



# Ryhall CE Academy News

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome back to all! After some fairly miserable weather during the Easter holidays, we were all lulled into a bit of a false sense of summer with last week's hot weather. We took great advantage of both the heat and the sunshine in our work and play. It's been wonderful to see the development of the Year 1 outdoor learning environment and we would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Friends of Ryhall Academy' (FORA) for all the hard work undertaken to fund this area for us. Thank you to KS1 parents for making the necessary changes to morning drop-off to allow this area to be set up. With the changing weather, we do ask that you prepare your child for all eventualities and please send them in with a coat/fleece to school every day as the weather is fluctuating. We would like to take our learning outside where appropriate. The same applies to a hat and sunscreen for sunny days – please do apply liberally before your child attends school on days when it seems the sun is going to be stronger (not just on hot days). Thank you to all of you who have already completed and returned the annual survey – if you are able to do this we would appreciate your returns. On behalf of the staff, thank you for the many kind comments already received - I enjoy sharing these with the staff.

*Katy Walker*, Headteacher

### Woolsthorpe News

We have been lucky enough to welcome some exciting visitors recently, who have really got the children buzzing about the big wide world of work. From computer games designer to urologist to RAF officers.....the children learnt about diverse career paths which can be opened up by a love for learning all subjects, in particular Maths. To conclude the guest list, we were treated to a live science experiment by one of our governors and scientist by profession, Mr Fryett. We all donned safety goggles and sat back to observe the magic of chemistry before our very eyes. If you want to know how to make elephant toothpaste, just ask a Woolsthorpe Wizard!



### 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:  
Georgia Rawlings, Maddie Kerr, Evelyn Brown, Evie Linnell, Fern Grice, Solomon Johnson and Natasha Cosgrove



#### 'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Archie Cantwell, Ivy Prior, Eva Edgson, Scarlett Booth, Thomas Muxlow, William Gregory, Lily Gregory and Georgia Tilley.



#### 'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Isabelle Wilkinson, Bailey Virgin, Daniel Salles, Daisy Byrne, Mercy Edobor, Alfie Giddings and Ellie Scott.

#### 'RYHALL READERS'

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

Iris McMullen-Kennett, Artemis Trotter, Benjy Tinker, Leila Porter-Toufik, Isla Ecclestone and Luke Johnson.

### Dates for your diary

Tues 1st May	Year 3/4 Quiksticks Hockey
Thurs 3rd May	Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament
Mon 7th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8th May	KS1 SATS WEEK
Tues 8th May	Year 5/6 Quiksticks Hockey
Mon 14th May	KS2 SATS WEEK
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

### GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

I'm Kev Fryett - a father of two boys – one of whom is now in Year 4 at the school. I serve as a Parent Governor. I've lived in the village of Ryhall for the last 12 years. My family and I like to get involved all aspects of village life and I particularly enjoy gigging in the local pub where I play the drums. I have 20+ years of teaching experience in secondary education and am currently employed as a Head of Science in a secondary school. I have a long-standing interest in the education of the children in our village which has been the main reason for immersing myself into my governor role. My aims for the children of Ryhall are to have access to a world class education and I strongly believe that Ryhall CE Academy has the ingredients of a truly outstanding school. I hope that my work in this leadership capacity serves to ensure outstanding outcomes for all.



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## Rockingham News

This term Rockingham's theme is 'Nighttime'. So far, we have written a setting description for a very messy campsite using lots of WOW words! We have started to learn about nocturnal animals and write informative non-chronological reports about two of these amazing animals. In science we have started to look at shadows and how shadows are formed (not quite as detail as Year 6 are doing!) but we did make our own nocturnal animal shadow puppets. In art we used spray bottles to create a splatter night time effect with a bat silhouette which looks very effective. We'll tell you all about our Camping Trip in Rockingham News next time.

## Hambleton News

Hambleton Class has been working terribly hard and been busy revising for their upcoming SATs. However, we have also found time to begin looking at our theme of Hollywood to Bollywood, along with Archie Smith, a budding director. We have learnt about the history of Hollywood and written biographies of some of the famous stars who appear on the 'Walk of Fame'. We have also visited (through photographs of the time) Hollywoodland from before the film studios were built and written a diary recount of our experiences as though we were Archie. In Science we made the most of the sunshine last week and got outside to plan an investigation about shadows.



