

## 19TH MAY 2023

### A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the last 2 weeks having had a bank holiday in each of them, this week seems to have been really long, but we've made it to the end! As in all schools, May and June are the months where assessments are carried out. Last week Year 6 completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs and this week Year 2 have started to complete their end of Key Stage 1 assessments. In June, Year 1 will be completing the Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check. While we don't want to put pressure on the children, like you, we do want them to do their very best. Please support the children at home by ensuring that they read every day and access/complete the learning challenges that their teachers highlight to you.

We hope that you all have a great weekend in the sunshine.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

### National Epilepsy Week

National Epilepsy Weeks runs from 22-28 May 2023 and the theme for this week is #epilepsymatters

Epilepsy is a common condition that affects the brain and causes seizures. Seizures are bursts of electrical activity in the brain that temporarily affect how it works; they can cause a wide range of symptoms.

We have members of our school community who are diagnosed with epilepsy and would like to draw people's attention to this condition. Please visit these websites to find out more: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/epilepsy/> <https://epilepsysociety.org.uk/about-epilepsy/what-epilepsy>



### PE Leader Quote Of The Week

"There are going to be loads of things that you'll want to do in life – some of them you're going to be great at, some of them you might be less good at..."

To every young person who is trying to find their way.

Marcus Rashford

## Craze of the week!



## Skipping

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### This Week's Adventures

**Nursery:** In Nursery this week, we had a lot of fun learning all about Space. We can now identify several different planets by their names, features and weather conditions. We decided that Saturn is our favourite because we love its rings! We printed a "space scape", made rockets out of junk, painted shooting stars with glitter trails, and we made delicious intergalactic star shaped biscuits decorated with black icing and white stars. We also created a space rocket for our role play area with windows showing astronauts and satellites floating by and we had to steer the spaceship so that it didn't collide with any planets or asteroids. It's been a very exciting week!

**Reception:** This week's topic has been "Growing and Changing" and the children were excited to learn about the different stages of human development, their skeleton, the organs in their body and the five senses. The children also discussed the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and how to do this. Throughout the provision, they enjoyed various activities related to the topic, such as: writing about our senses and the main organs in the body as well as making a timeline to show what they looked like and what they could do at different stages in their life. In Maths we have been learning about day and night, days of the week and months of the year. The favourite activity was baking cupcakes, using our maths skills to measure quantities and follow a recipe.

**Year 1:** In English this week we have started a new book called "Paper Dolls" by Julia Donaldson. We looked at instructions and followed them to make our own set of paper dolls. In Maths, we have continued looking at fractions and have been focusing on halves. At first, we looked at halving shapes and then moved onto finding half of quantities. We had lots of fun in art creating our own Keith Haring inspired art work using chalk in our playground. We got into different positions then drew round our shadows. We created some great images that you might have already seen!

**Year 2:** This week, Year 2 have been doing a range of activities alongside our SATs. We have enjoyed having our chairs back and are now planning a breaking news article to officially report the shocking events of last week! In Maths, we are doing a quick recap of number, graphs and shapes to keep our brains fresh. In Geography and History, we have learnt more about the continents, compass points and famous Olympians from all over the world. In Computing, we have been practising using the looping function when writing code. Please continue to read with your children daily and remember to bring in the reading record!

**Year 3:** This week in Year 3, we have started reading a new book called 'The Proudest Blue' by S.K. Ali and Hatem Aly. We are exploring the themes in the book and have begun writing a letter to our future selves giving support and advice. In Maths, fractions have been much more fun as we have been ordering, adding, and subtracting fractions and our understanding has greatly improved. In Science, our sweet pea plants are growing well, and we are measuring and observing their growth as well as learning all about the life cycle of a plant. In PE, our fitness is progressing very well – good skills and cardio workout in this weeks lesson Year 3!

**Year 4:** Year 4 have worked hard this week, especially as it's been a full week... We have not had one of them in a while! The children have worked really hard this week with money in Maths and have a good understanding of pounds and pence. We have continued to read "Lob" in English and explore the text. In Geography we have been looking at facts about mountains and the children's homework really helped with this as they could transfer their knowledge from one area to another. We have continued to practise our times tables this week ready for the MTC next month. Well done Year 4.

Owl Class have really enjoyed their first week of swimming lessons and are making great progress. Thank you to the parents and carers who have helped to escort the children. Swimming lessons continue for Owl Class next week.

**Year 5:** In English we have been planning a narrative for journey to Jo'burg. In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract decimals. In Science we have been learning about life cycles and foetal development. In GPS we have been learning about fronted adverbials. In PE, we have been doing fitness exercises like press ups, sit-ups, bicep curls, speed sprints, star jumps and burpees. In Art we have been learning about Dale Chihuly and his job is blowing glass. We then tried to replicate this by making glass flowers out of plastic.

**Year 6:** In Year 6, we are studying the Shakespeare play 'Macbeth'. We are using drama as a stimulus for writing and as a way to start preparing for our performance at the end of the year. This week, we have written a description of a heath and got into character as Macbeth to write a letter to his wife. We have been focusing on applying our skills to ensure our writing is cohesive. In Geography, we finished our topic on climate change and started our topic on China. We focused on using maps to learn about the physical geography. We have had lots of discussions around PSHE this week including about careers, patience and self-control.

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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	<b>Kyra - Compassionate</b>
Wren	Asa - Patient
Sparrow	Ellen - Self-controlled
Starling	Ava-Mae - Joyful
Chaffinch	<b>Marwa - Considerate</b>
Goldfinch	Sabrina - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Edith - Joyful
Woodpecker	Sylvia - Hopeful
Magpie	Kyron-Lee - Self-controlled
Owl	<b>Ethan - Considerate</b>
Heron	Meriem - Joyful
Raven	Katie - Joyful
Eagle	Zara - Hopeful
Hawk	Joao - Hopeful
Children's Choice	Sofia chose Olivia - Joyful Kyra chose Raya - Considerate
Staff Choice	Miss Sarah chose Shakai - Humble



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled



#### Maths Shed

- 1st: Ruby - Raven
- 2nd: Eldrich - Heron
- 3rd: Keegan - Magpie

#### Spelling Shed

- 1st: Riley - Raven
- 2nd: Jack - Magpie
- 3rd: Joshua - Owl

### 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: 93.9%    Attendance This Year: 93.4%

**Weekly Attendance Awards: Attendance Penguin goes to Goldfinch Class and the Attendance Cup goes to Kingfisher Class**

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: 47 pupils

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 22nd May	9.15am and 6.30pm New Reception Parents' Meeting
Weds 24th May	Dance Festival Rehearsals
Thurs 25th May	9.05am Y3 Woodpecker Class assembly Reading Stars Trip to Selhurst Park
Fri 26th May	Last Day of Term
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Sun 4th June	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
Mon 5th June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Weds 7th June	Year 6 return from Kingswood
Friday 9th June	2.45pm Parents' Meeting - Transitions and Zones of Regulation
Thurs 15th June	9.05am Y1 Sparrow Class Assembly
Fri 16th June	Y6 Shakespeare Workshop
Weds 21st June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day @ Croydon Arena