

31ST MARCH 2023

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have reached the end of another term at Ryelands! The children have worked really hard this term and have impressed our staff and visitors with their good manners, positive attitudes and learning behaviours. It has been wonderful to see the progress that the children have made since the start of the year, and we hope that this continues into the summer term.

We have received the draft report from Ofsted which was very positive, and we expect the finalised report to be published at the beginning of May. We are very excited to share it with you all soon.

When we return after the Easter break there will be only a few weeks left until statutory assessments start for our Year 2 and 6 children. We are sure that the children will try their hardest and hope that you will help them by supporting their continued learning and practice of skills over the holidays.

Thank you all for your continued support this term. We hope that you all have a well-deserved break over the holidays and enjoy time with your friends and family.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

**Clubs go live on MCAS on Monday 3rd April.
Please book your child a place to avoid any disappointment!!**



Wednesday 29th March 2023 – British Heart Foundation Day

Thank you to everyone that wore red OR something sporty on Wednesday and/or gave a £1 to help the BHF charity.

As a school, we have managed to raise hundreds of pounds that will go towards raising awareness of heart conditions, and research to help people with heart problems!

We had a wonderful assembly by Year 3 and Year 4 pupils... and our super PE leaders helped in the skipping sessions throughout the day – we were proud of your efforts!

Keep being active Ryelands! Keep skipping and working those hearts!



We would like to say thank you to all those parents and families who purchased books as part of the Multicultural book drive at Oasis Ryelands. These books have been delivered to the school and will form part of a collection in our school library. We are actually extending this book drive, so if you would still like to order books for the school you will be able to do so. Please look out for an email from the school about how you can do this. You may also like to visit the BookLove website to have a look at the books available (www.thisisbooklove.com).

We would like to extend our thanks to Jacob, Jake, Sara, Shirley, Alexander, Georgia, Sacha, Wilmary, Nikki, Amy, Barbara and Jennie for their generous donations.

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Year 3 Trip to Morden Hall Park

To support our Global Goal – Life Below Water, Year 3 decided to venture into Morden Hall Park to pick litter around the streams. We have never seen so many children so excited to find litter; so enthusiastic, engaging and motivated to making a difference in preserving our natural water reserves. The children and adults did a tremendous job in finding litter and cleaning up the park, they filled more than ten bin liners! Well done Year 3 for making an active difference to our environment.



Parent Chinese Cultural Workshop

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We are going to open a new Chinese cultural workshop for parents who are interested in the Chinese culture! We will have paper cutting and Chinese calligraphy being held Tuesday 18th from 15:30 to 16:30.

Brief Introduction

Paper cutting - Participants will have the opportunity to learn traditional paper cutting. They will be shown a step by step demonstration and learn how to cut a pattern into coloured paper, such as the popular patterns for the Chinese character “春” (spring), or butterfly, panda, etc (this is dependent on the age of the participants).

Chinese calligraphy

In this workshop we will introduce the history of Chinese calligraphy before participants are then taught the eight basic strokes. After some practice, you will be able to write a Chinese character or phrase in a formal Chinese way, for example the character “福” (happiness). Each individual will be assisted and be able to take a piece of art home at the end. This workshop is suitable for children in Year 3 or above and adults.



Debate Mate

Please allow me to introduce the Oasis Academy Ryelands Debate Team. They are the 5th highest scoring debating team in London and 11th nationally. Yes, 11th across the whole country! Although we are now nearing the end of our debating journey, I would like to say how very proud we all are of the achievements of these children. From members of the public on trains and the underground, to teachers from other schools and the Debate Mate organisation itself, I have been very lucky to receive so many positive comments regarding the children. It's great to succeed but, to show kindness, humility and acceptance of others, these are true Oasis Ryelands habits.



Mrs Read



Multicultural Book Drive - BookLove

Please look out for an email about how you can support us in developing our multicultural library at Ryelands.



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Global Goals Update

Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 have enjoyed working this half term on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Year 1 have been working on **Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production.**

Year 2 have been working on **Goal 3: Good health and well-being.**

Year 3 have been working on **Goal 14: Life below water.**

Year 5 have been working on **Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation.**

Year 1 held a jumble sale after school on Thursday and Friday to raise money for charity.

Year 2 have completed a sponsored workout and are just waiting for all the sponsorship money to come in before they calculate their final total which will be donated to the charity Place2Be, who carry out work supporting children's mental health.

Year 3 went on a litter picking trip at Morden Hall Park this week, picking litter from the pathways and streams to ensure improved life below water for the water dwelling creatures.

Year 5 organised a **Wear Blue Day** last week and raised **£238.36** for Unicef's Water Sanitation and Hygiene project.

