



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We've all been working extremely hard over the last couple of weeks, playing 'catch up'. It's been incredibly busy and it will continue to be so right up to the end of term. If you're able to get in to school this afternoon for Woolsthorpe's Live Wax Works you are in for a real treat. Lots of preparations have been happening this week and the costumes are AMAZING (thank you to all the parents and Mrs Younger in particular)! Burghley Class have enjoyed a 'Really Roman' experience this week, impressing the teachers and Peterborough museum with their engagement – there was yet another follow-up email from the staff at the museum commending the behaviour and attitudes of the children. I had the pleasure of taking some of our Year 3 & 4 children to the Rutland Dodgeball competition yesterday. They showed fantastic resilience right to the very end, with some great wins in the final stages. They were a true team who encouraged each other to be the best they could be. We hope to see a new team showing themselves off at Tag Rugby next week. In this week's final performance of talent and resilience we have been treated to some wonderful performances in Spring's Music Assembly. Whatever, your child has achieved over the last couple of weeks, well done to them!

If you're a Rutland Resident, Rutland County Council want to hear from you? Do you currently access childcare (childminder, nursery, out of school provision for holidays/before/after school)? If the answer is yes, please complete a short survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LB5GZL9>

You will now know that next week (Friday 23rd) is Sport Relief Day. The children are very keen to undertake the Sponsored Mile Challenge and you will have hopefully seen the Sponsor Form your child has brought home. Thank you for any support you are able to give this. We're hoping to top the previous amount of £1419. We are selling merchandise from the office: soft balls and wristbands for £1; 50p of which goes directly to Sports Relief charities.

Katy Walker,
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Sun 18th March	2.30-3.30pm Ryhall Academy Praise
Tues 20th March	3.00 Tolethorpe Class Assembly
Thur 22nd March	Recorder Jamboree
Fri 23rd March	SPORT RELIEF (Uniform & PE Kit)
Fri 23rd March	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby
Sat 24th March	Leics & Rutland X Country Champs
Wed 28th March	Spotlight Dance Show Rehearsal
Wed 28th March	5.30 Spotlight Dance Show
Wed 28th March	Whole School Book Swap
Thurs 29th March	2.45pm Head's Assembly
Thurs 29th March	5.30 Spotlight Dance Show
Thurs 29th March	LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Mon 16th April	START OF TERM 5

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

I'm Victoria Crosher and I have been a member of the Ryhall Governing Body since Summer 2014. I'm Chair of the Finance, Personnel, and Health & Safety committee and most importantly am the Safeguarding and Looked After Child Governor. Until my recent retirement I worked in education for 40 years and I am keen to ensure that the excellent schools in the east of the County are not overlooked! As well as helping Ryhall to get to our ambition of an 'outstanding' judgement from Ofsted, I also enjoy walking, travel, cooking and craft and have a new puppy that's keeping me very busy.



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'

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

Lois Etheridge, William Sloss, Ariel Ecclestone, William Cosgrove, William Gregory, Chiara Pacitti and Adam Pickering.



'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Samuel Griffin, Harris Austin, Joshua Clarke, Faye Favell, Gabriel Jagger, Charlie Houghton and Ellie Scott.



'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Jessica Glover, Liam Keel, Kailum Lester, Rowan Collard, Toby Fryett, Demi Gorman and Daniel Edobor.



'RYHALL READERS'

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

Ollie Bates, Emily Cobb, Isabella Gatens, Lance Maiden, India Banks, Finlay Delve and Keira Robinson.

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Belton News

We welcomed the representatives from Send a Cow to Belton Class this week. They were impressed that by doing the Read to Feed we managed to raise an incredible £413. The money we raised will provide 4 allotments with seeds and irrigation systems as well as a donkey; changing the lives of 4 families forever. Thank you for your amazing support.



Inspired by our work on the story of Handa's Surprise we made a delicious and healthy fruit salad. The children all tried fruits that they hadn't tasted before and could describe them using brilliant adjectives. We also wrote a fantastic retelling of the story using adjectives and sentence openers. Last week we also celebrated the postponed World Book Day where the whole school was looking at 'The Journey'. The children created some fantastic posters using adjectives to describe the castle and enjoyed noticing lots of detail in the pictures to create their own artwork.

