



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Firstly, I must take the opportunity to commend our Year 6 children on their approach to the Year 6 SATs assessments last week. Despite preparations and rehearsals for such events, there is no doubt that they felt some of the pressure of what these tests can sometimes bring. Each and every one of these children should be extremely proud of their efforts and resilience shown. Outwardly, they showed positive mindset with a real 'can-do' approach. They certainly deserved the party they enjoyed on Friday afternoon. We now eagerly anticipate the outcomes of these tests which will be known in July and shared with children and parents/carers in end of year reports. Whatever the outcomes, we are already proud of the wonderful young people that these children have already become. This week has been all about the preparations for the May Festival and even though we're not there yet, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of our wonderful PTFA, FORA, who have pulled together the events of the May Festival. No doubt, we will enjoy the wonderful show put on by the children who have practised hard – thank you to the teachers and Sarah Bell from Rutland Dance who have made this happen. It's another milestone for the Year 6 children as we move to the final part of their journey with us here at Ryhall CE Academy. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 6.

Katy Walker, Headteacher

Belton News

We have continued to look at traditional tales, focusing particularly on 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have written 'Wanted' posters for the Big Bad Wolf and character descriptions, using varied adjectives. We thought carefully about our favourite characters and designed our own wooden spoon puppets. In Maths, we have been using our number bonds to 10 and 20 to solve problems – maybe you can quiz us over the holidays to see how great we are; we are getting very good at being 'number detectives' to spot these number bonds in word problems. As part of our RE learning and interest in the Royal Wedding, we have been learning about Christian Wedding ceremonies. We have enjoyed looking at photos of our families' weddings and thought about the significance of each tradition. We were so excited to carry out our own wedding service in Ryhall Church - thank you Rev. Jo!



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:

Megan Cosgrove, Archie Cantwell, Isabelle Wilkinson, Olivia Woollard, Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Kailum Lester, Holly Muxlow, Isla Ecclestone, Hayden Lee, Bradley Bates, Samuel Griffin, Anya Harley, Eva Edgson, Luisella Pacitti, William Brown, Gabriella Hill and All of Year 6.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Jessica Glover, Rocco Crooks, Isabella Gatens, Leila Porter-Toufik, Ruby Rowland, Georgia Tilley, Ollie Bates, Lucas Jackson, Harry Scrivens, Marcus Moat, Fern Grice and Abi Bates.

'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Tyler Armstrong, Ivy Prior, Joshua Clarke, Ted Bolitho, Thomas Muxlow, Jason Moat, Jason Moat, Adam Pickering, Alicia Kavanagh, Edward Salisbury, Evalyn Brown, Toby Collins, Mercy Edobor and Macy-Jane Smith.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Sam Osborne, Jenson Murfett, Ariel Ecclestone, Harley Rance, Mercy Edobor, Harvey Peck, Nina Taplin, Emilia Wells, Ava Green, Jackson Glover, Luke Fender, Aemilia Fletcher and Charlie Houghton.

Dates for your diary

Mon 4th June	START OF TERM 6
Tues 5th June	Show What You Know (SWYK) due in
Tues 5th June	Year 5 trip to Wicksteed Park – Murderous Maths
Fri 8th June	Reception Class trip to Bugtopia
Fri 8th June	Year 1/2 Hearing Tests
Fri 8th June	Ice Lolly Friday begins (3.30pm)
Mon 11th June	Rutland Poppy Project – whole school am
Tues 12th June	Year 5/6 Visit to the Warning Zone, Leicester
Tues 12th June	Phonics Screening
Wed 13th June	Year 1 Trip to Hunstanton
Sun 17th June	Last RAP of the academic year 2.30pm

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

I'm Kimberley Griffin and I have been a Parent Governor for nearly two years and I am also a member of the Finance, Personnel and Health & Safety committee. I have a daughter in year five and a son in year eight who also attended Ryhall CE Academy. I have recently worked out this year's May Festival will be the 10th I've watched as my son's first festival was when he was at nursery!

I live in Carlby and help run the Rutland & Northants Training group. My husband is a Farmer and farms in Ryhall and Hambleton. Together we also help run the Rutland Ploughing Match each year and I am on the board of The Emma Molesworth Trust which supports Rutland residents undertaking agricultural related courses. I was an active member of the schools PTFA for 7 years - 4 of those years as Chair. I have seen many changes in the school over the years, and have had the privilege of watching all the hard work that has been put in to get the school to the high standard it is today.



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Woolsthorpe News

Following our investigations into the properties of toothpastes, we decided last week to have a go at making our own! Although the results were varied, with some rather unusual colours and smells produced, all toothpastes created had amazing cleaning powers (not tested on real teeth!). Today, we have sent off our collection of celebration wedding poetry to the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a reply from the Palace before they disappear on honeymoon!



Hambleton News

Congratulations to the Year 6's for surviving this last week, keeping smiles on their faces and some even looking as though they might have been enjoying themselves! They have worked incredibly hard all year and I am immensely proud of all that they have achieved this year.

