

12TH NOVEMBER 2021

A Message From Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard your child mentioning some new names in school – we haven't suddenly taken on more staff! We are working with local universities to provide placements for their student teachers. They will join us for single days, as well as longer blocks of time. Many of these students are just starting their training and are looking to gain experience of being in school and getting involved with our children. We know from experience that this can have a positive impact on the children as the students get involved with supporting the existing staff and the teaching and learning that is happening.

None of us know what the future holds. We have achieved so much together over the past two years. There will be more challenges ahead but I know that if we continue working together and supporting each other we will continue to ensure the best possible start in life for your children. As always, we are here to help in any way we can.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Glenn and the Ryelands Team

IQM Visit

Yesterday, 11th November, we had our annual IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) review. The assessor was very pleased with how we support children and how everything we do is centred around our children and this was clear to see. The assessor spoke to several staff members as well as children to understand what we do and what makes us 'us'. The assessor went away very happy and was pleased to say we have kept our IQM status for another year.

Virtual Assembly - World Kindness Day

Saturday 13th November is World Kindness Day; a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other.

This Friday the children at Ryelands took part in a virtual assembly to celebrate World Kindness Day run by the charity 52 Lives. The children were encouraged to spread kindness to people who need it most, while also learning about the impact being kind will have on their own physical and mental health. Please visit the charity's website (www.52-lives.org) for more information about the charity and the work they do to help people.



Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November, we held a two minute silence at 11am for all pupils to remember those that have fought to protect us and those that continue to protect us. Many classes held discussions around this topic.

Science Workshops

Year 5 had a fantastic time learning all about the Chemistry behind fireworks from Joe the Scientist. He explained the periodic table to us before inviting children up to try their hand at making their own sparklers and (mini!) explosions. We loved seeing the different colours that the elements made when placed in the Bunsen burner and learned a lot about the properties of different chemicals.

Joe from Hands On Science blew Year 6 minds wide open, this week. Hawk and Eagle spent Thursday morning dissecting hearts; utilising all their knowledge from our learning from last half term. There really is nothing like a practical experience to embed understanding and, although it was challenging on the stomach, we all participated with a smile and impressed Joe with our knowledge!

English Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the English Workshop on Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents eager to support their children's learning at home and find out more about our English curriculum at Ryelands. If you weren't able to make the workshop, the slides have been emailed to parents.

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The Importance Of Reading And Talk At Home

Becoming a fluent, skilled and attentive reader starts at the earliest stages, before children encounter a book for the first time, partly driven by the quality of their parents' talk with them that expands their vocabulary. All talk is useful, especially when directed to your child specifically. Talking about books, however, brings particular advantages. Researchers looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures about their findings: Here is how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

Never read to: 4,662 words

Read to 1-2 times a week: 63,570 words

Read to 3-5 times a week: 169,520 words

Read to daily: 296,660 words

Read to 5 books a day: 1,483,300 words

Help to make your child a word millionaire, enjoy sharing books with them and talking about books.

Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Social psychologist, Amy Cuddy, suggests that we can use power poses to help us develop self-confidence when we feel nervous or fearful before an event. Her research found that spending just 2 minutes power posing can help us feel more confident and self-assured. Power posing involves adopting stances associated with power and achievement, such as:

- Lifted chest
- Holding your head high
- Raising your arms above your head

Have a go this week at trying out some of these poses for a few minutes before an event that you might feel nervous for and see if it helps you feel more confident. Here is the link to watch Amy Cuddy's full Ted Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/amy_cuddy_your_body_language_may_shape_who_you_are?language=en

Black History Month Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Black History Month Competition. The entries were all fantastic and you made such a great effort!

Our winners are:

Dion in Year 3

Scarlett in Year 4

Mia-Imani in Year 5

Manelo in Year 5

Laila-Kay in Year 6

Well done to all of you!

They will be added to our Black Lives Matter display in the corridor leading to KS1 and the winners will receive their prize in next Friday's assembly.