Reception, Year 4 and 6 are looking forward to starting their Global Goals work next term.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the children with their challenges and fundraising.



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Summer Term After School Enrichment Clubs 2023

Day	Year	Start	End	Type	Cost	Spaces
Monday	Y1 & Y2	3.30	4.30	Art attack Club	£30	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3:30	4:30	Movie Club KS2	£30	20 spaces
	Y6	3.30	4.30	Creative Club wit Reach Higher	£0	20 spaces
	Y4 to 6	3:30	4:30	Girls Football Club (open to all Y4, Y5 & Y6 girls)	£0	20 spaces
	R & Y1	3.30	4.30	Football Club R & Y1	£30	20 spaces
Tuesday	Y3 & Y4	3:30	4:30	Basketball Club Y3 & Y4	£10	20 spaces
	Y1 & Y2	3:30	4:30	Movie Club KS1	£30	20 spaces
	Y5 & Y6	3.30	4.30	Football Club Y5 & Y6	£30	20 spaces
	Y1 & Y2	3.30	4.30	KS1 Science Club	£30	15 spaces
Wednesday	Y1 & Y2	3.30	4.30	Basketball Club Y1&Y2	£10	20 spaces
	Y6	3.30	4.30	Reach Higher Y6 Football Club (Open to Y6 girls and boys)	£0	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y 6	3.30	4.30	Guitar Club (10 lessons)		Sign Up
Thursday	Y2 to Y6	3.30	4.30	Mandarin Club	£30	20 spaces
	Y6	3.30	4.30	Football Team (Selected by coach/invitation only)	£0	20 spaces
	Y1 & Y2	3.30	4.30	Basketball Y1 & Y2	£30	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	Sewing Club Y3 to Y6	£30	15 spaces
	Y6	3.30	4.30	Debate Mate Y6	£0	20 spaces
Friday	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	Chess Club	£30	20 spaces
	Y2 to Y5	3.30	4.30	Dance and Drama Club (6-week course)	£20	20 spaces
	Y2 to Y3	3.30	4.30	Football Y2 to Y3	£30	20 spaces

St Luke's Easter Assembly

This morning, the school community was invited to watch our Special Easter Assembly, at St Luke's Church. Our amazing pupils made us all proud with their beautiful singing and acting. We couldn't have had a better start to the Easter holidays.

Like every year, the Easter bonnet/hat competition was the main attraction of the event. The children looked fantastic and wore their amazing creations with pride. It was the teachers' difficult task to choose the most creative ones.

The lucky winners were:

Louie- Wren

Shane- Sparrow

Caoimhe- Goldfinch

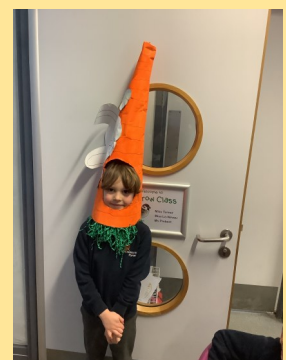
Daphne- Woodpecker

Timothy- Raven

Jayden- Eagle



Well done to everyone taking part and thank you for helping us on the trip - Mrs Saftoiu



This Week's Adventures

Nursery: All week Nursery have been learning all about the Easter story and Easter traditions. We learnt all about the signs of Spring and learnt a great new song about Spring. We also made cut out chicks and bunnies, cooked delicious chocolate nests and we made cute Easter cards for our families. On the last day we had a very exciting Easter Egg hunt! Also this week we were very privileged to have two visitors from Croydon Music and Arts. The first treated us to a music workshop of West African and Caribbean heritage and the second focused on the music of South Asian heritage. We thoroughly enjoyed some really great new experiences.

Reception: This week's topic has been "Spring" and the children have been learning this season's characteristics such as weather, changes in nature and new life. They have enjoyed lots of creative activities around the topic, but their favourite remains the Easter Egg hunt in the school's playground. Reception children celebrated "Science Week" by conducting a series of experiments and writing predictions and observations. In Maths, they have compared and partitioned numbers within 10. They can now use mathematical terms such as "less than", "greater than" and "is equal to". All the adults in Reception are very impressed and proud of the great progress the children have made this term.

Year 1: This week in Year 1, we have still been enjoying the book "The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters". We have written postcards, letters and character descriptions this week all based on what have read. In maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume. The children were measuring and comparing capacity as well as solving problems involving capacity. We have learnt about the Easter story this week in our RE lessons and this culminated in our visit to St Luke's Church on Friday morning. Even though the weather was miserable, we had a great time and enjoyed seeing all of the incredible Easter bonnets! Happy Easter and have a great 2 weeks off!

