



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term. I've personally missed out on part of this term but have been delighted to see the many events and the quality of learning taking place in my absence. I must take the opportunity to publicly give thanks to Mrs Jesson for 'stepping up' and taking the helm so well. She's now being kept busy at the annual residential in Caythorpe and hopefully has been enjoying what may be the final part of our good weather. Theme days of the term have been particularly popular with the children and it was good to begin our commemoration of the WW1 Centenary by marking Red, White & Blue Day in support of our Armed Forces and those that have served in them. In thinking of others, I'd like to give thanks to our parents & children for the many donations made for our annual Harvest Festival – it was a pleasure to donate so many much needed food items to the Stamford Food Bank. At the start of term we will be reminding you of the forthcoming Remembrance Service, which this year, in commemoration of the Centenary, will take place on a Sunday – we do hope that you will allow your child to join us. Over the half term holiday, we do ask that you check that your child's uniform is still named – things do get mislaid and it makes it so much easier for us to return it to the rightful owner. Thank you.

I wish you an enjoyable and peaceful break, hoping you get to enjoy some activities as a family. We look forward to seeing you all well and rested at the start of Term 2.

Katy Walker, Headteacher



Music Mark

Here at Ryhall Academy, we have been nominated, and supported financially by Rutland Music Hub in becoming a Music Mark School member. They have recognised the value that we place on music – acknowledging all that the staff do to ensure that pupils at our school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Music Mark stated that our dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.



TERMLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of our weekly awards over the last half term:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children who have been nominated for their significant effort or contribution:

Megan Cosgrove, Rocco Crooks, Benjy Tinker, Evie Heames, Gabriel Jagger, Marybeth Biewer.

Saffyre Booth, Jessica Glover, Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Evalyn Brown, Ben Fletcher, William Brown & Evie Griffin.

Elena Burrill, Isabelle Wilkinson, Emily Cobb, Marcus Moot, Annabel Crichton & Tyler Charlwood.

Beau Matthew, Bobbi Crooks, Gracie-May Roberts, Evie Linnell, Thomas Muxlow & Demi Gorman.

Jacob Allwright, Willow Matthew, Maddie Kerr, Isabella Gatens, Nathaniel Griffin, Sophie Gombault & Charlie Houghton.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATHS:

Samuel Griffin, Luke Collins, Isabella Gatens, Rowan Collard, Millie Fletcher & Sol Johnson. Logan Southwood, Lucas Southwood, Daniel Salles, Theo Wells, Isabelle Woollard & Eva Smalley.

Phoebe Irvine, Lennie Chiverton, Mary-Ann Dawkins, Ruby Rowland & Gabby Hill.

Lois Etheridge, Anya Harley, Luisella Pacitti, India Banks & Marybeth Biewer.

George Wilkinson, Zuzanna Blok, Benjy Tinker, Rowan Collard, Tyler Batchelor and Finlay Delve.

Dates for your diary

Mon 29 th Oct	Start of Term Two
Mon 29 th Oct	After School Clubs start this week
Fri 2 nd Nov	Year 6 to Stamford Construction Skills event
Wed 7 th Nov	Year 5 – CCR Arts Extravaganza
Sun 11 th Nov	Remembrance Service/Parade, St John's Ch. 10.30am
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Mon 19 th Nov	CAKE & CALCULATIONS (NEW: Workshop for parents – see notice)
Tues 20 th Nov	
20-26 th Nov	DISCOUNTED BOOK FAIR
Mon 26 th Nov	After School Clubs (except Premier Sport) finish this week
Wed 28 th Nov	SEN Review meetings 1-5pm
Thurs 29 th Nov	SEN Review Meetings 8.30-12.30
Thurs 29 th Nov	Hambleton (Yr 6) Class Assembly 3pm
Fri 30 th Nov	Music Assembly – piano, 9am
Mon 3 rd Dec	Non-uniform day for Christmas Market
Thurs 6 th Dec	Burghley (Yr 3) Class Assembly 3pm
Fri 7 th Dec	Christmas Market 5.00-7.00pm
Mon 10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Mon 10 th Dec	Woolsthorpe Egyptian Museum 2pm
Wed 12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Premier Sports Clubs finish today
Wed 12 th Dec	Sports Leaders UCC 4-5.30pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Mon 17 th Dec	Ryhall Carols by Candlelight – KS2 (time tbc)
Tues 18 th Dec	Whole School Book Swap Shop
Wed 19 th Dec	School Pantomime Trip
Thurs 20 th Dec	Headteacher's Assembly, 2.30pm
Thurs 20 th Dec	END AUTUMN TERM
Mon 7 th Jan	START SPRING TERM

