



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

ENDURANCE

COMPASSION

It's been another busy but wonderful term. You've probably caught up with my recent posting on Class Dojo/Facebook which just sums up how it feels to be a Ryhall CE Academy member of staff – I know my colleagues agree. We've had lots of opportunities to celebrate during the Spring Term: children's individual academic achievements, sporting opportunities, presentations to parents or a live audience at Rutland Spotlight Dance Show or the Woolsthorpe Live Waxworks – to name just a few. Just last week all the children took part in the 2018 Sports Relief Mile and between them ran or walked an astonishing 438.25 miles! We are looking forward to totalling up the amount raised so if your child hasn't yet got theirs collected in please do bring it in as soon as possible. We would like to be able to send off a final amount.

Year 1 Outdoor Area

After the holidays, Belton Class' Outdoor Classroom will be open for the children to use as part of their curriculum. This will be set up by Year 1 staff on a daily basis in preparation for the day's learning. In order to support this development, we ask that all parents and children (including Reception children) wait outside of the KS1/Reception area gate in the main playground until a member of KS1 staff is outside to invite children in. We assure you that this will bring no delay to entry to school. In the Summer Term we encourage all KS1 children to enter the locker area independently, saying 'Good Bye' to their parent/carer at the small gate. Staff will still be available to parents for any quick discussions which need to take place. Many of the items for the outdoor area have been provided by funding from FORA. We had a wonderful surprise today when Lucas and Logan's dad turned up with a wonderful chalkboard that he had hand-built from wooden pallets – what a talented chap he is. We are all extremely grateful for his kind generosity.

This same kindness has been seen by so many of you again this term – whether you have helped by listening to children read, given your time to sew costumes, organised or supported school events, we are all very grateful. May we all take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable Easter break, hoping that you get to enjoy some valuable family time together.



Katy Walker,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Sun 15th April	RAP: 2.30-3.30 in the School Hall
Mon 16th April	START OF TERM 5
Wed 18th April	Group 1 Bikeability begins
Thurs 19th April	Year 5/6 High 5 Tournament
Thurs 19th April	Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Meetings 3.45pm and 5.45pm
Sat 21st April	'Mums and Maths' workshop (Yr 4/5/6) 10am-12.30pm
Mon 23rd April	FORA Meeting 7pm. New members always welcome
Tues 24th April	Year 4/5 Talk with CCR Principal – Mr Smith. 3.30pm
Wed 25th April	Yr 1/3/4/5/ Parent-Teacher Consultations 3-6pm
Thurs 26th April	Yr 1/3/4/5/ Parent-Teacher Consultations 9am – 12pm
Thurs 26th April	Year 5/6 High 5 Tournament

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

I'm Gale Waller and I have now been a Foundation Governor (appointed by the Diocese) at Ryhall CE Academy since March 2015. I have now been a Foundation Governor for a total of 15 years, I am also currently a County Councillor in Rutland. As a governor I chair the Curriculum Committee, sit on the Ethos Committee and am Vice Chair of the Governing Board. I enjoy being a governor, especially seeing the children grow and develop in the Christian community that is our school.



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:

Isabel Burnett, Zuzanna Blok, Joshua Clarke, Mary-Ann Dawkins, Sophie Gombault, Solomon Johnson and Natasha Cosgrove.



'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Phoebe Irvine, Emily Cobb, Toby Haylock-Cox, Scarlett Booth, William Younger, Eva Smalley and Nina Taplin.



'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

George Wilkinson, Lottie Hartles, Archie Hill, Rowan Collard, Henry Hill, Max Heames and Tarlia Pritchard.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Olivia Woollard, Alessia Pacitti, Libby Perry, Luke Fender, Sophie Gombault, Macy-Jane Smith and Katie-Mae Giddings

Belton News

Belton Class have been transformed into Mathmagicians this week! We have been exploring and mastering addition and subtraction missing number sentences and then problem solving using this skill. We all found it really tricky on Monday, but by Friday we were amazing! Amazing resilience and determination were shown. Continuing on our African theme we created pictures of animals in the style of the Tinga, Tinga tales - they were amazing! We also studied all the different landscapes in Africa, from beautiful beaches to flat mountain tops, dense jungles and scorched savannahs. At the end of a very busy week we celebrated Sports Relief by running around the field as many times as we could and taking part in the challenge of scoring as many goals into the net as we could - we scored a fabulous 161 goals!

