

### A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been celebrating Book Week at Ryelands with a whole range of literary activities. On Monday, the children and staff came to school dressed in their pyjamas ready to take advantage of any 'cosy reading' opportunities and today we all dressed up again as our favourite book characters. During the week, the children should also have had the opportunity to try to identify the 'masked readers' where staff read excerpts from well-known books for the children to try to guess who the reader was.

Your children should be coming home with a £1 book voucher for World Book Day. Book shops usually do a special range of books in celebration of World Book Day that only cost £1, so in effect your child will be able to get a book for free or you can use the voucher to get £1 off the price of another book. We all know that reading opens up whole new worlds for children so, please continue to encourage them to read as much as possible.

We hope that you all have a great weekend, and we thank you for your continued support.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team



### 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>



### International Women's Day

We will be celebrating International Women's Day with a special assembly on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This year, the theme of IWD is #EmbraceEquity. Please ask your children to think about the important and inspirational women in their lives so that they can help contribute to the assembly celebrating women and their achievements. Children are invited to wear **green** or **purple**.



### Raffle to raise money for Comic Relief

Calling all Year 6 parents and carers.

The Academy MPs have decided to hold a raffle to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Eagle and Hawk have decided they would like to create rainbow themed hampers (1 per class).

If possible, please could you donate an item, of any colour, to go into the hamper by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

This can include food items, drinks, toiletries, small games and even socks.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Many thanks

Eagle and Hawk



### Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 6 parents and carers should have all received a letter about the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.

Please see below an example of what the hoodie will look like. The hoodie will be in navy blue with our school logo on the front and 'Oasis Academy Ryelands 23' on the back written in gold with the children's *first* names written inside the numbers. You will be able to select whether the hoodie says 'Eagle Leavers' or 'Hawk Leavers' depending on your child's class.

You will need to order directly through the website: [https://eleganttreats.co.uk/products/oasis-academy-ryelands-leavers-hoodie-2?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=36897a07b&\\_ss=r](https://eleganttreats.co.uk/products/oasis-academy-ryelands-leavers-hoodie-2?_pos=1&_sid=36897a07b&_ss=r)



### BookLove the Multicultural Book Carnival

As this is World Book Month and International Women's Month, we are really pleased to announce that throughout the month of March, we are partnering up with local Multicultural bookshop **BookLove, The Multicultural Travelling Book Carnival** to help fill our library and classroom shelves with lots of new multicultural books for the children.

Did you know that in 2017, less than 1% of books published in the UK included a Black or Brown child as the main character? There is a real need to make sure that we are always striving to make our school a more representative space, which includes books that reflect the diversity within our school and wider community.

If you are kindly in a position to donate a book to our school library and would like to make a purchase from this local multicultural bookshop, we would be very grateful. (*Books start from £4.99*).

The BookLove shop has made us our very own dream list of books chosen by us, the teaching and non-teaching staff of Ryelands and BookLove.

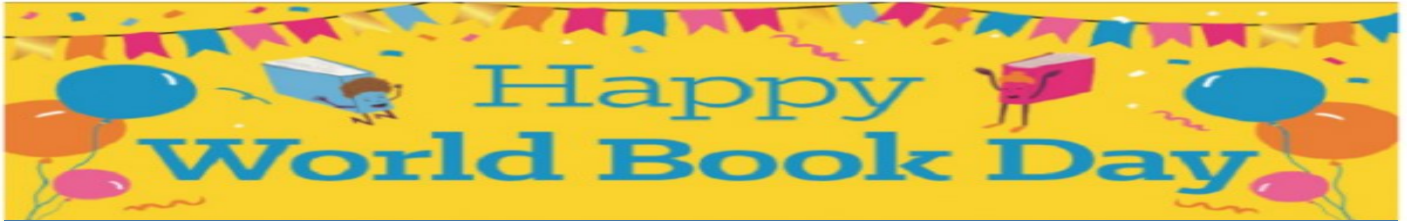
These amazing books are now all available to buy, to then be donated to our childrens' classrooms and library.





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The children have had a fantastic week celebrating World Book Day. During the week, the children enjoyed a range of fun activities, such as The Masked Reader and Reading Bingo. This week there were many opportunities for the children across the school to share their favourite stories with one another. It was lovely to see so many of the children and staff dressed up on Friday to celebrate their favourite stories. From our youngest children in Nursery to our oldest in Year 6, everyone made a huge effort and loved showing off their costumes in celebration assembly on Friday.





## This Week's Adventures

**Nursery:** This week in Nursery we learnt all about nutrition. We found out which foods are good for us and which we should only have for occasional treats. We learnt about the effect the different food groups have on our health and well-being. We sorted food into groups: vegetables, fruits, carbohydrates, protein, dairy products etc and we found out why they are so good for us and how they help us to grow, stay well, give us energy. We also learnt about the harm having too many treats does us. We worked hard making collage plates of nutritious food and created a classroom display with them.

**Reception:** This week, Reception children have enjoyed the topic "Into the jungle". They have learned about various wild animals and their habitats and have been on a virtual trip to the zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book gifted to them by the Book Trust and amazed the adults with the fantastic writing around the story "We're going to find the Monster". Throughout the week, they have read and listened to many of their favourite stories.

**Year 1:** This week in Maths we have started a new unit exploring height and length. We have started to explore objects that are taller/longer/shorter than each other and have used specific vocabulary to compare these. We have also started to measure things using non standard units, such as cubes. In English, we are continuing our writing journey with our book "The Storm Whale". In Science, we have looked at objects around the classroom and discussed what materials they are made from. In humanities, we have started to think about fast fashion and the affect that it has on our environment. We learnt all about the "journey of a t shirt" and how they are made.

