



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It's been a difficult few days with the many problems that the weather has presented us with, but I sincerely thank you for the support you have given in regards the decisions that have been made. It seems so long ago now, but over the holiday period Ruby-Skye in Year 1 was joined by some of her friends to undertake a litter pick around the Ryhall Village Park and Playing Fields. She was also joined by Councillor Wilby who managed to get a couple of bags filled also. We'd like to thank Ruby-Skye for undertaking this project on behalf of the school and Ryhall residents. We hope that many now follow her (and her friends') example – well done to you all. This was all part of our Show What You Know focus on everything Eco and 'WOW!' – what a response we have had to this theme. The children have created, researched, designed and presented so many different pieces of work – we have been incredibly impressed. It's a topic that is ever-growing in the media and so it's wonderful to see that our children are as aware and interested in this as the future generation. Please do join us next Friday (9th March) from 3-4pm to view the gallery of work – it really will fill you with inspiration to look at how we can all improve our lifestyles to become more environmentally friendly. Some of our governors will also be joining us and look forward to seeing you there. *Katy Walker*, Headteacher

Mathmagicians: Have you heard the news?

This term we presented the first of the new 'Mathmagician Awards' - recognising children's achievements in Maths whether it be times tables progress, showing resilience or carrying out a new skill independently. National Numeracy have produced a fantastic new resource to promote Maths in the home and it is full of many creative ways you can help develop your child's Maths skills further. In their 'Top Tips' they suggest: **Be positive** about Maths. Don't say things like "I can't do Maths" or "I hated Maths at school"; your child might start to think like that themselves. **Point out the Maths in everyday life.** Include your child in activities involving Maths such as using money, cooking and travelling. **Praise your child for effort** rather than talent - this shows them that by working hard they can always improve. If you struggle with Maths yourself - try our free online tool the [National Numeracy Challenge](http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/) to improve your Maths level. Find out more at this link – it's free! <http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/>

Dates for your diary

Tues 6th March	3pm Rockingham Class Assembly
Fri 9th March	3-4pm SWYK open gallery - Hall
Sat 10th March	Cross Country – Stamford Welland Academy
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

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Hello, I am Amanda (Mandy) Rogers and I am Chair of Governors. I became a governor in 2014, having been a Headteacher in a Rutland primary school until I retired in 2013. I am delighted to be part of Ryhall CE Academy and such a vibrant, happy and exciting learning environment. We have a small, dedicated group of ten governors. Please read our pages on the website for more detailed information, both of individual governors and our roles and responsibilities. Look out for governor representatives at school events, the first of which will be next week's 'Show What You Know' gallery. We shall be delighted to chat with you!



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:

Richie Scott, Toby Haylock-Cox, Jessie-Mae Jardine, Isla Ecclestone, Abi Byrne, Finlay Austin, Rosie Houghton, Lottie Hartles, Kailum Lester, Ted Bolitho, Aemilia Fletcher, Solomon Johnson and Poppy See.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Bailey Virgin, Sophia Epps, Leila Porter-Toufik, Isabelle Woollard, Chiara Pacitti, Keira Robinson, Megan Cosgrove, Ava Green, Elliot Wolder, Josh Richardson, India Banks, Evie Griffin and Adam Pickering.

'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Alessia Pacitti, Benjy Tinker, Isla Holroyd, Aemilia Fletcher, Felipe Salles, Alfie Topaz, Gracie-May Roberts, Lyla Osborne, Summer Rance, Isabelle Woollard, Demi Gorman and Jacob Pattinson.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Lucas Southwood, Joshua Clarke, Amelia Peck, William Brown, Demi Gorman, Luke Greaves, Willow Matthew, Luke Collins, Ariel Ecclestone, Isla Holroyd, Gabriel Jagger, Abi Byrne and Jasmine Favell.

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Belton News

Belton Class have been saying 'Jambo' to our new topic of 'Amazing Africa!' We have been exploring African stories to compare the lives in an African village to our own and writing descriptive sentences. We were really lucky to have a special visit from Mrs Jibb who showed us her wonderful photos of her visit to a real African village and have been overwhelmed by the number of African stories and artefacts that have been brought in from home - thank you, they are really helping to bring our learning to life. In Maths, we have been exploring halves and quarters by making some delicious sandwiches to cut up. We have also tasted some exotic fruit inspired from the story of Handa's Surprise. We are designing our own healthy fruit salads and can't wait to make (and taste) the final products! As always, please continue to hear your child read at home so that your child may earn house points towards a 'dip in the jar'. In addition to this, we are also taking part in 'Read to Feed'- Send a Cow's sponsored reading scheme which raises money for rural African families. Thank you for all your support so far in this and we are looking forward to welcoming the charity into school later on in the term.