Hambleton News

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been tackling area of triangles and parallelograms and discovered that it wasn't as difficult or as complicated as we thought! The debating about whether we should ban 'Snow Days' or not did prompt some fantastic speeches, questions and retorts between the two sides. We may even have a future politician or two amongst Hambleton Class! Needless to say the majority, although not overwhelming, did side with 'Keeping Snow Days' and it wasn't just about playing in the snow. The children discussed the safety aspects for all concerned as well as how they could still access their education from home! Some very mature debating! Mrs Hicks has noticed our resilience improving as we continue to get ready for our SATs. We're on it!

Woolsthorpe News

As part of our literacy module on biography writing, Woolsthorpe children recently became journalists and grilled some local VIPs all about their life stories. Armed with just clipboards and lots of probing questions, our mini Paxmans unearthed some fascinating facts which, in turn, helped them to write some great biographies. The children are now using these fact-finding skills to build profiles on some very famous people from the past and present, ready to wow our visitors in our Living Waxworks museum today. At the start of this week, we all enjoyed an Expressive Arts Day at Casterton designing lamps, sewing key rings, painting a large-scale picture of Stamford, making pizzas and, last but not least, fighting off aliens in a series of dramatic sketches. It was lovely to be made so welcome by the staff and Year 10 pupils of Casterton and the children are already asking if they can return!

Reminders

Please check your child's PE bag to ensure they have a change of socks. We also ask that you check the lost property box before we put items in the clothing bank – many items are not named and we can't return them to their rightful owner. Please be reminded that children should not use the trim trail before or after school nor should they be using their scooters in the school grounds. As a final reminder could we politely remind you that you should not be walking children through the staff car park unless before 8am or after 5.30pm when dropping off or picking to/from KIA when there are significantly fewer cars. Thank you.

Eco Arts

The Eco Warriors have begun planning a very exciting piece of Eco Art and need your help. Please could you keep your empty plastic milk bottles and send them in to school (clean) at the start of Term 5. Thank you.

Rockingham News

In Rockingham class we started the week by thinking about how long a second, minute and hour is. We predicted how many jumps, claps, etc. we would be able to do in a second and a minute then had a go. Our predictions were not very close! We also used World Maths Day to develop our knowledge of place value. We found as many different ways as we could to make one number to help the ants reach the picnic. In English we planted a sunflower seed each, then wrote instructions to teach Belvoir Class how to plant a sunflower seed. On Friday we took Mrs Carltons role and we became teachers in Belvoir class - we took all our Diwali learning and sat in pairs to teach Reception children about Diwali. We have also been busy looking at what houses were like in the Victorian times and how household items have changed.

Belvoir News

Signs of Spring are starting to appear in Belvoir class's outdoor area and this got us all thinking about other signs of spring that we could look for. We looked up information of what we might see and frog spawn was mentioned. We found out all about the life cycle of a frog and did some great writing, recalling the different stages. As you've heard, Rockingham class came to visit us, as they had heard about our RE theme of special books and wanted to share what they had learned about Diwali. They told us a special story about Rama & Sita and why Diwali is celebrated. We really enjoyed being taught by the older children for a change!

Burghley News

Burghley Class became slaves this week at Peterborough Museum; finding out lots about the Romans. The day started by completing lots of jobs that needed doing for the servants of the house; finding ingredients for a Roman banquet and then shopping at the market. When shopping we met Honest Horris who wasn't quite as honest as he should have been. He tried to give back the wrong change in Roman coins!! We then completed a pottery workshop and even met an actual Roman soldier. What a super day!

Tolethorpe News

This week at CCR we had the opportunity to become chefs, actors, designers and artists. We really enjoyed the day and have agreed to use the skills learned back in the classroom. In Maths, we have been using technical terms such as geometry, trigonometry and algebra and have found out how this type of Maths is relevant in our everyday lives. Angles has been the theme and getting our heads around using a protractor – it's certainly a skill! For our independent writing this week, we got to design our own amazing creatures adapted to the Rainforest. The descriptions of how they survive are a bit gruesome! We'll hopefully get to share some of them with you next week in the assembly.