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Tolethorpe News

This half term in Tolethorpe, we have been busy settling into life in Year 5. We have become immersed in our theme 'I'm a Year 5 Pupil, Get me out of Here'. We have already learnt a vast amount about the rainforest, in which we have been investigating. We are now growing into intrepid geographers and scientists and have been finding out more about this incredible planet; we've worked out why the Rainforests of the World are located where they are and what their climates are like. Using this new knowledge, we have planned and delivered weather reports based on the climate of different rainforests.



Our Maths has been exceptional this term as we have been working with increasingly larger numbers up to a million and numbers with up to three decimal places.

Last week, we received a letter from the phenomenal scientist Sir David Attenborough. We have been practicing our letter writing in order to create an amazing response, as well as asking some rather pertinent questions. We have suggested that he should come to answer our questions in person. We thoroughly enjoyed Green morning in September, as we created our own class planter and embarked on our mammoth task of de-weeding the raised beds within our school garden.



I have without a doubt, truly enjoyed my first half-term with Year 5. I am very lucky to have such a wonderful and inquisitive group of children who have made me very welcome here!

POPPY WATERFALL

Would you like to be involved in making a piece of history? Here at school we are inviting you, with your child, to create a fabric poppy – felt, satin, knitted, any old scraps of fabric. All we ask is you use a black button for the centre of your flower. We will bring the poppies together in a Poppy Waterfall in commemoration of the WW1 Centenary. Please bring your poppy in to school by Monday 5th November.



CAKE & CALCULATIONS

Maths Calculations are ever evolving and may be different from the teaching you received as a child. Why not join us in a 'Cake & Calculations' Workshop dedicated to your child's key stage to find out how your child learns in the Maths Classroom. Fun and informal sessions available at the following times:

- KS1 (Yr 1/2): Mon 19th Nov @ 4.30pm
- KS1 (Yr 1/2): Tues 20th Nov @ 9am
- LKS2 (Yr 3/4): Mon 19th Nov @ 5pm
- LKS2 (Yr 3/4): Tues 20th Nov @ 9.30am
- UKS2 (Yr 5/6): Mon 19th Nov @ 5.30pm
- UKS2 (Yr 5/6): Tues 20th Nov @ 10am

Please let the Office know if you wish to attend so that we can have an idea of numbers. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Jesson

Rockingham News

We have been busy exploring London. We began the year by going on a virtual tour bus around the sights of London and used the facts we learnt to write our own fact files about some of the landmarks. Thank you for all the photographs that the children have brought in to really bring our learning to life. The Great Fire of London has inspired us with lots of our learning this term, imagining what it would have been like by reading extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary and using what we had learnt to write our own. We built our own Tudor houses and set them on fire to experience how quickly the fire spread. Stepping back in time to the bakery in Pudding Lane we made our own bread and wrote instructions using our bossy verbs.



We showed our love for all things Eco during Eco Day where we planted and made animal homes out of sticks in the woodland area. Thank you to all the adults who came to join in with our day. Roald Dahl Day brought more entertainment, especially making Mr Twit's disgusting beard!. We also enjoyed a fabulous International Languages Day where we learnt the French words for lots of objects in our classroom and have helped to decorate the school with French flags complete with French words to label different areas and objects. We're looking forward to the next term and look forward to seeing you full of energy again!