**Year 2:** In Year 2 this week, we worked collaboratively to create a word bank of interesting and exciting vocabulary to describe the setting of the palace in the story 'Halibut Jackson'. The children used their iPads to uplevel their vocabulary which then supported them in writing a setting description. In maths, we began learning about lines of symmetry. We identified vertical lines of symmetry in shapes and even used our knowledge to draw the other half of a shape when a line of symmetry is given. In Science, we carried out an experiment to identify whether materials are waterproof or not and which materials would be best to build a wall of a house. In Geography, we identified the global goal that we will focus on this half term which is all about health and well-being. We looked at different physical features around the globe and thought about the place that we would like to visit that would help us to feel calm and happy. Year 2 are now using paper reading records again, please ensure that you are reading with your child and that their reading record is brought in every day.

**Year 3:** This week, Year 3 have been busy understanding different units of measure, including millimetres, centimetres, and meters! The children have worked very hard in working out equivalent measurements, although for some this has been challenging, they have all done so well. In English, children continue to write exciting sentences based on 'The Secret of Black Rock'. The children are becoming very confident in using adverbial phrases and speech in their creative writing. In art this week, children were outdoors looking for natural materials to include as part of their relief prints, children used twigs and leaves to produce a beautiful natural pattern. In Computing, children have been learning about self-image and identity and what this means and what this may look like online, we have recapped and discussed online safety rules. Kingfisher have been busy with their swimming lessons, which they have loved, it has been fantastic to see all children progress in their swimming skills. Well done Kingfisher!

**Year 4:** This week, Year 4 have started reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have used the style of the author to write effective sentences for a story opening. In Maths, we have focussed on finding unit and non-unit fractions of amounts. As scientists, we explored how different sounds are made and as geographers we learned about the devastating impact of deforestation. In RE, we explored the importance of yoga and meditation to practising Hindus.

**Year 5:** In Maths we have been subtracting fractions and even though it has been difficult we were really hopeful and have made huge improvements in our understanding. In Geography, we looked at the water cycle and how it links to our Global Goals. As well as this we looked at the History of toilets and created our own timelines on this. We have done lots of other fun bits this week so please come to Heron Classes assembly on Thursday to find out what we have been learning!

**Year 6:** Year 6 continued reading 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by JK Rowling. We followed Harry's journey into the magical world where he fits a place called Diagon Alley. We used our senses and show not tell to describe this setting and Harry's reaction to it. In Maths, we finished our learning on fractions by learning how to find fractions of amounts and find the whole from a given fraction. In RE, we started to learn about Buddhist symbols and signs and then recapped our knowledge of the key features of 6 different religions. In science, we learnt about electricity and explored the different components of a circuit. In Reading, we have been focusing on the skills of predicting and explaining the impact of the author's language choices.

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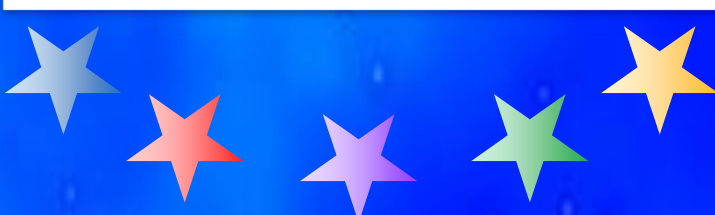
### Stars of the Week

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

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|-------------------|--|
| Robin             | Khaliyah - Patient                         |
| Wren              | Moshika - Considerate                      |
| Sparrow           | King - Compassionate                       |
| Starling          | Azaya - Joyful                             |
| Chaffinch         | Lewis - Considerate                        |
| Goldfinch         | Mason - Joyful                             |
| Kingfisher        | Denaye - Joyful                            |
| Woodpecker        | Aaryan - Joyful                            |
| Magpie            | Ajae - Humble                              |
| Owl               | Albert - Honest                            |
| Heron             | Safa - Joyful                              |
| Raven             | Anabia - Self-control                      |
| Eagle             | Tahira- Considerate                        |
| Hawk              | Helen - Joyful                             |
| Children's Choice | Zuriel chose Eldrich for being Considerate |
|                   | David chose Daria for being Joyful         |




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|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Compassionate | Patient   | Humble          |
| Joyful        | Honest    | Hopeful         |
| Considerate   | Forgiving | Self-controlled |



### Makaton Words Of The Week

Next week's words will be:  
**Brother and Sister**  
 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: 92.9    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: 73 pupils

# Dates for your Diary

| Date                  | Event  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Tues 7th March        | Y6 Library Visit   |
| Wed 8th March         | International Women's Day  |
| Thurs 9th March       | Bikeability 1 Day Year 3 and 4<br>Year 6 Debate Mate Rotherhithe Primary<br>Heron Class Assembly |
| 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<br>2.45pm Year 6 Parent Meeting - SATS                      |
| Wed 29th March        | Wear Red Sporty for British Heart Foundation £1  |
| <b>Fri 31st March</b> | <b>Last Day of Term</b>  |
| Mon 17th April        | Return to school   |



# PUBLIC LIVING ROOM


Every Tuesday 1pm - 4pm

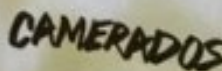

We believe that the answer to our problems is each other.

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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Kindly supported by the Matthews Yard Community and  
Co-operative Warm Spaces Fund.

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