

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of exciting and interesting events for the children here at Ryelands; Reception have been out and about completing transport audits, Year 1 have entered the Space Dome to experience the planets around them and some of our children even performed at the O2 as part of the Young Voices concert! We also had the pleasure of watching Goldfinch's class assembly where the children kept us all entertained sharing their learning and singing some fantastic songs.

Friends of Ryelands are organising a number of events over the coming weeks to try to raise money for the school to purchase a canopy/sail for the MUGA playground to help to provide a shaded area. Please look out for communications about these events and support them where you can. The children in our Mini SLT are taking on responsibility for organising a Valentine's themed cake sale due to take place on Friday 10th February. I'm sure that you will support them where you can – no doubt they will be out drumming up custom and support as they did with the raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair!

We hope that you all have a good weekend.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

Ryelands' Got Talent

RGT – Ryelands' Got Talent!!!

Oh yes it has! Here at Oasis Academy Ryelands, we recognise that not all talents are academic. In fact we have a wide range of talented children hiding amongst us. These talents may include singing, dancing, instrument playing, juggling, football tricks...

We will be holding class competitions and class winners will be announced on the Friday 3rd February. Each phase will then showcase their talents and the winners will showcase their performance on Friday 10th February. We are hoping to invite the successful candidates adults to come in and watch their performance with us as a whole school. Good luck Ryelanders!!!

Breakfast Club

Please ensure you pay for Breakfast Club spaces when you book so as not to build up any debt. There are limited spaces available at Breakfast Club, so make sure you book up well in advance and that you cancel any spaces you no longer need.

Young Voices

The Year 5 children who attended the Young Voices concert last night were an absolute delight! They sang, they danced, they smiled and they were great representatives for Oasis Academy Ryelands. They were able to perform with, not only the Urban striders but also Heather Small, and other exciting artists! This was all in order to raise money for the charity Young Minds, which was a brilliant thing to be a part of in the run up to Children's Mental Health Week, which will take place from 6-12 February 2023. We are very proud (excuse the pun) of all of our wonderful children who went.

Parents' Evening Change

Due to strike action, we have had to move our Wednesday 1st Feb Parents' Evening to Tuesday 7th Feb.

If you previously booked a time for Parents' Evening on Wednesday 1st February, your booking will have been moved to the same time, but on Tuesday 7th February. You can confirm your time/date booked by going in to MCAS and selecting 'Parents' Evening'. When you select the date, you will see your booking.

If you are unable to attend on this new day or time, you can cancel your booking on MCAS and rebook with your preferred time / date.

Bookings for Thursday 2nd February remain unaffected.

If you have not yet booked your slot for Parents' Evening, please go in and do so quickly to avoid disappointment.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2023

Attention All Artists!

An exciting opportunity has arisen for all our young and budding artists at Ryelands! We are entering a competition, The Royal Academy Of Arts 'Young Artists' Summer Show 2023.

Now in its fifth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes are awarded each year for inspiring artworks, which will be chosen by the President of the Royal Academy!

If you are interested, get creating, and submit your work to Mrs Begum, who will give you additional details and forms to complete! The deadline to submit work is **Thursday 9th March**.

Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

The Lily-Jo Project

In light of Children's Mental Health Week, mental health platform [The Lily-Jo Project](#) will be hosting a free workshop for parents and teachers.

- **When?** February 9, 2023
- **Time?** Lunch time: 12:00 to 13:00 (BST) and 16:00 to 17:00 (BST)
- **Where?** Online

The workshop is designed to help you understand the unique mental health challenges facing children, teenagers, and students today.

It follows the release of Lily-Jo's book [Talking To Children About Mental Health](#), and it was written for parents, grandparents, teachers, youth workers and anyone in a position of care or interested in the future of mental health.

To sign up, simply [fill out this form](#) to receive your link to join!

Household Support Fund (HSF)

The HSF grant is a one-off award that could help to buy food, gas, and electricity.

The Household Support Fund can help if you are facing hardship or emergency, including struggling to pay bills or afford food.

The scheme provides support, such as vouchers, wherever possible, rather than cash grants.

