

13TH JANUARY 2023

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy week here at Ryelands. The children have been busy continuing learning in their new topics, and it has been wonderful to see their learning progress as I walk around the school.

For the next 5 weeks, Year 4 are lucky to have specialist cricket coaches in school on a Wednesday morning. They received their first lesson this week and the children all looked like they were thoroughly enjoying the cricket skills session. Next week, some of our Year 5 children will be travelling to the O2 to sing as part of the Young Voices concert. This is a fantastic opportunity and children are very excited about performing - we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

Reading continues to be a big focus for us at Ryelands as it opens the doors to so much other learning. Please can I remind you all to continue reading with your children at home and encourage them to complete their reading record on the BoomHub app on the iPads.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that you all have a restful weekend.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

Friends Of Ryelands (FOR)

As well as continuing to fund the counselling service for the second academic year, the Friends of Ryelands (PTA), are raising money for a playground sail for the MUGA. We're currently getting an exact quote but we're talking circa £10k!

That's a lot of cash at a difficult time for everyone, so we need lots of fundraising ideas.

We're already planning a Jazz evening, Easter disco, cake sale and Easter Egg trail. We need more people to help raise this target. Get in touch at

Email: friendsofryelands@gmail.com

Join our WhatsApp group by messaging 07585 443 644.



Learn To Ride

Cycling Instructor have arranged some half term Learn To Ride children's sessions, at the Croydon arena, for children of 7 years old and above. These are for complete beginners, and are free of charge.



If you would like to book your child on to the course, you can book directly, by completing the booking form on their website <https://fs19.formsite.com/cycling/jghqroni8o/index.html>

Strike Action

Since October 2022 teachers and support staff have been balloted by their unions regarding strike action. This is linked to not only our salaries that have been frozen for many years in comparison to private sector workers but also and more importantly there is lack of funding that is going into schools year after year. We know what best practice looks like but we simply do not have the money to pay for it. There are heading saying the Government is giving schools money. What they don't tell the public is of the funding streams that are reduced or taken away at the same time.

For many of us striking is something we do not wish to do but our education system is in a crisis. Many of us believe to sit back and do nothing will only allow it to get worse. For many of us we came into education because we wanted to make a difference to children. This is getting harder year after year. Our good will and what we see as a vocation is being taken advantage of.

The result of the ballots will be announced on Monday 16th January. If the school is to close or partly close, We will inform you as soon as we possibly can to give you as much notice as possible.

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This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week Ducklings have been learning very important information about how to stay safe. We have covered stranger danger, crossing roads and safety at home and in the classroom. We have identified possible dangers that we might come across and we have learned what to do if we get hurt or lost. Some of us have even learnt our house number and street name and know that 999 is the emergency phone number. We have learned some rhymes to help us, made collages of red-hot fires and dressed up as road safety characters to re-enact crossing the road safely.

Reception: Reception children enjoyed another week learning about Knights and Castles. They looked at how castles changed over time and what materials were used to build them. The children listened to "The Story Knight" and did lots of activities around the story as describing the main characters in Write Away, sequencing the story or talking about the main plots. We ended this topic with a dressing up day, on Friday. In Maths, we learnt number bonds to five and comparing lengths and heights.

Year 1: We have continued to focus our writing on "George and the Dragon" and have been using lots of interesting adjectives and verbs in our sentences. We also thought about what the characters might be saying and thinking at different points in the story. In maths, we are now practising addition and subtraction to 20. We are learning lots of different ways to help us to solve problems and will use what we know to solve reasoning questions. In science, we learnt all about the 8 planets in the solar system and created our own planets booklet. Can you remember which planet is closest to the sun?

Year 2: In Year 2, we have enjoyed continuing with our story, Grandad's Island, and using possessive apostrophes and interesting adjectives to rewrite the story. In Maths, we are starting to master equal groups and are beginning to see how this will help us to become multiplication whizzes! We have begun our new topics in Geography, History and Science, too. In Science, we have started looking at properties of materials and learning some of their key characteristics. In Geography, we have looked at plans and aerial views of the school for our map topic. In History, we have begun by recapping all we know about Queen Victoria – did you know she only wore black for the rest of her life after Albert died? We can't wait to learn more about what life was like for children in the Victorian era!