Become a Food Cycle Volunteer



If you want to help make a difference and help bring food and conversation to your community, then why not become a FoodCycle volunteer?

Week in, week out, our team of incredible volunteers make wholesome meals from food that would have otherwise gone to waste. It is then shared with the community in a safe, welcoming space, where everyone is welcome, no questions asked.

As we return to our much loved Community Meals we need lots of friendly, reliable, volunteers to join the FoodCycle family. Volunteer roles include cooking, collecting or hosting. You can also support our new 'Check in and Chat' service by signing up to make weekly phone calls and having a natter with our guests.

Here at Oasis Academy Ryelands, FoodCycle offer community meals on a Friday evening. See the following link for more information: <https://www.foodcycle.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school – it is important that children stay hydrated during the day in order to maximise their ability to learn. Water bottles should contain only water – no juice, squash or flavoured water. The content of these liquids can actually reduce hydration. Please make sure your child only has water in their water bottle.

Open Days

Please come along to find out about the excellent teaching we provide, the support we offer and have a look at our wonderful facilities. Please contact the school office on 0208 656 4165 or email office@oasisryelands.org to book a place. Thank you.

Friday 26th November 2021 - 09:30-10:30

Tuesday 4th December 2021 - 13:30-14:30

Place2Be - Parenting Smart

After piloting with parents and carers in their partner schools, Place2Be are proud to have launched [Parenting Smart](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/) for all UK parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. The Parenting Smart site is completely free to use and access, full of tips and advice on a range of topics including transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties. You can follow the link below to visit their site for the latest resources.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Diwali Presentation

As part of the Inter Faith Week, we intend to celebrate our school's religious diversity. We want our pupils to get to know each other better and learn something about a different faith or belief than their own. Next Friday, pupils will take part in a special Diwali presentation and later in the day they will have a class discussion about different beliefs. We are inviting pupils to bring in an artefact specific to their religion or belief, to be presented in class. It can be the Holy Book, a religious icon or any other object that is significant to their faith. The artefacts will be returned to you at the end of the week.



Our Anti-Bullying Task Force Needs You!

The Anti-Bullying Task Force needs you! The panel is made up of our Head Boy and Girl, Behaviour Lead (Rakhee Shukla), Deputy Principal (Kate Reed), a community rep and parent representatives. We look closely at different the different types of bullying and how we can address any bullying concerns that arise in school. If you are interested in supporting this work, then please contact Mrs Shukla via the office office@oasisryelands.org



Meetings will take place one per half term in the afternoon of the school day.

Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 09:00 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target: 98%

Attendance This Week: 95.9%

Attendance This Year: 96%

Registers are taken up to 10 minutes after the school gates close at 09:00. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Pupils Late This Week: 37 pupils

Road Safety Week

15-21st November is Road Safety Week. We will be focusing on the importance of road safety in our assembly on Monday and throughout the week.

Please talk to your children at home about how to stay safe on the roads. You may like to visit the Brake Road Safety Charity website for more information: www.brake.org.uk



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Maths Shed

This week's Maths shed class league table:

- 1st place - Owl Class
- 2nd place - Hawk Class
- 3rd place - Heron Class

This week's individual Maths shed league table:

- 1st place - Kayla, Owl
- 2nd place - Kamryn, Owl
- 3rd place - Robin, Hawk

Magnificent Mathematician - Scarlett, Owl



Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

- 1st place - Owl Class
- 2nd place - Raven Class
- 3rd place - Goldfinch Class

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

- 1st place - Kayla, Owl
- 2nd place - Arfa, Raven
- 3rd place - Noa, Owl

Stars of the Week

We are currently transitioning from ICARE, to the Oasis 9 Habits. This means that children can be nominated for one of the ICARE values, or one of the 9 Habits each week until October half term.

