

A Message From Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've finally made it to the end of the Autumn term and what a term it's been! It hasn't been easy with so much illness and uncertainty within the community due to COVID19, but the children have continued to be fantastic and to keep us all smiling.

Firstly, I want to thank the staff for all their hard work this term and for always putting the children first, it is wonderful to be part of such a dedicated team. I would also like to thank the PTA, Class Reps, Inclusion Group and the volunteers for supporting us in everything we do, your support means so much to us and really makes a difference. Finally, the biggest thank you must go to the children who continue to be superstars and to make us proud every day. They are kind, caring and supportive of one another and everyone who comes into school always comments on how wonderful they are.

The last few weeks have been so busy in school and there has been so much going on with learning, parties and performances. The children have had lots of fun in the run up to Christmas.

We are still unsure about what the New Year and January will bring, but we will continue to follow the guidance and to make things as close to normal as possible for the children. If anything changes over Christmas, we will let you know as soon as possible and my fingers are firmly crossed for a return to normality soon. I would like to thank you all for your support during the course of the year and particularly this term. It has again been a year like none of us have experienced before and this doesn't look like changing soon. We will continue to adapt and adjust to the situation and make decisions based on the best interests of our children, staff and families.

A reminder that our first day back at school after the Christmas break is Tuesday 4th January at 08:50am. Have a lovely Christmas.

Glenn and the Ryelands Team

Christmas Performances

Although we haven't been able to host audiences, the Christmas performances have all gone really well. I hope that you will enjoy viewing them with your children and families. You will also be able to share any links with other family members and family who may be abroad who wouldn't normally be able to see the shows and performances. The confidence and performances of the children have been wonderful.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have helped put the Christmas performances together for our children. There is always so much work that goes into these behind the scenes and I'm sure that the children really appreciate all they have done.

Please click on the links below to view our Christmas Performances...

Morning Nursery: <https://vimeo.com/656072658/5502708983>

Afternoon Nursery: <https://vimeo.com/656072658/5502708983>

Reception & Year 1 Nativity: <https://vimeo.com/656072658/5502708983>

Year 2 – Year 6 Christmas Carols: <https://vimeo.com/657644714/537d1afbf2>

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 will be going swimming from January. We are really excited about this as they've not had the chance to go with school before!

They will be going every day for two weeks, one class at a time, so they will need their swimming kit brought in every day.

The kit requirements are:

BOYS - Shorts which do not cover the knees

GIRLS - a one-piece swimming costume

ALL CHILDREN are required to wear a swimming hat. Goggles are optional.

Woodpecker will be going swimming from Monday 10th January to Friday 21st January.

Kingfisher will go from Monday 24th January to Friday 4th February.

If you are available to help us walk to the leisure centre, please let the class teacher know and join us from 13.45pm.

Safeguarding Update

It is that time of year again where the world is full of festive cheer, socialising and surprises! For most of us and our children, the Christmas period is a joyful experience and the unexpected activities are welcomed with smiles from ear to ear. However, for some of us and our children, this time of year can be a time full of anxiety, sensory overload and uncertainty.

Back to School In January

We continue to encourage members of the community to test regularly with LFT tests to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff are continuing to test on a regular basis. Our testing programme will continue throughout the Christmas break. We would also request that children take an LFT before returning to school in January, although this is totally your choice, it is a way to help keep everyone safe. The new LFT tests only go up your nose. Please remember, if your child displays any of the following symptoms: continuous cough, high temperature or loss/change in taste or smell they must stay at home and get a PCR test (a test that gets sent off to the lab).

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please let us know by emailing office@oasisryelands.org

Year 1 Space Dome

This week Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the Space Dome. This was to consolidate this half term's learning and recap our focussed writing sessions about the moon. The children have produced incredible pieces of writing and researched great facts using their iPads and, as a result, upon his visit, Mr G was amazed at how much they knew about the moon/space. Both classes were able to relay some super cool facts about being in space and what it would be like to be an astronaut... we discovered how we would wash our hair and it isn't easy.

Enrichment Clubs

Refunds for cancelled clubs are currently being processed.

Next term's club booking will be available the first week back in January.

Remote Learning Devices

I am expecting a full return to school in January as the Government have made it very clear (and rightly so in my opinion) that schools should remain open. Headteachers do not have the jurisdiction to make decisions about school closures and any decisions of this nature are taken on the recommendation of Public Health England. In some cases, it is staff absence that has forced these decisions and whilst this is a hugely challenging situation, we have managed this effectively to this point with minimal disruption to our pupils.

