

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a good half term break. We have had a productive first week back at Ryelands with classes out on trips, visitors coming to the school and the usual busy learning taking place in the classrooms.

Kingfisher class in Year 3 have enjoyed starting their swimming lessons this week, Reception had great fun flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Year 2 spent Wednesday in role as Victorians on their trip to the Ragged School Museum and Year 5 enjoyed a Viking workshop on Thursday. On Tuesday, staff and our Physical Health Champions joined in with Positive Playtime Training, learning fun games to help keep them occupied at breaktimes. Hopefully they will be able to put these games into practice, teaching them to other children too.

Next week will be slightly interrupted by the planned strike action on Thursday 2nd March. As a staff, we are sorry for the impact this will undoubtedly have on you and our children, but striking members feel they really do need to make a stand for the government to realise the crisis situation that schools are currently in. We hope that you will support us in this action.

A number of activities for Book Week will take place throughout next week. On Monday, the children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas (or a onesie) for 'Cosy Readers Day' £1 donation. We are aware that the strike action falls on World Book Day, so would like to invite the children to come to school on **Friday 3rd March** dressed as a book character for our celebration of this.

We hope that you all have a great weekend,

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team



Valentine's Bake Sale Update

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes and supported the Valentine's Bake Sale on the Friday before half term. We raised £173.70!

We were really impressed with Mini-SLT

who organised the event – advertising, collecting cakes, baking and running

the stalls – thank you so much Mini-SLT!! - Miss Reed



Year 6 TFL Workshop

Year 6 had a visit from Transport For London earlier this week. We learned about how to travel as good citizens by being respectful of other passengers and being respectful of the trams or the buses etc.

Through watching videos and a little role play, we also learned how to travel safely as many of the children will be using public transport to travel to their new secondary school in September. We were also reminded that children can travel for free on buses and trams and at a discounted rate on trains and the underground by using an '11-15 Zip Oyster Card'.

If you would like to apply for a Zip Card for your child, please visit: <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard>

We Are Hiring!

Would you be interested in joining our team at Ryelands? Do you know someone who would?

We are currently advertising the following roles with good rates of pay and benefits:

- Breakfast Supervisor – Monday to Friday, 7:30-8:50am (6.40 hours per week, term time only). If the successful candidate is parent / carer of a child at Ryelands, a free Breakfast Club space for your child will be offered.
- 3 x cleaners – Monday to Friday, 15:00-17:30pm (12.5 hours per week, 52 weeks per year)

If you, or anyone you know would like to apply or get more information, please go to <https://www.oclcareers.org/employer/oasis-academy-ryelands>



BookLove the Multicultural Book Carnival is coming to Ryelands on World Book day!

The BookLove Carnival will be in the school for one day with a vast range of multicultural books for you all to buy. Did you know that in 2017 just 1% of children's books published in the UK included a Black or Brown child as a main character - BookLove is working really hard to change that, so please come and support them and fill your shelves with a fantastic mix of multicultural and bilingual book with 20p from every book sold going to their charity which is putting free multicultural books in schools.



Friday 3rd March 3PM - Inside Main Gate

www.thisisbooklove.com

Family Concert

London Mozart Players, a chamber orchestra based in Croydon, wants to let you know about a family concert we have on **Sunday 19 March at 3pm at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood, SE19 2RX**. It's called 'Dinosaur Department Store, more info at www.londonmozartplayers.com/whatson-event/dinosaur-department-store/?venue=21839

This concert is specially aimed at children aged 3-7. Joining us is Polly Ives, one of the UK's leading music educationalists and founder of Concerteenies. Stories, musical accompaniment, image projection and audience participation will make up this approximately hour-long concert. There will be mats laid out and a range of refreshments available to purchase for children and adults.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for under 18s and free for those under 5.

