



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Social media was a little bit overtaken by a one-item agenda last week – our first trip to the Young Voices concert. Although we journeyed with much anticipation, nothing could have really prepared us (staff included) for the awesome event that was 'YV2018'. After travelling in comfort to Sheffield Arena, we joined 5140 children to create a 'choir'. With a very entertaining conductor and Choir Master, together with musicians, singers and the most awesome Choreographer, the children were put through their paces in a 3 hour rehearsal – at no time, did the children falter. At 7pm, parents arrived to form the audience of 3000 and the lights went down. The atmosphere was electric and the sound simply breath-taking. It was an inspirational, unforgettable event for all involved – one we'd all be delighted to re-create over and over. This week we were able to entertain the rest of school with our own YV recreation – whilst we were unable to recreate the same feeling, the younger children were most definitely mesmerised by collective sound of our own 'choir' (Yr 4, 5 & 6).

For another wonderful learning experience on Tuesday last week, I had the pleasure of joining Rockingham Class on their trip to Bombay Cottage in Stamford. For some of the children this was their first experience of Indian food. I was very impressed at the children's willingness to sample the foods; for some of them, this was followed by plenty of water! They enjoyed the experience which culminated in finding out about the spices in their natural form which are used to prepare Indian food. Thank you to Mrs Cox for accompanying us on the trip and our thanks also go to the Bombay Cottage in Stamford for their wonderful hospitality.

Katy Walker
Headteacher

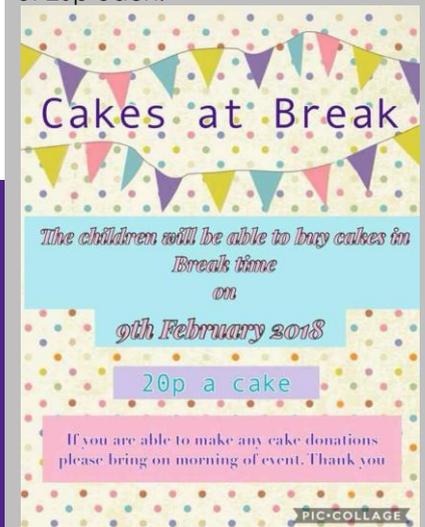


Dates for your diary

Wed 31st Jan	Year 5/6 to CCR - Alice in Wonderland
Wed 7th Feb	4-5.30pm Sports Leadership Academy UCC
Fri 9th Feb	Whole School Book Swap
Fri 9th Feb	Cakes at Break
Fri 9th Feb	Last day of Term 3
Sun 18th Feb	2.30pm – Ryhall Academy Praise (RAP)
Mon 19th Feb	Start of Term 4

FORA UPDATE

As you will see from the calendar dates, we have added the very popular 'Cakes at Break' to the end of term on Friday 9th February. Donations of cakes can be brought in with children on the morning. Cakes are the usual price of 20p each.



We're delighted to be able to announce the profit for the Christmas Market – totaling £1704 including £468 match payment from Barclays (kindly organised by Mrs Murfett). Following our last meeting FORA have agreed to fund the following areas: Additional iPad Charging bank to hold 10 iPads; £955 to develop a Year 1 outdoor area; and funding of school plays licensing, scripts and soundtracks. The children, via the School Council, would like to re-vamp their 'wet play' classroom boxes. This is where you might be able to help – do you have 'nearly-new' games at home that you no longer use? If you would like to make a donation, please take it to the Main Office. Thanks.

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

Tyler Armstrong

BELTON

Jenson Murfett

ROCKINGHAM

Lyla Osborne

BURGHLEY

Josh Richardson

WOOLSTHORPE

William Gregory

TOLETHORPE

Thaileah Parkin

HAMBLETON

Harry See

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

Affie Topaz, Archie Cantwell

BELTON

Ruby Lee

ROCKINGHAM

Finn Palmer

BURGHLEY

Robbie McIntosh

WOOLSTHORPE

India Banks

TOLETHORPE

Macy-Jane Smith

HAMBLETON

Maddison Garghan-Ruff

'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Hope Lee, Evalyn Brown, Mary-Ann Dawkins, Aemilia Fletcher, Macy-Jane Smith, Bradley Bates, Lennie Chiverton, Rowan Collard, Max Palmer, Jamie Bell, Thaileah Parkin and Natasha Cosgrove.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Eva Edgson, Luke Fender, Daisy Muxlow, Felipe Salles, Rebecca Charlwood, Harry Saffer, Zeva Pritchard, Benjy Tinker, William Brown, Jim Allen and Katie-Mae Giddings.