We can help your household meet living costs through:

- food vouchers
- gas or electric payments
- water bills
- white goods such as: fridge-freezer or under counter fridge and Microwave
- gas or electric cooker
- Bedding

You can only use the fund for one household item or white good.

Please use the following link if you would like to apply. If you need support filling in the form, pop in to school, where Louise Eaves will be able to help you.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/benefits/household-support-fund-hsf>

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

On Friday 10th January, we will be holding a Valentine's Day bake sale. There will be one bake sale held in the KS1 playground and the another will be held in the MUGA playground (main playground). We ask children to create some cakes or treats and bring them in. Make sure they are Valentine's Day themed to match our bake sale theme.

Take Care On The Road!

As I'm sure you know, Oakley Road and Sandown Road are part of the Healthy School Streets scheme meaning that vehicles cannot enter the streets at certain times. This is to try to reduce the vehicles on the road at school drop off and pick up times, making it safer for our school community. I was shocked to hear that cars have been seen reversing at speed down Oakley Road in an attempt to escape the cameras! Please be careful as you cross the roads and do let the school know if you see this happening as we will report it to the Council.



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This Week's Adventures

Nursery: In Nursey have been thinking about the local area we live in. We have learnt to identify rivers, roads, parks, sea and towns. We looked at pictures of local landmarks in South Norwood such as the swimming pool, country park, school, tram stop, high street etc. and the children were very excited to look at their houses on Google Street view! We also thought about all the different types of houses people live in here, and around the world and we looked at the differences and similarities between them. We used magnifying glasses to study real maps and we learnt to identify the different areas they show, like the rivers, roads, coast, towns and parks. It has been good fun thinking about our homes and where we live!

Reception: This week's topic in Reception has been Transport. The children were introduced to different modes of transport and observed how vehicles have changed over time. On Monday, they went on a short walk to the main street and did a survey on different types and different colours of vehicles. Later in the week, we've discussed about how transport might look in the future and what could make it more eco friendly. In Maths, the children explored number 6 through different games and practical activities. Our writing was based around the story "You can't take an elephant on the bus" and the children created a story map and wrote sentences.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been hard at work planning and writing their own versions of George and the Dragon, they have been really focused and we cannot wait to see their published pieces of their story. We have also been focusing on our subtractions to within 20 this week in maths and counting backwards on number lines to support our learning. In science we have continued to learn about the planets and even continued developing our skills in map reading in Geography. We have had great fun this week and look forward to learning even more next week!

Year 2: This week in Year 2 we have developed our understanding of arrays and are using them to help us to understand multiplication. We have enjoyed writing even more about Grandad's Island and have become amazing at using possessive apostrophes, too! We have plotted the most important places in school on Digimaps in Geography and looked into the kind of clothes that children wore in the Victorian era in History. In PE, we learnt a new roll – the forward roll – and always remembered to tuck our heads and in Music we learnt a Victorian playground song and game.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 we have enjoyed planning and writing their own stories inspired by Leon and the Place Between. We have been impressed with the children's ideas and writing stamina during this process. In Maths, children have been practicing short multiplication, division with remainders, scaling and finding combinations in a systematic way. We are thoroughly proud of how patient and self-controlled Year 3 have been during their learning and independent work as they have been learning some very tricky and challenging methods and concepts, well done Year 3! In History, the children became reporters where they filmed footage on life in the Bronze Age, they used their research skills and notes to provide accurate accounts about the different aspects of life including food, housing, and tools. In RE, children have been exploring the Qur'an, and the stories in the Qur'an, unpicking the key messages the stories convey. We have been impressed with the mature conversations and insightful ideas the children raised during class discussions. In PE, Year 3 continue their fitness lessons involving various exercises to test their stamina and build on their strength.

Year 4: This week, We have continued our work on 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and the children have produced some lovely pieces of writing. In Maths, we have looked at division of 2 and 3 digit numbers. In Science, we have explored how to live more sustainably by reducing, reusing and recycling. The children produced some effective tessellation collages in Art and in Humanities, we used 2 figure grid references and looked at the influence of Julius Caesar. Children wrote their own verses to rap about anti-bullying and enjoyed their cricket and chess sessions.