Robin	Rassiah - Considerate
Wren	Aalia - Joyful
Sparrow	Noah - Patient
Starling	Liam - Hopeful
Chaffinch	Nevaeh - Joyful
Goldfinch	Keaira - Hopeful and Joyful
Kingfisher	Keegan - Patient
Woodpecker	Albert - Considerate
Magpie	Jeneque - Joyful
Owl	Sara Nicholl - Compassionate
Heron	Kiyan - Compassionate
Raven	Joshua - Self-controlled
Eagle	Jamilah - Hopeful
Hawk	Yahya - Self-controlled
Pupil Choice	Sumaya chose Malou - Joyful Sheldon chose Mrs Begum - Joyful



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CRAZY COLOUR DAY - Friday 19th November

All the children can wear any colour they'd like...
Instead of asking for £1 we are asking for donations
that can be used in the Christmas fair please. We
appreciate any donations, however small & suggest:

Nursery & Reception - Books (New or as new)

Yr 1 & Yr 2 - Goodies to eat! Sweets, chocolates, biscuits

Yr 3 & Yr 4 - Toys, Teddies, Puzzles (New or as new)

Yr 5 & Yr 6 - A bottle (fizzy pop, bubble bath etc)

We are planning a fancy dress and festive jumper stall at the fair.
Has your little one grown out of theirs, or just fancies a change? We will
sell these on, for donations for our school.

Let's share the fun from superheroes to fairies and fabulous festive
fashions!!



thank you

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Parent Workshops

Workshop	Lead	Date
SEND – Dyslexia focus	Louise Champion	Tuesday 16 th November 2021 14:30-15:15
Maths Morning EYFS and KS1 at 9:30-10:00 KS2 at 09:00-9:30	EYFS & KS1 – Emily Carew KS2 – Peter Morgan	Thursday 25 th November 2021 from 09:00
Staying Safe Online	Louise Eaves	Thursday 2 nd December 2021 at 14:30
Equality and Diversity	Collette Johnston	Tuesday 11 th January 2022 - 18:00
Peer on Peer – including harassment between children	Louise Eaves	Friday 21 st January at 14:30
SRE	ALT & SLT	Wednesday 19 th January 2022 - 18:00
E-Safety: Keeping Safe Online	Lucinda Cooke & Collette Johnston	Monday 7 th February 2022 - 09:00
Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)	Collette Johnston & Peter Morgan	Friday 25 th February 2022 – 09:00
Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents/Carers	Year 1 teachers and Emily Carew	Monday 28 th February 2022 14:45 – 15:15
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Louise Eaves	Friday 11 th March 2022 at 14:30
SATs Meeting KS1 – Year 2 - 14:15-14:45 KS2 – Year 6 - 14:45-15:15	KS1 – Beth Cutter & Collette Johnston KS2 – Samantha Francis & Peter Morgan	Friday 25 th March 2022 KS1 14:15 – 14:45 KS2 14:45 – 15:15
SEND – Speech and Language focus	Louise Champion	Tuesday 15 th March 2022 - 14:30-15:15
Domestic Violence	Louise Eaves	Thursday 19 th May 2022 at 14:30
Reception - New Parents Meeting	Emily Carew	Thursday 16 th June 2022 time TBC
SEND – Zones of Regulation focus	Louise Champion & Kris Wallace	Tuesday 7 th June 2022 14:30-15:15
Transitions and Behaviour	Louise Eaves	Thursday 9 th June 2022 at 14:30

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Fri 19th November	Crazy Colour Mufti Day - Bring a donation for the Christmas Fair
Weds 24th November	Primary Stars Football Festival - selected Y6 children
Fri 26th November	Open Day (new Reception parents) 09:30
Weds 1st December	Individual School Photos
Fri 3rd December	Year 5 trip to Science Museum
Sat 4th December	Ryelands Christmas Fair 
Mon 6th December	Early Years and Year 1 Christmas Production 13:30
Tues 7th December	Early Years and Year 1 Christmas Production 13:30
Weds 8th December	Early Years and Year 1 Christmas Production 09:45
Thurs 9th December	Carol Concert rehearsal at St Luke's Church AM
Fri 10th December	Carol Concert - St Luke's Church PM Christmas Jumper Day - £1
Tues 14th December	Open Day (new Reception parents) 13:30
Weds 15th December	Carol singing at Whitgift Centre 10am Christmas lunch
Thurs 16th December	Dick Whittington @ Stanley Halls
Fri 17th December	Last day of term
Mon 20th December to Mon 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Tues 4th January	All children return to school

Maths

Parent Workshop

**Thursday 25th November
from 9:00 in the school hall**



You are invited to come and find out about how we teach maths at Oasis Ryelands.