24TH FEBRUARY 2023

Year 2 - Our trip to the Ragged Museum

On our trip to the Ragged Museum, we experienced what a Victorian school would have actually been like. We used slate for writing, sat in rows and weren't allowed to slouch or we would have to use the back straightener! Well done Year 2 for your hard work and excellent behaviour on our trip. Miss Crone



We went on a tube and on a train. When we got there, we went to the classroom. The desks lift up and it isn't colourful. We used a black board and chalk to write and their writing is so curly and we did maths in columns. The classroom is dark and we had to stand up when the teacher said "Good morning, Class". We had lunch when the bell rang.

Kaydean Chaffinch Class



I liked the teacher in the classroom because she was really strict!

I liked that we all got to dress up for the trip it really brought it to life.

I liked that we got to make posters too.

Ida Goldfinch Class





Year 5 Viking Workshop



We had an absolutely fantastic Viking Day, where the children wore excellent costumes- we would like to give a special well done to all of the children and grown ups who made them at home! When they arrived into school, a Viking called Bjorn had taken over the classroom and had lots of fascinating facts to share with us. We enjoyed looking at Viking artefacts, playing Viking games and especially going on a real-life Viking raid!

In the Viking workshop we did an act of one of the famous stories. We talked about ancient artefacts such as goat horns and gold combs. In the afternoon, we learnt on how to spear wrestle and we even raided Year 6! This was a great workshop.

Safa Heron Class



On Thursday we had a Viking workshop, a Viking professional came to teach us about everything about Vikings. The Vikings had many gods and great stories. We played fun activities like Viking games, acting and quizzes, the kids enjoyed it so much.

Nana Heron Class



We all really enjoyed the Viking workshop, we learnt lots of interesting facts. We played lots of fun games that the Vikings used to play it was really hard but we really enjoyed it. We acted out lots of famous stories too. We all did a Viking quiz, the were boards that had lots of interesting facts, we answered questions on sheets. The final bit of the workshop we did the raiding and the spear wrestling. We raided Year 6 and it was so exciting. Then there was the spear wrestling, in the game you had, two teams and 2 people on each team, you had to pull the spear and whoever took there hand of the spear would lose. This was a very fun workshop.

Scarlett Heron Class



This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week Nursery have been learning about matching pairs and odd ones out. We have matched pairs of socks, shoes, boots and gloves, and sorted objects into matching groups. We found out why we have a right and a left shoe or glove and explored what happens if they are put on the wrong foot or hand! We collaged some very whacky designs on shoes and drew around real shoes, cut them out and then matched them with the same footprint shape and size. We also had great fun measuring each other's feet and deciding which shoes to buy in our role play shoe shop, some of us chose sparkly sandals and some of us chose to wear flippers all day!

Reception: This week's topic was "Pets" and the children shared their love for the animals they own or they would like to have. They learnt about the needs of different animals and how to look after them. The children enjoyed various creative and writing activities around the topic, such as: drawing and describing their dream pet, creating a map of the story Dear Zoo or discussing about why some animals do not make good pets. The children also learnt about how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated in the UK and made pancakes. In Maths, they explored number 9 and halving and doubling numbers 1 to 4.

Year 1: This week in Year 1 we have started a new science topic all about "Everyday Materials". The children really enjoyed looking around the classroom and labelling things that were made out of different materials. We are coming to the end of our place value unit in maths and have been comparing numbers to 50 as well as counting in 2s and 5s. Our art lessons were very hands on this week with some printing and threading practise. We have also written some great character and setting descriptions in English all based on The Storm Whale.

Year 2: What a start to our term for Year 2! In class, we have started a new book called Halibut Jackson and have been exploring the title character who is a shy boy whose suits always match his surroundings. In Maths, we have started a new topic – Shape! We have recapped 2D and 3D shapes and are learning more about their properties. But the highlight of our week was our trip to the Ragged Museum. where we experienced what a Victorian school would've actually been like. We used slate for writing, sat in rows and weren't allowed to slouch or we'd be the dunce or have to use the back straightener! Well done Year 2s for your hard work and excellent behaviour on our trip. We are looking forward to more dressing up fun during World Book Week next week!

