

## 26TH MAY 2023

### A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been very busy in school with lots of exciting activities going on. On Wednesday, we had a specialist dance teacher visit the school and teach dance routines to all the year groups across the school. The plan is for the children to put on a Dance Festival display for the whole school community on **Tuesday 4th July** - please put this date in your diaries as we would love for you all come to enjoy the dance performances. There will be 4 dances in total, all on a 'King's Coronation' theme, with the year groups paired in their phases (Nursery and Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6).

Year 2 have worked incredibly hard over the last 2 weeks completing their KS1 SATs assessments. We are very proud of the children's achievement and the progress they have all made this year - well done Year 2! We hope that you all enjoy the sunshine that is forecast over the half term.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week and the children enjoyed a range of wellbeing and calming activities throughout the afternoons, KS1 watched some mindfulness videos, had circle time and enjoyed some mindful colouring activities, while KS2 watched some videos on anxiety and mindfulness tips, had some circle time, and learned some breathing exercises.

The staff also got involved and enjoyed our Monday Pilates session and on our Wellbeing Wednesday, we had a meditation session followed by breakfast in the staffroom.

As we know, Mental Health is being talked about more now and it is important to know that you are not alone. The more we talk about it, the easier it gets.

Miss Wallace

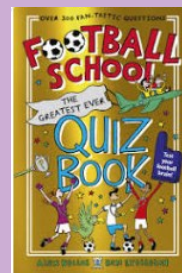
Mental Wellbeing Officer

### Reading Stars Trip to Selhurst Park

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children visited Selhurst Park football stadium as part of the reading programme they started with Coach Marcus before he left.

The children had a workshop with the author Alex Bellos and then went on a tour of the Crystal Palace stadium. Each of the children on the programme also received a copy of Alex Bellos' quiz book to take home with them.

Thank you to Miss Wallace and Mrs Turner who accompanied the children on the trip. They were both impressed with the children's exemplary behaviour and were extremely proud to be with the Ryelands children.



### We Are Hiring!

Are you passionate about supporting pupils to achieve their personal best?

Do you strive to empower your pupils to become confident, curious, and compassionate learners?

Do you want to work in an environment where you help children with their educational and social development by supporting the class teachers?

If you answered yes, we need you!

We are looking to hire 3 new Teaching Assistants to start in September. If you are interested in applying, please go to <https://www.oclcareers.org/employer/oasis-academy-ryelands>

Please spread the word too!

### Soft Starts for Years 3-6

After half term, we will be trialling 'Soft Starts' for children in Years 3 to 6. The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited and encouraged to come into school from 8:40am. The aim of this slightly earlier start is to enable a slow and gentle start to the school day. The children will be welcomed into their classroom by their teacher and encouraged to complete low stakes, calming activities, possibly to some gentle music. This may involve looking at a book alone or with a friend, mindful colouring, free drawing, playing a calm game etc. During this time, the teachers will be able to chat with the children, see that everyone is ok and give attention to those that may need it. We are aiming to use this time to help develop the children's emotional wellbeing. The register will continue to be taken at the usual time, 8:50am and registers will close at 9:00am.

We would like as many children as possible to participate in these 'soft starts' so that we can explore the benefits for the children. Thank you in advance for your support.

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### This Week's Adventures

**Nursery:** This week in Nursery, our topic has been Aliens. We have had so much fun making up alien names for each other and inventing alien languages! We made aliens out of junk and playdough, and we even designed swanky underpants for aliens! We played with flying saucers and creatures from outer space in strange alien landscapes. We read stories about aliens and now know that if we ever met one, we would make friends with them. We're not scared of aliens!

**Reception:** This week's topic has been "When I Grow Up..." and the children have enjoyed learning about various jobs and had discussions about what they want to be when they grow up. Our Write Away lessons were planned around the topic and the children wrote about a different job each day. In Maths, we have been recapping counting beyond 20, one more and one less than a given number and number bonds to 5 and 10. On Thursday, the children enjoyed another Musical Bumps session where they learnt about pitch, beat and rhythm.

**Year 1:** This week in English, we have been using what we have learnt about instruction writing to create our own set of instructions. The children thought long and hard about what they might like to turn their teacher into if they had the chance! They then wrote their own instructions e.g. How to turn your teacher into a frog. It was a very interesting read! We have now come to the end of our unit on fractions in Maths. This week, we have been focusing on how to find a quarter of shapes and quantities. In Art, we used all of the toilet rolls that had been kindly donated (thank you) and created our own class sculptures.

**Year 2:** Our week has been full of lots of assessments but also lots of learning. We have been learning about germination and how seeds grow in Science, and have enjoyed learning a dance routine with Year 1 which we are going to be performing in July. In English, we planned and wrote a creative writing piece all about a girl who finds a magic crayon that creates a door to another world. We would love to read more of your stories so please take part in the KS1 Writing Competition this half term! We also want to say that we are so proud of all of the hard work the Year 2s have put in and want to say a massive well done to them all. We have enjoyed a fun Friday as a treat for our efforts!

**Year 3:** What a lovely last week! In Maths, 'Time' has been great fun – Year 3 have learnt o'clock, half past, quarter to and past as well as days of the week and months of the year – well done everyone! In PE, dance rehearsals were tiring but so much fun. Dancer teacher Don, worked us all hard and at the end of one hour, we have the basic understanding of our five-minute dance for the 'Dance Festival 2023' on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. In PD we are all learning the habit of 'humble' and how we can become more respectful, positive and encouraging others and being an active and adaptable learner. In Science, we have found out that Woodpecker's sweet pea has grown another 20cm! We have better sunlight, oxygen (near window) and have watered our plant well... Kingfisher's plant has grown in a shadier spot and is growing much slower. It's been great to watch our sweet pea and children grow this week!