Thanksgiving Service

On Thursday 27th September we went to Peterborough Cathedral to represent our school. Very kindly, Mrs Hicks and Mrs Griffin came with us and met our Chair of Governors, Mrs Rogers, there. At Peterborough Cathedral there were two amazing choirs and a brass band. Reverend Canon Sarah Brown ran the event and we sang songs, listened to prayers & readings from the gospel. There was a statue of Jesus hanging from the ceiling for us to focus on when we prayed and reflected. Some of the songs we sang were: 'Shine Jesus Shine', 'I The Lord Of Sea And Sky', 'O When The Saints' and 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer'. It was really lovely for all the schools to get together at the beginning of the school year to celebrate our education and everyone that makes it happen. By Evie, Lily and Chiara (Yr 6).



Woolsthorpe News

The Woolsthorpe Wizards have been exceptionally busy getting stuck into the exciting Year 4 curriculum. They have been extending their place value knowledge with 4-digit numbers and giving their brains a good daily workout in Mental Maths with a Countdown challenge each morning.

The children's creative English writing skills have been helped by our resident author this term, Mr Tom Fletcher, who has whisked us up, up and away with his thrilling novel 'The Creakers'. While we read, we are noticing his word wizardry so we can then magpie his ideas into our own writing. We are also making sure we are building up our descriptive word bank, which was put to good use on Roald Dahl Day when we gave his grand-daughter some very gruesome descriptions of hybrid creatures for her new book.

In Science, the children have experimented with static electricity, balloons, tissue paper and their own hair (with hilarious results!) and then moved on to building circuits with bulbs, buzzers and motors.

Perhaps our most exciting learning so far, however, has come from this term's topic of Ancient Egypt. The children are enjoying discovering all about this amazing time in History and are getting started on their own personal research, ready for our museum extravaganza in December. Why not ask them why Mummies are called Mummies? You might be surprised at the reason! Our Egyptian learning has also included some fabulous music, drama and artwork sessions, thanks to Mrs Chapman and Miss Cummings.

The Italian language is now a regular feature in our daily classroom life and we loved labelling our school corridors in Italian on European Language Day. As we walk around school, we are also enjoying noticing the similarities and differences between the other language labels produced by all the KS1 and KS2 pupils.



Red White & Blue Day 2018

Thank you for supporting us in this year's first Charity event of the year. As we spend time contemplating the centenary of the First World War, it seemed appropriate to put our thoughts to those suffering or affected as a result of conflict today. Red, White & Blue Day is run jointly by ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Each of these three charities is responsible for the welfare of soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families. Our day was a mix of reflection, celebration and fun. We now have 175 painted pebbles to mark RWB Day 2018 – we have deliberated and judged and chosen our winners for the best decorated pebble – now it's your time to choose what to do with them. You could hide them around the village, take them with you on your travels this half term holiday and put it somewhere to be found or keep it at home in pride of place, take a photograph and put it on your facebook page to see how far your picture travels – let us know the furthest place it gets to. If you are leaving your pebble somewhere for others to find it should have only your child's first name and initial (or initials only) on the back together with our school name and the two Twitter hashtag #RWB2018 and handle @Ryhall_Academy – we'll keep an eye on the Twitter page to see if and where they get found. RWB Day activities also included our first 'Cakes at Break' of the academic year – thanks to Mrs Younger, Mrs Heames and Mrs Carter (on behalf of FORA) for giving up their time to make this happen. The amount raised for the charity, including Cakes at Break (£57.85), totaled a fantastic £220.60. Our day ended with a well-rehearsed sing and march-a-long to a wartime favourite 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and after some super design and engineering a final 'fly off' of wartime planes on the school field.