Year 3: This week Year 3 have started a new adventure book called **The Secret of Black Rock** by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. Erin, the main character, loves being out in her mother's boat and wants her own adventure to the mysterious 'BLACK ROCK'. In maths, we have completed our unit on statistics and the pupils have really gained in confidence working with bar charts, pictograms, and tables – well done everyone! In Woodpecker class, we have started orienteering lessons, with problem solving and teamwork games. Whilst Kingfisher have made a great start to improving their swimming skills.

Year 4: This week, the children have shown off their amazing independent writing skills to compose a diary entry recounting Edward Tulane's unfortunate encounter with the menacing 'Lolly'. This sums up the unit before we move on to our new story next week. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions greater than 1, moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. In Geography, we introduced the children to our Global Goal of 'Life on Land' with lots of exciting plans on the way around how we can make active changes to our community. In Science, we started our unit on Sound, and learned that sound is a form of energy. We labelled parts of the ear responsible for hearing and looked at the journey of sound from the source to the brain. In PSHE, we looked at Inspirational Women in the run up to International Women's Day. In PE, we have begun to look at fitness and problem solving through orienteering. In Music, we have been learning 'Lean on Me', the classic soul/gospel song by Bill Withers. Incredible singing, Year 4!

Year 5: Year 5 have really engaged well with our new topic and have come up with some great ideas based upon our Global Goal focus for this year, which is Goal 6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all. We thought carefully and came up with some ideas about how we can raise awareness about this so watch this space, as you will probably have some jobs to do at home! We started to learn about David Almond, who is the author of our text for this half term (Skellig). He plans stories in a really creative way so we had lots of fun planning our own stories based upon this. We are continuing to add fractions and mixed numbers with different denominators so please challenge us at home to find some equivalent fractions to help with this. Well done for a brilliant first week back Year 5!

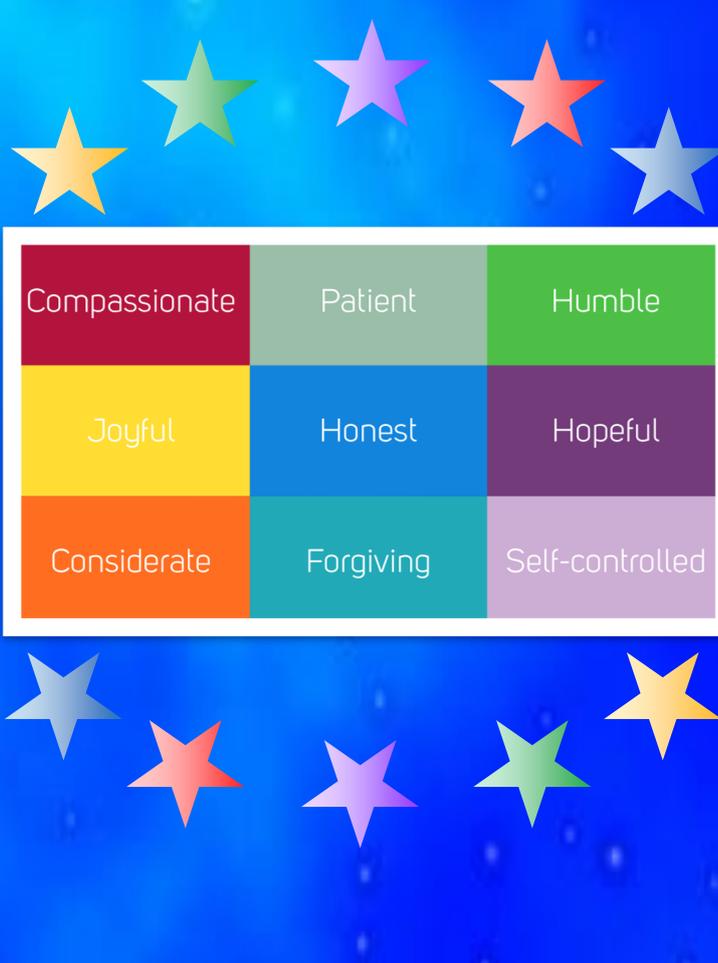
Year 6: Year 6 have started their new text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by JK Rowling. We looked at the blurb and made predictions about the text and then chose a character to write a description of, focusing on our use of noun phrases. In maths, we continued to learn about multiplying fractions and moved on to division with fractions. We finished our history unit from last term by learning about The Blitz. In art, we finished our collages unit by creating collages to represent the Industrial Revolution. We were fortunate to have a visitor from Transport for London come and speak to us about using public transport in preparation for going to secondary school.

