of the week we were adding coins, making amounts and even developing the skill of giving change! Don't forget it's our Class Assembly on Tuesday if you can come - we look forward to sharing our learning with you!



Dates for your diary

Mon 14th May	KS2 SATS WEEK. Breakfast club from 8.15am for Yr 6
Tues 15th May	3pm – Belton Class Assembly (yr 1)
Fri 18th May	Year 3 & 4 Multisports Festival
Fri 18th May	PM – Year 6 SATs Party
Sun 20th May	2.30-3.30pm Ryall Academy Praise (RAP)
Mon 21st May	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola for May Fair
Mon 21st May	Year 5 trip to Rutland Water
Wed 23rd May	Year 6 Sports Leaders Leadership Academy
Thurs 24th May	Whole School Bookswap
Fri 25th May	May Festival 10am Village Square 1.45pm School
Fri 25th May	LAST DAY OF TERM 5
Mon 4th June	START OF TERM 6

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Nebel has lived in Ryhall since 1985 and his two daughters were educated at Ryhall School. Andrew is a co-opted governor and is a member of the Finance, Personnel and Health & Safety committee. His career has been in Marketing & Communications; initially with well-known brands such as Brooke Bond, Oxo, Thomas Cook, BUPA and Green Flag, before finding his dream job as a director of the children's charity Barnardo's where he spent twelve years. On retiring he became a non-executive director of Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, around which he has built a busy portfolio including being a trustee of three charities alongside various other part time roles. *'With three young grandchildren, I'm interested in making a contribution to help improve the lives of all children and hope I can apply my life experiences in a way that will help all at Ryhall CE Academy.'*



WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

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



'STARS OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children who have been nominated for their significant effort or contribution:

Phoebe Irvine, Emily Cobb, All of Rockingham Class, Marcus Moat, Thomas Johnson, Finlay Delve and Emily Thomas.



'MATHMAGICIANS'

A NEW AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATHS:

Tyler Armstrong, Ruby Lee, Libby Perry, Isla Holroyd, Toby Fryett, Macy-Jane Smith and Oakley French-Stanton



'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Rosie Houghton, Rocco Crooks, Ariel Ecclestone, Ted Bolitho, Isla Ecclestone, Max Heames and Natasha Cosgrove.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Willow Matthew, Bailey Virgin, Jackson Glover, Josh Richardson, Gabriel Jagger, Felipe Salles and Tarlia Pritchard

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

ENDURANCE

COMPASSION

Burghley News

This week, Burghley children have continued to find out lots about the Stone Age. We have researched and found out about Skara Brae and what was discovered there after a severe storm in 1850. We worked in groups and created our own models of the settlement using clay. In Science we found out how to test rocks and some of their properties. After testing, we decided that slate would be the best thing for Ug to use on his house as it is durable, will split easily and is impermeable. This week, we are moving and tackling the challenge of building 'Cake Henge'!

Hambleton News

Hambleton Class continue to work extremely hard revising all the areas of Maths and Grammar they have worked on throughout their time in Key Stage 2. Now lots of rest and relaxation is required over the weekend so the children are calm and relaxed (as much as they can be) for the four days ahead!

We have also been managing to have some fun in our learning too. Rehearsals for the May Day dancing round the maypole are in 'full swing' and we have also been 'Light Detectives' in Science carrying out a range of light investigations. The children have begun to plan a silent movie with Mrs Fenn – filming should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Tolethorpe News

In Tolethorpe class, we have been busy discovering all about ospreys and where ospreys would travel in the winter. We created a migration map of where the ospreys fly to. We found out that ospreys fly from Rutland Water, through France, over Spain, Morocco, Mauritania, through West Africa and finally end up in Senegal. In Art, we used graphite sticks, handwriting pens and colouring pencils to draw ospreys. We needed to really think about how to show the detail in the feathers. We have also written an article persuading people to visit Stamford and Rutland. We needed to make sure we used persuasive and descriptive language to really make people want to visit. *Written by Macy-Jane Smith and Jason Moat.*



BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Thanks to those of you who were able to support the 'Friends' Bags 2 School collection. We'll let you know how much money is raised in due course.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Here we are in this week's Stamford and Rutland Mercury celebrating the fabulous amount raised. The children in the photograph are those who individually raised the most across the school. On our own we are great – together we're awesome!
Well done to all once again



PLACES AVAILABLE

We're delighted to report that we have a full intake for Reception Class in August 2018. Do you have friends and family looking for a school place for their children? In the new academic year, we will have places available in the following year groups:

Year 1

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

POLITE REMINDER

A gentle reminder - please do not let your child, including non-school age siblings, use any of the school equipment or toys unless under the supervision of school staff. This includes the Reception Class and Year One outside areas or on the playing field, at the beginning and end of the school day, Thank you for your understanding.

Rockingham News

After our fun (but rather wet) afternoon camping in the rain, Rockingham children wrote amazing recounts to tell everyone about our experience. We were able to use our senses to describe what happened - the words 'wet' and 'soggy' were used a lot! We also used this time to begin to develop the skill of reading and improving our writing; the skill of editing is really important but also very tricky. In Maths we collected data about our favourite part of camping and our favourite nocturnal animals using tally charts; then converted these in to block graphs – I wonder if the children can think of things they could make a tally chart of at home? We have been working extremely hard learning our May dance linked to our theme and are beginning to design and create our costumes as part of our DT learning. Mrs Want has been teaching us how to recreate the famous art work 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh - we can't wait to reveal our own versions to you. This week we read the story of 'Peace at Last' and composed a peaceful piece of music to help send Daddy Bear to sleep. We enjoyed sharing our performances with others, showing all the instruments we could use to make soft sounds.

Belvoir News

Norman has continued to set us challenges and tasks in Belvoir class. Last week, Norman wanted to get fit, ready for doing the gardening in the good weather. He had heard that salad was very good for you, but he wanted to eat double the amount he normally had! We set about making salads and writing salad recipes, doubling the amount he normally ate. They looked delicious! This week Norman has got himself stuck in the raised beds outside. He wants to get to the other raised bed where his wife Norma is! We decided the best action to take was to build a bridge. We designed bridges and in pairs (showing great team work) we built them. Norman is quite heavy, so we had to test the bridge was strong enough to hold him!

Woolsthorpe News

Mr Flash, the renowned toothpaste manufacturer, has asked Woolsthorpe class to create a brand new children's toothpaste. We decided to kick-start the process with a revealing investigation into how effective some leading brands of toothpastes are. In addition to ranking them for their smell and colour, the children also tested the toothpastes for their abrasive and cleaning powers by attempting to remove stains from tiles. An unexpected bonus from our work is that we now have a rather minty-smelling classroom!

Our next step will be to design some shelf-popping packaging, complete with logo, before setting about actually making our very own toothpastes next week!