However, we do have to be prepared just in case, so as a precaution I'm asking parents to ensure that all children have iPads at home if needed. Please don't let this worry you, it is just an attempt to be ready; there is no plan for anything other than normal school opening with additional measures moving forward. We just have to be ready at short notice.

Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Christmas, New Year and the holiday period can be a good opportunity to connect with different people. For some of us, it can also be stressful and trigger difficult feelings. Here are a few tips from <https://www.mind.org.uk/> that might help to look after your wellbeing at this time of year:

- Press pause – We can sometimes find ourselves taking on too much or planning lots of social activities, remember if things become too much, you can press pause and give yourself a break at times.
- Get enough sleep: Sleep is vital for our wellbeing: aim for at 7-9 hours each night.
- Full Moon - It's a full moon on Christmas Day, so have a look at that if the sky is clear and take notice of how it looks to you. (It won't happen again for 19 years.)
- Give yourself a present - Make sure you make some time to do something that you really want to do, or buy yourself a small gift as a treat. Think about what you want to get out of the break and set this as a goal to achieve.
- Finally and most importantly, relax, unwind and have some fun!

For more wellbeing tips over this period, visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas>

| Workshop | Lead | Date |
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| 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 |

Maths Shed

This week's Maths shed class league table:

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

This week's individual Maths shed league table:

- 1st place - Kayla, Owl
- 2nd place - Dithusha, Raven
- 3rd place - Thara, Raven

Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

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

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

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

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: 92.2% Attendance This Year: 95.4%

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

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.

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| Robin | Will - Hopeful |
| Wren | Miabelle - Joyful |
| Sparrow | Lochlan - Self-controlled |
| Starling | Bertie - Humble & Joyful |
| Chaffinch | Daphne - Hopeful |
| Goldfinch | Charissa - Joyful |
| Kingfisher | Whole Class - Patient & Considerate |
| Woodpecker | Clara - Patient |
| Magpie | Kuba - Self-controlled |
| Owl | Malique - Hopeful |
| Heron | Shannia - Joyful |
| Raven | Brianna - Considerate |
| Eagle | Eduard - Self-controlled |
| Hawk | James - Hopeful |



Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Mon 20th December to Mon 3rd January | Christmas Holidays |
| Tues 4th January | All children return to school |
| Weds 19th January | SRE Parents' Meeting Year 3 Trip to Crystal Palace Football Ground |
| Thurs 20th January | Y3 & 4 Able Writers Day at Monks Orchard |
| Thurs 3rd February | Parents' Evening |
| Tues 8th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Fri 11th February | Last day of term |
| Mon 14th - Fri 18th February | Half Term Holiday |
| Mon 21st February | All children return to school |
| Tues 8th March | Parent Workshop - Speech and Language Therapy 14:30 |
| Weds 30th March | Year 3 & 4 1 day bike training |
| Fri 8th March | Last day of term |





URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT 24/7

Worried about your mental health?

Young people and their parents can get urgent support and advice from trained NHS mental health advisors, any time, day or night.

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a telephone line for people in urgent need - including children, young people and their parents. The lines are free to call and open 365 days a year.

| AREA | BOROUGHES COVERED | 24/7 SUPPORT NUMBERS |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| North West London | Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster | 0800 023 4650 |
| | Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham | 0800 328 4444 |
| North Central London | Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington | 0800 151 0023 |
| North East London | City & Hackney | 0800 073 0006 |
| | Newham | 0800 073 0066 |
| | Tower Hamlets | 0800 073 0003 |
| | Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest | 0800 995 1000 |
| South West London | Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth | 0800 028 8000 |
| South East London | Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark | 0800 731 2864 |
| | Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich | 0800 330 8590 |

BRIGHTEN YOUR BAG

Road Safety Competition for Primary Schools

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Getting young London moving

Do you want to stay safe?
Are you creative?
Do you like having fun?

If you answered yes to any of these questions this is a great competition for you! Croydon Council's Road Safety team would like to see who can make their bag the BRIGHTEST.

- You can use any bag you want to decorate - if you cannot use your school bag, you can use drawstring bags, handbags, tote bags - even plastic bags!
- If you cannot find a bag to decorate, you can design your bag on paper!
- Decorate your bag with reflective, fluorescent and bright materials to make sure that you are seen when travelling to and from school.
- Entries are welcome from all primary-aged children, from Nursery to Year 6.

YOU COULD WIN:

- First Place - Scooter
- Two runner-up prizes of £20 book tokens

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Speak to: _____
about your class taking part! Entries and consent
forms must be submitted to: _____

by: _____