We are now moving our focus more towards Writing. This week we have written a set of instructions on how to dance round a Maypole, without getting ourselves in a knot! We have also continued with our Hollywood theme to complete our silent movies. Some great acting (and peace and quiet) which will stand us in good stead for our production of Rock Bottom.

Tolethorpe News

Last week we were visited by Pete and Jackie Murray from the Rutland Osprey Project, who helped us to prepare for our visit this week. We never knew there were so many birds to spot and it was wonderful to feel so close to the magnificent Ospreys. With our binoculars and telescopes we felt like we were in the nest! We've been developing our poetry skills this week, writing haikus, cinquains, acrostic poems and free verse. Some will now be entered for a county competition. Wish us luck!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Did you see us in the Sunday Mirror? Thanks to the continued dedication and hard work of Mrs Want and her Eco-Warriors, we featured in last Sunday's tabloid along with Prince Harry & Meghan Markle – a week to remember for all the right reasons. We featured in their weekly gardening double page spread which highlighted 'Cultivation Street' – a national gardening competition. We wish them lots of luck with their entry.

Meet mini eco-warriors making a splash

Cultivation Street - Britain's brightest gardening competition - is inspiring a new generation. Youngsters at Ryhall C Academy in Stamford Lines, are hoping their green garden project will catch the eye of our judges and win £2,500 for best school gardening project. Karen Ward, 48, a teaching assistant who helps run the Eco Warriors club, said: "Over several months the Eco Warriors removed the old pond, weeds and cleared the area, replaced and levelled the new pond, which was then filled with rainwater. Year One children made a mini bug hotel next to the pond. We have added frogspawn to it and now have tadpoles. We have grown from keen young gardeners to a committed group who champion eco-work across the school." We have £20,500 in prizes for this year's competition. Top prize in our school award - £2,500 and 100 plug plants from new sponsors Calloper - will go to the entry that has created a rich learning environment. It can be edible or ornamental, new or well-established. Entry details at cultivationstreet.com.



SEEDLINGS Ryhall gardening club

BREAKING NEWS

We've just been given yet more wonderful news! In Spring Term, both the fabulous work from Year 5 on 'The Precious Rainforests' and whole school work around 'One world, take care of it' has been jointly crowned as Regional Winner (North Region) in the Totally Scientific Category of the Better Energy School Awards 2018; winning £500. We have also been declared runners up in the Totally Active category and SWYK & Eco Warriors work on 'Recycled Crafts' runners up in the Totally Creative category; each earning £250. That's a whopping £1000 in prize funds. Well done to all!

Belvoir News

Norman and his wife Norma have still been in Belvoir class. Norman has got us writing bean diaries and planting beans which has kept us all very busy. Norma has also been giving Belvoir class a fair share of jobs too! She got scared by the birds outside and dropped all of her gnome calendar numbers; the children did a great job of finding the numbers outside and putting them back in the right order - they even made up their own treasure hunts. We have also been learning all about weddings this term in Belvoir class. We looked at the different things that happen during a Christian wedding. The children have produced some great work designing wedding dresses and cakes, writing invitations and sharing pictures from weddings they have been to. Forget Harry and Megan, Belvoir and Belton class recreated their own wedding in the church this week, we had a great time!

Rockingham News

Rockingham Class have been busy showing off all the writing skills that they have developed over the year. They have written their own follow-on story to 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We wrote about Plop's first night out in the dark. We were very creative and Plop had a problem that luckily we solved. We have also written persuasive adverts to sell our products to Mrs Tharme. We can't wait to show them off! We have developed our understanding of light and sorted things that are light sources, non-light sources and reflective. We made a reflective wrist band carefully selecting the materials that are reflective. In Maths we have been recapping many of the skills we already know such as time, fraction, multiplying, dividing, addition and subtraction.

Burghley News

This week has been another busy one in Burghley. We have been practising our rock 'n' roll dancing skills and cannot wait to show you all at the much awaited May Festival. This week we have also written our own section of the Stone Age Boy story with some great imaginative endings. Our writing is improving all the time – Mrs Jesson and Mrs Thomas are very proud of us all. We also read the book 'Ug – The Stone Age Genius'. Ug is a stone age boy, who does not want to sleep on a stone bed or wear stone trousers. We decided to help him out and design and make soft trousers for him. This involved developing our sewing skills. We all found out we needed lots of patience and we discovered we have some good seamstresses too!

FORA News

We will be holding a disco on Friday 15th June from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Entry will be payable at the door - £2 per child which will include drinks. We will be selling light refreshments during the evening: hot dogs (50p), ice poles (20p), and crisps (30p). Permission slips will be sent out after the holidays. Ice Lolly Friday begins after the half term starting on 8th June. We will be selling Rocket Ice Lollies & Choc Ices for 50p in the playground outside Woolsthorpe Class (weather permitting).