Burghley News

Wow! What a term we have had in Burghley. We have had so much fun learning all about the Romans. We have found out why they came here; what their army and soldiers were like; what they ate and even what they did in their spare time. We even managed to visit the Peterborough Museum to experience what it was like to be a Roman slave. Last week we showed lots of resilience working on our assessments in Maths and English sessions. In Science we planned an investigation to answer the question - 'Do some people have stronger muscles because they use them more?' We enjoyed finding out the answer and collecting our data on a scattergram. This week we have been thinking all about Easter and why, as Christians, we celebrate it. We have retold the Easter story in our own words and also imagined that we were Mary and wrote her diary entry. We hope that you have a lovely Easter break and don't eat too much chocolate children.

Hambleton News

The last two weeks of term have, as usual, been extremely busy in Hambleton Class. We have finally learnt how to multiply and divide fractions and have cracked long division! We have also written newspaper reports about a dinosaur escaping Jurassic World and have designed a new Jurassic Park for Ryhall village. The children seemed quite excited at the prospect of having live dinosaurs in their playing field! In our Easter focus this week we have written newspaper reports and had a 'silent' debate about the resurrection of Jesus.

Belvoir News

After learning about the life cycle of a frog we swiftly moved on to another life cycle...the butterfly. The story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar got us on to the right tracks. Lots of the children already knew this story and it was lovely to hear them predicting and joining in with the events in the book. We made a list of all things the caterpillar ate and then ordered the days of week correctly. The symmetry of a butterfly's wings was re-created using paint and folding down the middle of the butterfly's body. They looked beautiful! We have now moved onto the Easter story and are completing lots of activities to help us remember what happened and why we see lots of eggs and hot cross buns at this time of year! When the children come back in term 5, PE will mostly be outside. Please can you ensure your child has trainers in their PE kit, together with a spare pair of socks.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

Please may we take this opportunity to kindly remind you that no dogs are allowed on the school property, even if on a lead or carried, unless pre-arranged for educational purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

GREAT BATTERY HUNT

The last date for batteries in school for the 'Great Battery Hunt' is Wednesday 18th April. We currently have over 10,000 batteries collected. This will allow us to send off our competition entries in time. Some children have asked local shops if we can recycle their battery collections for them - do you have somewhere local to you that you can ask? That said, this is not just a total school count competition; every child that has bought batteries in can enter the competition regardless of how many they have contributed - winners will be drawn out of a hat. Please don't forget that we will still be collecting batteries after this date as part of our ongoing recycling, so please don't stop sending them in.

Tolethorpe News

Firstly, we want to say 'thank you' to our parents for coming along to our Class Assembly. We hope you enjoyed it. This term has been one of our favourite topics and we've really enjoyed learning how we can all help endangered animals and help prevent deforestation - we never knew how many different species of animals, plants and insects there are. Learning about the people of the rainforest was also fascinating and we still want to know how they have such white teeth? Although we had a LOT of assessments to do last week, we still managed to get out and enjoy the Recorder Jamoboree on Thursday in Oakham. We particularly enjoyed playing our favourite song 'E-B-G-B's' - we know that one really well. In Maths we also developed our knowledge of 3D shapes and their nets and also learned that a sphere has infinite lines of symmetry. On Friday afternoon most of us enjoyed the Sport Relief mile - although it was quite tiring it was fun. Some of us ran three miles and we really pushed ourselves. We were panting like dogs when we came back to the classroom. Written by Thaleah, Jason and Eva.

Rockingham News

In Rockingham class we have been busy retelling the story of Jack and The Beanstalk; retelling the start of the story in the same traditional way but then we got creative and wrote our own alternative ending. Not only were we extremely proud of the quantity we wrote but also how exciting our story sounded. We have been busy using our Maths skills to measure scales of capacity in 2, 5 and 10 we have also measured the temperature using thermometers - maybe we might be able to keep doing this at home over the holidays as the weather gets warmer (we can hope). In science we have observed what happens to seeds when they don't have the things they need in order to grow; we were surprised to see what happened to seeds that had no light. This week we have taken part in our third road safety session - maybe you can take us out and about over the holidays to test us on our new knowledge and skills.

Woolthorpe News

In our English lessons, we have been learning all about elementary schools around the world in order to help us write some super information reports on our own brilliant school. We learnt that in Japan, the children do all the cleaning up as they don't have any caretakers and that some children have to catch a boat or even a plane to get to school in the mornings. On Wednesday, we caught up with our Italian friends in Tuscany via an exciting Skype call. It was fascinating to compare our uniforms and see the 'grembiule' long smock they wear over their normal clothes. In Maths, we have moved on to decimals and can now divide single digit numbers. After all our learning about fractions and decimals, we have decided to design our own games which will help other children in their Maths lessons. Mrs Dyer and Mrs Fowler are going to be our stationery assistants and are not allowed to tell us what to do! Our topic of Extreme Earth continues and last week we built tornado-proof shelters for an action man using classroom objects and things we found in the wild garden. We then tested them using a leaf blower. Let's just say that some were more successful than others!