Tolethorpe News

We had a bit of a disappointing start to this week as our class trip to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge had to be cancelled. However, we have been looking at what skills are required to be a botanist and have realised how important observation in art is. In our continuing statistics work, we've learned how to interpret line graphs, with some of us looking at negative numbers - it would have been very useful for this week's below freezing temperatures! Now we're all about angles (not angels) and how to remember what each are called.

Hambleton News

Despite the excitement of snow and time out the children have done exceptionally well to keep the momentum going and maintain the right mind set towards their work this week. Algebra has been our focus in maths, which to begin with was a little tricky but we persevered and have conquered our fear of the unknown! English has had several interruptions this week but hopefully our arguing and debating voices will come to the forefront when we discuss the pros and cons of snowball fights and snow days! Thank you to those of you who attended the SATs information event; although it seems a way off, the reality is most definitely with us.

Woolsthorpe News

This week we kicked off our new Maths module by designing our very own fraction museum, full offraction exhibits, of course! We invited Burghley Class to visit us, which created the opportunity for lots of explaining and questioning by all the children. This practical start has then enabled us to whizz through some tricky problems involving equivalent fractions, improper fractions and even adding fractions with different denominators - phew!

In English, we are in the middle of a tense protest by some rather vexed crayons who are fed up with being overworked. We have been developing our formal letter skills by penning some stern letters to the National Crayons' Union on their behalf and have just started thinking about how to write persuasive speeches using hyperbole and modal verbs! - another phew!

As part of our Extreme Earth topic, we have been cloud catching and on Monday, the children enjoyed an informative talk on safety at sea from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

Meeting of Minds: Mathmagicians

Parents - please share with your child - no need to sign up.

Open door to all.

'Are you in Key Stage 2?

Do you want to be a times tables whizz?

Come and meet with Mrs Jesson and other Ryhall Mathmagicians every Tuesday lunchtime.

We will practise facts, play games and learn tips and tricks to help us to be cracking at times tables.'

Rockingham News

Over the last two weeks Rockingham children have been busy developing knowledge of our new theme 'Homes and Gardens'. We have written amazing setting descriptions of gardens, remembering to describe everything in detail using adjectives and adverbs and also using positional openers to describe whereabouts the things are in the garden. We have begun to think about letter writing; if we were to move away from Ryhall who would we write a letter to and what would it say? In Maths we have been directing the gardener around the garden. We started by following directions using clockwise, anti-clockwise, $1/4$, $3/4$ and $1/2$ turns we then were able to write our own directions. In our Science learning we have thought about what plants need to grow which has helped us to think about how it is up to us to help the plants in our greenhouse grow. We will be preparing for next week's class assembly and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 3pm.

Belvoir News

Belvoir class started back after half term with a bang...celebrating the start of Chinese New Year. We learned all about the Chinese zodiac and the story of how the animals were chosen and what order they come in. Did you know that this year is the year of the dog? We watched a film about a Chinese family in Liverpool preparing for, and then taking part in the celebrations. This inspired us to do an impromptu dragon dance in the hall! We began our celebrations by making paperchain dragons, animal masks and paper fortune cookies. We wrote messages for our cookies, which ranged from 'Don't let a wolf lick your face' to 'Smile everyday'. Very wise words I think! At the end of the week we used our animal masks to run our own Chinese zodiac race and learned about positional language.

Burghley News

Burghley have been busy looking at multiplication this week in Maths. We have practised times tables, used arrays and grids to help calculate answers and we even started to be a little more grown up with our solving and developed the use of a more formal method. In English we put on our reporter hats and started to find out about what happened at Pompeii. We are then going to write a newspaper reports about the famous volcanic eruption. Why don't you ask us what we already know. As Scientists, we have been investigating the skeleton and started to discover the names of the many different bones in the skeleton. We even got really creative and made images of skeletons using chalk, torn paper or cotton buds. Do you know where your radius and ulna are? And can you answer this week's challenge - how many bones are there in total in the human body? Check out the X-rays on our classroom window. Can you find the bones in your own body?