Belton News

What an amazing start to a new year! Belton class have settled in well and taken to the challenge of being Year One with such great enthusiasm. As part of our 'Ourselves' topic we have explored our senses in science, going on a hearing walk, conducting a smell test, tasting some different foods and using our sense of touch to guess what was in the bag - much fun was had. In Literacy we have been focusing on Julia Donaldson's fabulous 'Gruffalo' story. We labelled, described the Gruffalo and wrote a recipe for our delicious Gruffalo Crumble. We went on to create our own moving Gruffalos and drew the woodland setting. Using our design skills, we made our Gruffalo walk through the woodland. The children loved the stories so much we decided to continue with a further class favourite 'Room on the Broom'. We made our own spells using adjectives, alliteration and even a little rhyme. Following these amazing and slightly disgusting spells we created our own fantastic poems using all our senses to describe 'What's in the magic cauldron?' We have had many theme days this term - during our Eco day we went 'growing mad' in our outside classroom. We visited the woodland area to collect twigs, bits of bark and leaves to use them to make our own little minibeast houses. We also planted some bulbs and seedlings, made some delicious treats in our mud kitchen and explored seeds and beans using magnifying glasses. Thank you to all the parents who came to join us, as well as those who also joined us for Pebble Painting in last week's Red, White & Blue Day – we hope you enjoyed it as we did!



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Active Rutland

Keep in touch with what's going on in Rutland by taking a look at the Active Rutland Website. Find out what sporting events are available for you, your child, or the family as a whole.

www.activerutland.org.uk

Wanting to learn?

Have you got a burning desire to take up new interests or get qualified in a particular area? If the answer is yes, then please take the time to have a look at the RALS (Rutland Adult Learning & Skills) website to see what they offer. www.rals.org.uk

Rutland Poppy Project

You may remember that in the Summer Term all of our pupils participated in the Rutland Poppy Project – each making a ceramic poppy. These poppies will now be joined with the many others that were made in Rutland – a grand total of 3500! These are going to make a spectacular display - not to be missed - at Oakham Castle where they will be on display for approximately four weeks.

Tolethorpe Youth Drama

Your child has recently participated in a class-based workshop led by Mary Benzies from Tolethorpe Youth Drama. KS2 children (aged 8 and over) are now invited to participate in a special Half Term Workshop. For more details, go to

<https://www.tolethorpeyouthdrama.co.uk/halloweenworkshop>

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Thinking about things to do in the holidays? Ms Walker is holding a Christmas Card competition. Every year we send out Ryhall CE Academy cards to all our supporting partners associated with the school. Winning designs will be chosen and printed with your name appearing on the design. You may use anything to create your design: pens, crayons, collage, etc. Please bring your art work in (no bigger than A4 and no

smaller than A5 i.e. half sheet of A4), with your name and class written on the back, by Wednesday 31st Oct.

More than one entry allowed.



FORA NEWS

Our Film Night showing of 'Early Man' was a great success with just over 100 children attending. We have made our first purchase of the academic year; a colourful rug for Belton Class. This is now in use and we received a lovely thank you from the class. Our next main event is the Christmas Market on Friday 7th December 5-7pm. We hope you will come along and support us.

Hambleton News

What a fantastically busy half term Year 6 have had in Hambleton Class. We have all settled in brilliantly and made a great start to our learning this year. Much of our English writing has been centred around our theme of 'Remember Them' and 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. We have written character descriptions, diary entries and letters home from the World War One trenches, descriptions of the trenches and no-man's land and finally written poems to perform, based on life in the trenches. We have also been busy on a Wednesday afternoon building our own trenches with Miss Cummings and composing our own thankful music with Mrs Chapman. Science has tested some of us as we have learnt about blood and the heart. We've created our own mini documentaries about the heart, blood and circulatory system. We also had the great pleasure and super opportunity of having Mr Ross visit us and show us a heart dissection. Some of us were incredibly brave and put our blood 'fears' behind us and even managed to hold a real life heart! We've finished off our Science this term by developing a TV advert to promote healthy eating and exercise. Some of extra-curricular activities this term have included Roald Dahl Day, where we based our writing on his Dirty Beasts book and created our own 'monster', European Languages Day, where we learnt some words in Polish, and, most recently, Red, White and Blue Day where we were able to link our class theme learning with the work that this charity carries out through our pebble painting, poppy making and learning of WW1 songs.