Mr Morgan and Mrs Carew will be leading workshops to explain our learning journeys and sharing ideas of how you can help to support your children at home.

Please come and join us – we look forward to seeing you.

9:00-9:30 – Key Stage 2 focus

9:30-10:00 – EYFS and Key Stage 1 focus

Ryelands Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December
12pm - 4pm
£1 per family

Santa's Grotto

Glitter Tattoos

Mulled Wine

Games

Tombola

Craft Stalls

Popcorn

Food

Drinks

and more



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We're pleased to announce that our dates and prices are now live for 2022! Not only that but we've launched at our lowest rates. This means your parents can save up to £67 a week if they book now! Simply check out your local camp page to see our fantastic offers. It really pays to be organised.

On top of that, parents can also secure their bookings with our reduced deposit rates. Perfect to ease finances in the run up to Christmas. Bookings can be confirmed for just £10 a day or £25 a week (standard prices are £15 a day and £50 a week)!

With places available earlier than usual, parents will also be able to get great benefits from booking early. From our lowest rates guaranteed and low early deposits as well as flexible payment options including paying with Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare and spreading the cost with our Easy Payment Plan.

The Nutcracker

We're back with a festive family favourite!



www.lets-all-dance.co.uk

020 8265 4634

Sunday 28th November
Kenton Theatre, Henley-on-Thames

Saturday 4th December
St. Peter's Pavilion, Brighton

Sunday 5th December
Stanley Arts, South Norwood

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th December
Blackheath Halls, South East London

Saturday 18th December
The Point, Eastleigh

Sunday 19th December
The Electric Theatre, Guildford

Monday 20th December
Malthouse Theatre, Canterbury

Tuesday 21st - Friday 31st December
(exc. 25th & 26th)
Lilian Baylis Studio, Sadler's Wells, London



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Family Food Experience Study

Help us understand children's eating habits

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience study that we are conducting on behalf of City, University of London.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4–11 years old) to take part in this study to help us understand how and what children are eating. We would like one adult in your household to complete an interview.

Do I get anything for taking part?

As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £30 Love2Shop voucher which can be spent at many online and high street shops. At the end of the study we will also give you some top tips about children's eating.

What happens if I am selected to take part?

If you register your interest and are selected to take part, you will receive a letter in the post in the next few months. An interviewer from NatCen Social Research will then contact you to arrange a convenient time for you to complete the interview. You can choose whether they visit you at home or call you to complete the interview over the phone. This visit or call will last about 60 minutes during which the interviewer will ask you some questions about your family life, your child's eating habits and their food likes and dislikes.

We are working in line with the Government guidance to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and ensure that we keep you and our interviewers safe.

Why should I take part?

By taking part, you will help us understand how and what children are eating and provide important information to help create a healthier nation. This information will be used by the Government and local authorities to improve the health of children.

What if English is not my first or preferred language?

We really want to hear from you even if English is not your first or preferred language. If you would like to take part, but need some help with the interview, a friend or family member can translate the interview for you whilst the interviewer is there.

Who is carrying out the survey?

City, University of London has asked NatCen Social Research to carry out the survey, with funding from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency. To find out more you can visit natcen.ac.uk.



How can I register?

To register your interest in this study please visit survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFE21

by 31st December 2021. If you prefer, you can also call on Freephone 0800 652 4568.

When you register, we ask that you please provide:

- the name of the school your child(ren) attends
- your name
- your address, telephone number, email address
- the sex, age and ethnicity of the primary school aged children in your household.

For more information please visit www.natcen.ac.uk/familyfood. We hope you are willing to take part in this vital research and thank you for your time.