Year 2: In Year 2 this week we have been continuing learning about different measurements in maths. We focused on volume and capacity, where we identified how much liquid was in a container and temperature where we read the temperature on thermometers. We took part in a skipping workshop on Wednesday where we learnt new skills and played games. Thank you all for your sponsorships going toward the charity Place2Be, we're still counting up our total but will let you know how much we raised after Easter. The children will be coming home with a range of activities to complete over Easter, these will support them with their learning leading up to SATs so please help them to complete these tasks. Have a great Easter break!

Year 3: This week Year 3 have been enjoying their new topic, Fractions! They have been looking at halves, quarters and thirds and applying this to shapes, quantities, and lengths. In English, the children have started writing up their own news reports, it's great to see the children use a range of grammatical skills including fronted adverbials, similes, and repetition. Kingfishers have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and investigating magnets in Science, while Woodpeckers completed their orienteering unit in PE.

Year 4: In our final week of term, Year 4 have enjoyed writing the ending to our own version of 'The Iron Man', we look forward to sharing these with you very soon! During our Maths learning, we have learned how to count in tenths and hundredths as well as how to divide two-digit numbers by 10. Magpie class were able to showcase History learning about the Romans and treated the audience to very impressive acting/singing skills during their class assembly.

Year 5: Year 5 have been writing diary entries this week from the point of view of Michael, the lead character in Skellig. They worked hard on showing, not telling his feelings and were very creative in the way they did this. We have been learning about the festivals of Holla Mohalla and Vaisakhi and why these are important for Sikhs. We have also started our DT project and learnt how to create CAD designs. We are particularly proud of those children who took part in the Easter performance. Well done for speaking so clearly and a great performance!

Year 6: Year 6 practised using the features of non-chronological reports by writing about Mandrakes. Then we each chose our own magical creature to write about. In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and decimals and how to convert between the two. We have also been learning about 3D shapes including their properties and identifying what each shape's net would look like. In grammar, we continued to look at types of sentences. We learnt the difference between phrases and clauses and discussed synonyms and antonyms. Reading this week has focused on mixed comprehension as we now practise applying all our different skills to a given text. We particularly focused on retrieval, inference and applying our understanding of synonyms to help us understand the meaning of words.



MFL- Mandarin this week



This week, from Year 1 to 6, students learnt about Chinese paper cutting and tried to make their own one according to different year groups.



Chinese Paper Cutting



Chinese Paper Cutting History and Origin

The art of paper cutting in China may date back to the 2nd century CE, when paper was invented by Cai Lun, a court official of the Eastern Han Dynasty. As paper became more affordable, paper-cutting became one of the most important types of Chinese folk art. Later, this art form spread to other parts of the world, with different regions adopting their own cultural styles. Because the cut-outs are often used to decorate doors and windows, they are sometimes referred to as 窗花; chuāng huā, "window flowers" or "window paper-cuts". These cut-paper decorations are often glued to the exterior of windows, so the light from the inside shines through the negative space of the cutout.



Distinct Styles of Chinese Paper Cutting

Today, there are two distinct styles of Chinese paper cutting. One of them is the northern style, which is characterized by vivid depictions, exaggerated shapes, and diverse patterns.



The other is the southern style, which is characterized by beautiful designs and carvings of interesting shapes.



There is also the window paper cut style, whose design is usually free except always includes a flower pattern at the corner. There are also wide ranges of window paper cut themes with the most popular one inspired by the Chinese opera.



The Jian Zhi, as mentioned earlier is highly symbolic in Chinese culture. Over time many patterns have come up, aside from the Chinese zodiac signs. Each of these patterns holds a certain meaning. Some are considered to represent happiness, while others represent successful business and so on.

Symbol of Chinese Paper Cutting

A cutting of the Chinese rooster is seen to represent prosperity. In Chinese culture, it is believed that their crowing dispels evil and bad luck. Therefore, decorating your door or home with paper cuttings of the rooster is said to invite good fortune.