## Tolethorpe News

We've been quite active in our English over these last couple of weeks, using 'Talk for Writing' to help us remember and expand text using some of our new grammar and vocabulary – it's also helping us to be even more expressive in our reading aloud (Mrs Hodgson will make us budding actors in no time). We've started our new 'Location, Location' theme and Ms Walker has been helping us develop our art skills in preparation for a Rutland Ospreys competition. We'll be showing off our work very soon.

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Your child is coming home with a bag today for the PTFA's Fundraising 'Bag 2 School' collection. These will be due in by Wednesday 9th May 2018. Thank you in anticipation of your collections. All amounts collected will be weighed resulting in funding sent through to the school. Thank you.

*Friends of Ryhall Academy (FORA)*

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have any second hand uniform which is still in good condition, have you considered donating it to the school? FORA organise the uniform and it can be made available upon request or at key events. Please do send items in washed.

## GREAT BATTERY HUNT

We can now reveal the final total for the Great Battery Hunt – an astounding mountain of 13382 batteries were collected by the children (with a lot of help from parents/carers and friends). Thank you. Individual Class winners were Olivia Woollard (R), Gracie-May Roberts (1), Sophia Epps (2), Luisella Pacitti (3), William Gregory (4), Marshall Garghan-Ruff (5) and Luke Greaves (6) who each received a pencil made out of recycled car parts, and a cucumber growing pod. Gracie-May Roberts also received a strawberry growing set as she collected the largest number of batteries.

Although the competition has finished, we will still collect and recycle batteries, so please don't stop sending them in. On a separate note, we are no longer collecting milk bottles (only lids) so please do not send any more in. 'Thank you for all your support', from the Eco-Warriors.

## SPORTS RELIEF – WOW!

Unbelievable! Thank you for all your efforts with the Sports Relief Mile challenge. We raised an amazing total of £1527.50 to send to a very worthwhile cause helping children in both Britain and other countries. Thank you for your support.

## Belvoir News

The children were thrilled to discover a new member in Belvoir class. Norman the Gnome has arrived from Mrs Carlton's garden to participate in our lessons this term. He has been a great help in the class sending us letters and setting us challenges making us work really hard. We have been making lists and writing letters to him, some of us even got a reply! He also investigated our garden centre role play area noticing we did not have any price labels. As Norman didn't understand which coins were which, we had to help match up the coin to the values to make some labels. We have begun practicing for our May Festival dance; please check book bags for letters about outfits (as well as hot weather precautions). As a polite reminder, please can you ensure your child has trainers (with velcro straps) in their PE kit for when we are outdoors.

## Burghley News

Burghley have had an exciting two weeks and have found out lots about our new theme already. Mrs Jesson used her amazing archaeology skills and managed to discover some Stone Age poo! We used our detective skills to work out what people of the Stone Age used to eat. We discovered they ate seeds, plants and nuts. They even used to go fishing as we found fish bones hiding in it too! We have looked at Stone Age art to find out about the past and realised that people of that time also hunted with bows and arrows. We then had a go at creating our own Stone Age cave art. In Science we began to investigate natural rocks and learn the names of the different types. We even studied some chocolate rock samples to see if we could decide if they were igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic.



## Belton News

We have returned to school full of enthusiasm and excitement. We are especially lucky this term to have our new outdoor classroom up and running, just in time for the sun to come out! We have all had an amazing time exploring our new resources and enabling us to take our learning outside. Thank you so much to FORA for investing in this project, we are very grateful! This week we have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk', planting beans and researching how to keep them alive. Using this knowledge, we have written Jack some instructions using Purple Mash. In Maths our focus has been measuring beanstalks and other objects in our outdoor classroom using cms. We began investigating what happens when an object is longer than our ruler and when to turn cms into metres! As scientists we have been exploring how a bean grows, labelling the parts of plant and what they do to keep the plant alive. We watched a fast-speed version of a plant growing - it was fascinating to see it actually moving! Please keep us updated with the growth of the pea we planted in school and sent home in the growing bag - we would love to see any photos.