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COMPASSION

Belton News

Belton Class have been exploring 'Zog' as part of our Castles theme. We have been writing character descriptions and role playing Zog before writing a diary entry. We have worked together to create a big dragon collage exploring different textures and printed repeating patterns making our own castle banners - now proudly flying in the classroom. Gymnastics balances and shapes in PE, together with exploring different ways of travelling has been fun. In Maths, number songs have helped us remember our number bonds to 10. Can you test us?



Tolethorpe News

Our Maths has been 'on fire' this week - we've been converting, rounding, ordering and working out sequences of decimal numbers with up to three decimal places. It's certainly put our Maths brains in to gear but we've kept Ms Walker on her toes planning our tasks. In our topic work, we've been finding out more about this great planet: lines of latitude and longitude, Northern and Southern hemispheres and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We've worked out why the Rainforests of the World are located where they are and what their climates are like. Next week, be prepared to be amazed at the number of creatures living there!

Hambleton News

Another busy couple of weeks for Year 6 children. In English we planned and wrote our own versions of a short story based on 'The Tale of the Giraffe with a Long Neck'. Some very interesting reasoning as to why some animals got their trunks and spots! We have also researched dinosaurs and created an encyclopedia entry as a non-chronological report. Our fitness regime continues on Fridays and some of the children are beginning to see their scores rise in Circuit Training.

PE REMINDER

We still have number of children who do not have both indoor and outdoor kit in their PE bag. When possible, the children will have one of their two PE lessons each week outdoors. Girls must have a pair of socks in their bag if they usually wear tights. A change of socks for all children is also good for hygiene reasons.

CROSS COUNTRY

If your child participates in Cross Country at lunchtime it would be useful for them to have additional kit for this activity (this does not have to be school uniform PE kit), as they can sometimes get a little dirty (and then have to put the same kit on for PE later).

NOT PARTICIPATING IN PE?

All children are expected to participate in both PE lessons each week unless there is a medical reason for non-attendance. In this case, please provide your child's class teacher with a note outlining these reasons on a weekly basis. Thank you.

Music Success

Congratulations to Emily who has successfully passed her Grade 2 Flute exam with Merit.



Woolsthorpe News

The last couple of weeks have been action-packed as usual for Woolsthorpe. We have been flexing our mental maths muscles and learning some fun strategies to multiply big numbers and even to multiply 3 numbers together. In our assembly this week, the children had fun showing off their Italian language as we tried to teach three very English gentlemen how to let their hair down and be a bit more ITALIANI. In Science, we are learning all about forces and discovered that you can make a watermelon explode just by using rubber bands! Ask one of the Woolsthorpe Wizards to tell you how.....!

Belvoir News

Our RE theme this term is Special Books. We began by listening to Mrs Carlton's favourite book 'Osbert the Penguin'. Mrs Carlton told us that it is special to her because it was one of her children's favourite books and the pictures inside are truly wonderful. Mrs Carlton looks after it very carefully and keeps it in a safe place so she will be able to read it for a very long time! We all brought our special books into school to share with the class, we told everyone why it was special to us and how we looked after it very carefully.

Moving on from the Penguin story we listened to another story set somewhere very cold, all about a polar bear. We did some fantastic writing describing a polar bear. When Mrs Carlton showed us how big a polar bear's footprint was, we had to find out if it was bigger or smaller than our own footprints. We even measured it using cubes and worked out the difference in size! Phew! The reading challenge has begun very strongly, lots of us got star stickers for reading four times a week. Ms Walker had an even bigger smile on her face when she heard this news. She asks us to keep up the great work!

SPORTS REPORT

RA Football Team have now had their 2nd & 3rd matches of the season. The team played a good match against St. Gilberts resulting in a 3-3 draw. 3-down at half time, the team came back with a fighting streak and great team spirit.

Burghley News

Burghley class are enjoying their 'Swords and Sandals' theme and are learning lots about the Romans. We have been busy learning about the Roman army and have even made our own shields. We started with just cardboard boxes and now they are the most amazing, colourful shields! We looked at a range of Roman shield designs and colours and then we chose our favourite and designed our own. We studied the Roman army's tortoise formation and why and how they do this. Then we had a go at it ourselves. It was great fun! Burghley make a fierce Roman army! Thank you to all of our families who sent in large boxes and pieces of cardboard to enable us to do this.