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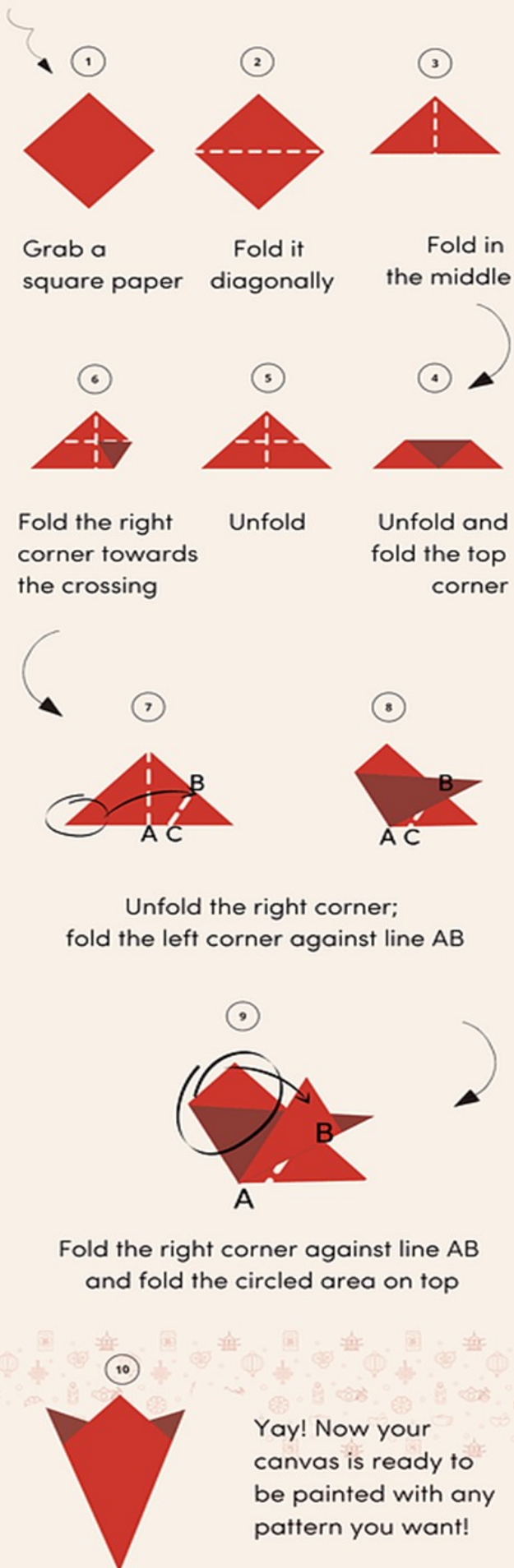


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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 3rd April	Enrichment Clubs go live on MCAS
Mon 17th April	Return to school
Tues 18th April	Y6 Debate Mate Team Trip to University Of London 15. 30 Parent Chinese Cultural Workshop
Wed 19th April	KS1 Multi Skills Festival
Thurs 27th April	Y3 Kingfisher Class Assembly
Wed 3rd May	Bikeability Course—Year 3 and 4
Thurs 4th May	Y1 Starling Class Assembly
Thurs 11th May	Year 6 SATS
Thurs 18th May	Class Photos
Thurs 25th May	Y3 Woodpecker Class Assembly
Fri 26th May	Last Day For Half Term

Chinese Paper Cutting Competition



The Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine is hosting a large exhibition on Chinese papercutting in May. They are looking for the best paper cutting made by children in the local area. The winners will be awarded a certificate and their work included in the exhibition.

We can only send the 6 best pieces we receive so get practising and submit your named work to Miss Crone or your Mandarin teacher by the 28th May for a chance to enter.



SIGN UP

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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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Surrey Cricket Foundation, England Cricket Board and Croydon Council would like to offer your Child an opportunity to be a part of a bespoke All Stars cricket programme this summer.

The South Norwood Lakes - All Stars & Dynamos cricket programme is **fully funded** by Surrey Cricket Foundation & supported by Croydon Council and as such will be **FREE** to all participants.

Important – Use the DISCOUNT PROMO CODE from the table below.

The All Stars Cricket is an entry level national programme aimed at **5–8 year olds**. The sessions run every **Monday 4.00pm – 4.45pm** at South Norwood Lakes SE25 4AN for **8 weeks from 15 May until 3 July**. Each child signed up for All Stars will receive a personalised t-shirt plus a bag, bat and ball.

The Dynamos Cricket is an entry level national programme aimed at **9–11 year olds**. The sessions run every **Monday 5.00pm – 6.00pm** at South Norwood Lakes SE25 4AN for **8 weeks from 15 May until 3 July**. Each child signed up for Dynamos will receive a personalised t-shirt.

For the All Stars programme, children will also receive a booklet so they can complete activities and challenges. The sessions are fun with lots of batting, bowling, throwing and catching, run by Coaches from the Surrey Cricket Foundation and local volunteers.

To register click one of the links below and use the **DISCOUNT PROMO CODE** when booking your place.

It is important you do not share this link as there are only a select number of places available.

All Stars South Norwood Lakes 15 May – 3 July 4.00pm – 4.45pm	Dynamos South Norwood Lakes 15 May – 3 July 5.00pm – 6.00pm
<u>Sign-up GIRLS</u>	<u>Sign-up GIRLS</u>
<u>Sign-up BOYS</u>	<u>Sign-up BOYS</u>
All Stars PROMO CODE: PWCZ76	Dynamos PROMO CODE: VN7CEV

Yours Sincerely,

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