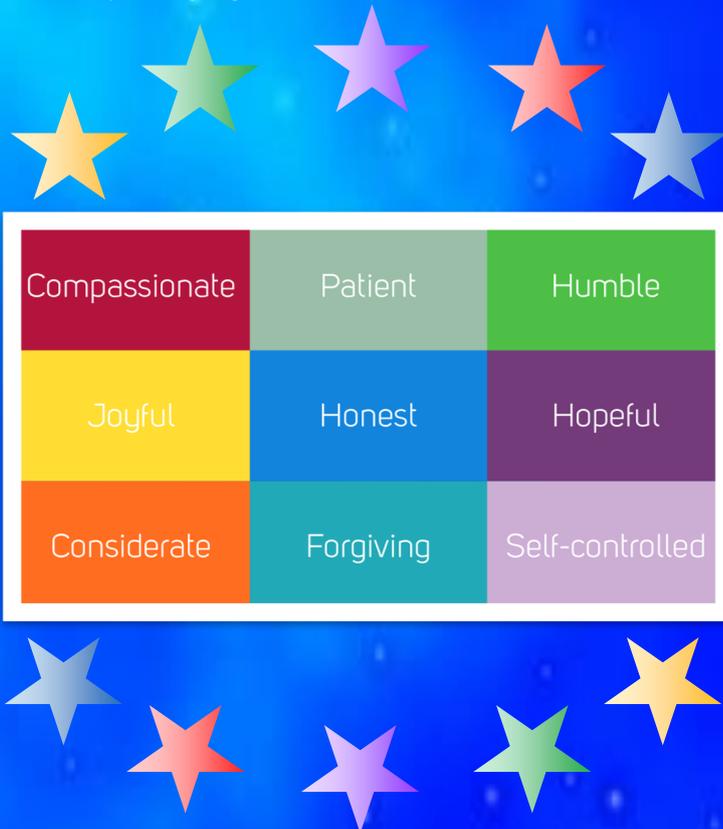
Year 5: Year 5 have been working really hard this week and have produced some excellent writing based on our text, Viking Boy. They have been working hard on their division skills and have been using the short division (bus stop) method. Please help them with this by practising at home too. We have learnt about how to use directional language looking at the 6-points of the compass. They have also really impressed us with their beautiful singing of all of the Young Voices songs.

Year 6: Year 6 started reading Rose Blanche - the story of a young girl living in Germany during World War 2. We wrote a character description and then moved onto a setting description based on a scene where Rose sees soldiers bundling a young boy into the back of a lorry. In grammar, we focused on nouns and pronouns. In maths, we learnt how to place fractions on a number line and started to compare and order fractions with different denominators. We continued our history topic by looking at the Holocaust and the way Jews were treated in Nazi Germany. In geography, we are looking at maps. We labelled a map of the world to show countries that were part of the British Empire at various times in history. We then extracted information from a map of the UK during the Industrial Revolution and used it complete a table. In art, we looked at different paper folding techniques and used these to make a collage.

Stars of the Week

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

Robin	Shayne - Patient
Wren	Aarav - Hopeful
Sparrow	Izzy - Considerate
Starling	Theo - Self-controlled
Chaffinch	Marwa - Hopeful
Goldfinch	Lenny - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Edith - Humble
Woodpecker	Ivy - Joyful
Magpie	Keegan - Compassionate
Owl	Eliana - Considerate
Heron	Ryan - Joyful
Raven	Kayden - Hopeful
Eagle	Jeremiah - Honest
Hawk	Ramiah - Forgiving



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Makaton Words Of The Week

Next week's words will be:

I and Me

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!



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: 94.2% Attendance This Year: 92.7%

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: 74 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
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
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 Parents' Evening 15:40-18:00
Thurs 9th Feb	Starling Class Assembly - 09:05
Fri 10th Feb	Reception Height and Weigh checks Ryelands' Got Talent Valentine's Day Bake Sale Last day of term



Chinese New Year Menu
Monday 23rd January 2023

Sweet and Sour Chicken and Noodles
Quorn Noodle Stir Fry
Iced Cake

Young Artists' Summer Show

2023

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How to enter

From 9 January 2023, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 29 March 2023.

Important dates

9 January – 29 March 2023

Registration and submission open

May 2023

Judging

18 July 2023

Online exhibition opens

18 July – 13 August 2023

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

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