10TH FEBRUARY 2023

Stars of the Week

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

Robin	Melisa - Joyful
Wren	Leo - Hopeful
Sparrow	Orlan - Joyful
Starling	Jamie- Joyful
Chaffinch	Aziah - Self Controlled
Goldfinch	Elsie - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Psalm - Self Controled
Woodpecker	Rimel - Humble
Magpie	Ihsaan - Humble
Owl	Tommy- Hopeful
Heron	Felix - Humble
Raven	Alexandra - Compassionate
Eagle	Jasmine - Patience
Hawk	Thara - Humble
Children's Choice	<p>Jake chose Denaye for being Considerate</p> <p>Neveah chose Shakeira for being Joyful</p>



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Makaton Words Of The Week

Next week's words will be:

Spring and Summer

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: 94.3% Attendance This Year: 93.1%

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: 60 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March	Book Week
Mon 27th Feb	Cosy Readers Day - Donate £1 Wear PJs 2.45pm Parents Meeting - Phonics screening check
Thursday 2nd March	NEU Strike Action
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day - Dress as a Book Character
Thurs 9th March	Bikeability 1 Day Year 3 and 4
Fri 10th March	2.45pm Parent Meeting - Mental Health and Wellbeing
Tues 14th March	2.30pm Parent Meeting SEND - Speech and Language
Wed 15th March	9.00am Parents Wellbeing coffee morning
Tues 21st March	Year4/5 Mixed Football Event
23rd/24th March	Year 1 Hearing Tests
Fri 24th March	2.15pm Year 2 Parents Meeting - SATS 2.45pm Year 6 Parent Meeting - SATS
Wed 29th March	Wear Red Sporty for British Heart Foundation £1
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Term

Protect your child against Polio

NHS

South West London



What is Polio?

- Polio is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system – it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.
- Polio is now very rare because of the vaccination programme.
- The best way to prevent polio is to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

Who can get vaccinated?

You can get a polio vaccination for your child if:

- your child is aged between 5 to 9 years old and has not been vaccinated against polio
- your child is aged between 5 to 9 years old and hasn't completed their routine childhood polio vaccinations

Contact your GP or check your child's personal child health record (red book) to find out if your child is up to date with their routine polio vaccinations. If your child is aged under 5 years old, please discuss polio vaccinations with your GP.

Where can my child get vaccinated?

In February, polio clinics are taking place in the following places for 5 to 9 year olds:

- The Tooting Hub, Wandsworth
- Faylands Children Centre, Wandsworth
- Selhurst Children's Centre, Croydon
- Shirley Children's Centre, Croydon
- Woodlands Children's Centre, Croydon

For more information about dates and timings search 'SWL ICB Polio' or scan the QR code



Speech, Language and Communication Parent Workshop

Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 14:30

You are invited to come and find out about Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). What SLCN encompasses and strategies that can be put in place to help to support your child as well as useful websites.

Miss Champion and Mrs Brooks will be holding the meeting.

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



PUBLIC LIVING ROOM

Every Tuesday 1pm - 4pm

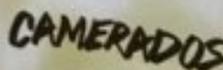
We believe that the answer to our problems is each other.

Everyone has tough times and we think it'd be great if people just looked out for one another more.

Our Wilderness Cabin is a place for folk to sit down with a cuppa, have a chat, and feel more human.

In partnership with:

 Warm Spaces

 CAMERADOS 

- A warm space to work from
- Free wi-fi
- Refreshments
- Disabled access
- 7-acres of space to wander



Matthews Yard

— CROYDON —

Warm Space Sessions

Parents & toddlers sessions

Complimentary tea and biscuits, soft play

Tuesday 11am - 3pm

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All welcome

Complimentary tea and biscuits, charging points, board games, big screen TV

Thursday 2pm - 5pm

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