Year 3: This week in English, we continue to read 'Leon and the Place Between', which has been super exciting, and the children have been writing about when Leon volunteers to be in the magician's show and gets transported to a mysterious world - great vocabulary and sentence work this week Year 3. In PE, fitness tests were fun and informative - Year 3 look forward to working on their core muscles and stamina! Maths has been challenging this week - multiplication and division methods have tested us on our knowledge of timetables - Year 3 have shown themselves to be joyful, patient, and resilient when solving their tasks.

Year 4: This week year 4 started their cricket enrichment and have learned all about the art of catching to improve their fielding skills. Our Maths learning has seen us multiply two-digit numbers by 1 digit. We have used our knowledge of times tables to support our learning. During our writing lessons, we have started writing descriptive passages setting the scene to open the story. We have engaged in discussions about the personality and appearance of some of the characters whilst we continue reading the text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Thank you to all parents and careers who have expressed interest in accompanying the children on our trip.

Year 5: Year 5 have been working really hard this week consolidating their learning on multiplying numbers by 2 digit numbers, we can now do this with 3 and 4 digit numbers so please check to see how fantastic we are at home. Next week we will be looking at dividing so please test us on our times tables to help get us ready. In Music we enjoyed learning the dances to the songs for Young Voices and have been very joyful in our singing. We have started learning about the Anglo Saxons and have been impressed our teachers by showing lots of curiosity in the questions that we have been asking. This also links to Viking Boy which we have been reading in English. Well done Year 5 for another brilliant week of learning!

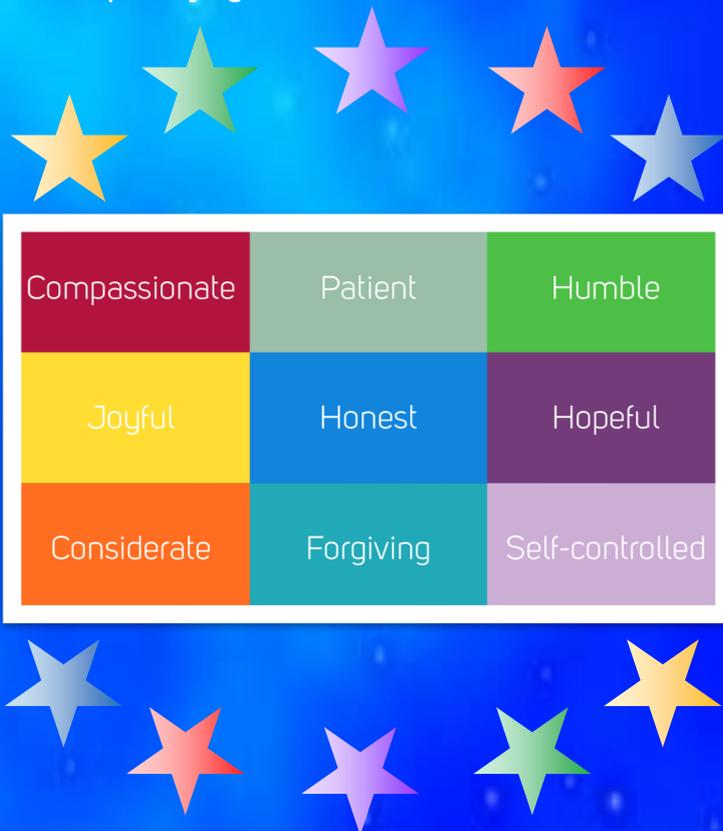
Year 6: Year 6 finished their persuasive letters this week by using repetition for effect and rhetorical questions. In maths, we learnt how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. We started our history topic on World War 2 by reflecting on the end of World War 1 and considering what events lead to World War 2. We looked the habit of patience this week. In science, we started by looking at Charles Darwin and did an experiment around how the different beak shapes of finches helped different birds survive. In RE, we looked at the Tripitaka which is the name for the Buddhist Scriptures.

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Stars of the Week

Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.

Robin	Rufus - Joyful
Wren	Louie - Joyful
Sparrow	Andreas - Joyful
Starling	Edie - Humble
Chaffinch	Kayden - Considerate
Goldfinch	Maya - Considerate
Kingfisher	Akeem - Joyful
Woodpecker	Eloise - Joyful
Magpie	Ilessiah - Compassionate
Owl	Clara - Joyful
Heron	Marco - Joyful
Raven	Quincy - Humble
Eagle	Daryun - Joyful
Hawk	Archer - Humble
Children's Choice	King in Sparrow chose Dexter - Joyful Kyla in Magpie chose Miss Reed - Self-controlled



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Makaton Words Of The Week

Next week's words will be:

Come and Go

All the children are enjoying learning the new Makaton signs and joining in with the signing of our songs in Sing & Sign assembly. Please encourage your children to show you the signs they are learning, they are doing so well!



Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

- 1st place - Eagle Class
- 2nd place - Hawk Class
- 3rd place - Chaffinch Class

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

- 1st place - Sirran, Eagle
- 2nd place - Angela, Hawk
- 3rd place - Timur, Eagle

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: 96.4% Attendance This Week: 94% Attendance This Year: 92.6%

Registers are taken at 09:00. It is important that the children are at school on time and in the line at 8:50 every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Pupils Late This Week: 67 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Weds 11th Jan and each Weds until 8th Feb	Year 4 Cricket - Y4 children to attend school in PE Kit on Wednesdays for 5 weeks, until 8th Feb. School uniform must be brought in to change into.
Weds 18th Jan	SRE Meeting for parents - 18:00
Thurs 19th Jan	Goldfinch Class Assembly - 09:05 Young Voices at the O2
Fri 20th Jan	Year 1 Space Dome experience Parents Meeting: Peer on Peer Abuse - 14:45
Tues 24th Jan	Year 6 World War II Workshop
Thurs 26th Jan	Sparrow Class Assembly - 09:05
Tues 31st Jan	Year 4 Trip to British Museum
Weds 1st Feb	Parents' Evening - 15:40-18:00
Thurs 2nd Feb	Chaffinch Class Assembly - 09:05 Debate Mate trip to Dalmain School Parents' Evening - 15:40-19:00
Fri 3rd Feb	Year 4 Dress Up Day - Romans
Mon 6th Feb	Parents' Meeting: Keeping Safe Online - 09:00
Tues 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 9th Feb	Starling Class Assembly - 09:05
Fri 10th Feb	Reception Height and Weigh checks Ryelands' Got Talent Last day of term

We would like to invite our pupils to be part of Ryelands 'Guitar Club' coming January 2023.

Guitar lessons will allow pupils to learn the instrument through song and introduce them to the basics of music theory. All educational material will be provided.

London Guitar Club also has an additional guitar rental service available for students who wish to join the club but don't own a guitar.

**YEARS 3-6
WEDNESDAY**

3.30-4.30PM

www.guitarclublondon.com

GUITAR CLUB

Coming to Oasis Ryelands 2023!

Please sign up via our website. Only 10 slots are available for Spring term with 20 more in Summer.

Lessons are £10 per week and are block booked (10 x £10=£100)

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Ages 11-18: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
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SESSION!



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- ✓ SOCIABLE GROUP LEARNING - MAKE LIKE MINDED FRIENDS!
- ✓ EARN A LIFE SKILL - DEVELOP YOUR CREATIVITY & FOCUS!
- ✓ GAIN BAND EXPERIENCE - JAM EVERY WEEK!
- ✓ INCREASE SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE
- ✓ LEARN THROUGH SONGS THAT YOU KNOW AND LOVE!
- ✓ PROVIDES A HEALTHY OUTLET FOR STRESS AND ANXIETY
- ✓ BE INSPIRED BY OUR TEAM OF YOUNG, PROFESSIONAL TUTORS

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Tuesdays at 4-5.10pm
for ages 6-12

**VOX
TWO**

YOUTH CHOIR AND
SONG WRITING CLASS
Tuesdays at 5.15-7pm
for ages 13-19

**ACT
ONE**

DRAMA AND ACTING
CLASSES
Fridays at 3.45-5pm
for ages 6-9

**ACT
TWO**

DRAMA AND ACTING
CLASSES
Fridays at 5.05-6.30pm
for ages 10-12

**ACT
THREE**

DRAMA AND ACTING
CLASSES
Saturdays at 4-5.30pm
for ages 13-19

**YOUNG
COMPANY**

National Theatre
Connections Festival
Company 2023
Fridays at 6.45-8.45pm
for ages 13-19

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WORKSHOPS
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for ages 13-19

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- Free introductory session for beginners, aged 5 and up, with classes starting this term (see over for timetable)
- Advanced classes available now for children of all ages with experience of music
- Children learn to read, write and play music **from the very first lesson**
- Lessons held locally after school or on Saturday, OR why not try our new ZOOM classes!
- Keyboards provided at every face-to-face lesson. Pupils need their own keyboard for ZOOM classes.
- All our teachers hold DBS enhanced certificates

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