Burghley News

What a busy start to the new school year it has been! 'Burghley Superstars' have been exactly that and have really stepped up to the challenge of Key Stage Two. Our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic has proved to be a huge hit - even if it does make us feel very hungry most of the time! We are really enjoying reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and have loved finding out all about the characters. We especially enjoyed watching a clip of Augustus Gloop falling into the chocolate river! The children have even written their own exciting new chapters for the book. I'm sure we could get some published! However, we wouldn't want our revolting chocolate recipes being published! We were helping the bad guys to sabotage Mr Wonka's recipes and we had some of the most gruesome ideas. In Maths, we have been helping Willy Wonka to count his chocolate bars and to make sure the correct number of bars go to the shops to get sold. Some amazing days we have had so far have been Roald Dahl day when we read 'Billy and the Minpins' and European day of languages when we labelled the school in Swedish! What a busy but brilliant term! Mrs Jesson and Mrs Thomas are looking forward to everyone coming back ready for the next stage of our epic journey - so get those batteries recharged and be ready for another busy term ahead.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Eye Tests

Before your child started school they would have undergone a number of eye tests to check their developing vision - this still develops until about 7-8 years old. It is recommended that children have regular eye tests at least once every 2 years. These can be done at a high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education). If you would like further information speak to your local optician or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/>.

Online Safety

The latest edition of #DITTO is now available to download at www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/

Although there is no 'Junior Edition' in this edition, there is still some useful advice for parents (and for us teachers to use in our everyday practice and curriculum). We will also make this available on our website in the Parents/Online Safety section - if you haven't yet visited it, take a look now:

<http://www.ryhallceacademy.co.uk/page/?title=ONLINE-Safety&pid=71>

50 things to do before you're 11¾

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/documents/50-things-activity-list.pdf>

Check out the National Trust's 50 things to do list. You'll be a seasoned adventurer by the time you manage to tick all challenges off your list. Get started this October half term, keep a track and check them off, we'd love to know how you're getting on!

Belvoir News

The children have had a fantastic start to life at 'big' school and have settled into their new class well. Every child is becoming more confident and independent in coming in the mornings, but also when accessing the resources around the classroom, indoors and out and they are remembering our mantra 'choose it, use it, put it away'. We have even started going into the whole school assemblies on Mondays and Fridays! The children have been busy making new friends and were super excited to share their 'all about me' things with the rest of the class. It is so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming! We pride ourselves on having an Early Years curriculum based upon the children's interests so topics are likely to change often. However, as the children get to know each other this term we have been finding out lots about each other, the changing season and also Harvest Festival, Red, White & Blue day as well as St John's Church.



We have begun our daily phonics sessions and the children are beginning to learn how to identify sounds that letters make and even identify sounds in words and how to segment and blend them. You can help at home by completing the phonics homework, support your child to learn the sounds the letters each make and also the rhyme that matches how to write the letter.

Sporting News

Our Sports Leaders have now been appointed and this week they have attended their first training event of the year. Now they will be looking at how they can continue to raise the profile of competitive sports as well as promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles amongst all year groups. Look out for our questionnaire at the start of next term - we would really appreciate you completing this to help us in the first part of our journey. For the first Level 2 competitions of the year Year 4 have participated in Rutland's Multi Sports festival and four of our children endured the grueling first Cross Country competition of the season. Evie, Lily and Isla all came in at respectable places within their year groups and Max achieved a 2nd place win taking him through to the next stages. Well done to all for their high level of effort and participation.

Over the holidays, you could keep your child active by signing them up to one of the many sporting activities that Premier Sport are running: Multi Sports or Dance here at the school on 25th October or why not look at one of their other courses being run elsewhere:

www.premier-education.com/schools/extra-curricular

If you're looking for a football based activity for your child this holiday then One Touch Football (<https://onetouchfootball.co.uk/holidayfootball/>) have 3 dates available on 22nd/23rd/24th October. Bookings can be made via the website or by contacting Glenn on 07880 703784.