**Year 4:** As we draw to a close for this half term, Year 4 have continued to work really hard. We have continued practising our Times Tables for our MTC test in June. We have been on Spelling Shed a lot and Magpie class in particular have done extremely well. Well done Magpie. Owl class have continued their swimming lessons and have made great progress. All children in Year 4 have now been set up on Read Theory and have log ins which means they can continue working on their comprehension skills – please continue this over Half Term. In English the children have written their own version of 'Lob' with their own mysterious character in a different setting. In Science we have been looking at classifying invertebrates as well as how environments can change ecosystems. Year 4 have also taken part in 'Dancing with Don' where the children have learnt a dance routine ready to show you all next half term. Enjoy your half term Year 4 – you have worked hard.

Mrs Read and Miss Champion are very proud to announce that Magpie class are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WHOLE WORLD for Spelling Shed! Jack is 1<sup>st</sup> in the world and Amari is 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Year 5:** This week, we have completed our learning about decimals in Maths. In DT we have been learning how to do a running and a blanket stitch to make some badges and sashes linked to our learning about the Suffragette movement in History. In PE this week we had a really exciting dance workshop, where we started to learn our dance for the Dance Festival; we will be continuing to practise this over the next few weeks to then perform to you, so watch this space! We finished learning about the human life cycle by looking at what happens from being an adolescent to becoming an adult and elderly. We learnt about the changes that will continue to happen to our bodies and how we need to look after them by eating and drinking lots of healthy nutrients, and to exercise.

**Year 6:** In Year 6, we have continued using Macbeth as a stimulus for writing and have spent time getting into role as Lady Macbeth, who is very ambitious. We wrote diaries about her plan to get the throne and how things turned out. We then turned to Macbeth and wrote an acceptance speech following his coronation as King of Scotland. We have continued to focus on applying our skills to ensure our writing is cohesive and uses a wide range of punctuation. In Computing, we looked at privacy and security and started thinking about how loops and variables could make programs more dynamic. This week we started thinking about the production and had some drama sessions with Adam who visited us last half term. We are looking forward to finding out what roles we have and beginning rehearsals after half term. We also had a dance session learning a dance alongside Year 5.

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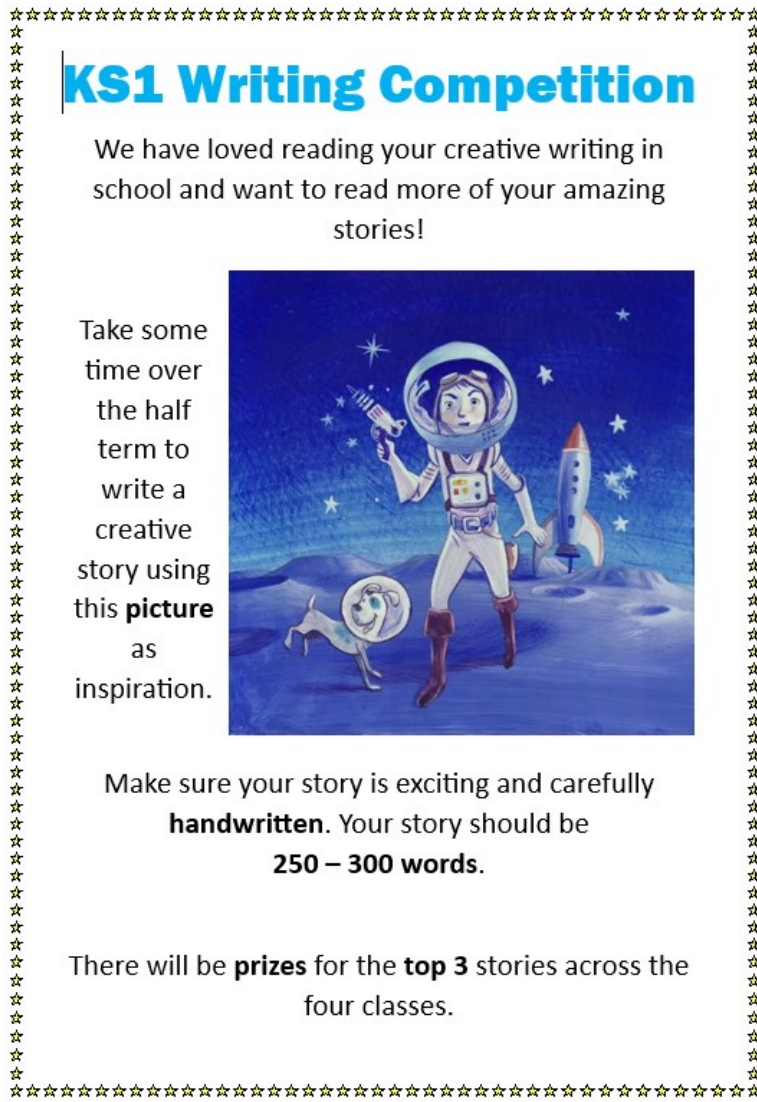
### Positive playtime weekly winners!!

Summer 1 Week 6:

1<sup>st</sup> Woodpecker class

2<sup>nd</sup> Kingfisher

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Owl and Heron



### KS1 Writing Competition

We have loved reading your creative writing in school and want to read more of your amazing stories!

Take some time over the half term to write a creative story using this picture as inspiration.



Make sure your story is exciting and carefully **handwritten**. Your story should be **250 – 300 words**.

There will be **prizes** for the **top 3** stories across the four classes.

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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	Miss Jones! Swirly badge
Wren	Aroush - Joyful
Sparrow	Josiah - Self-controlled
Starling	Aaliyah - Considerate
Chaffinch	All of Year 2 - Hopeful
Goldfinch	All of Year 2 - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Marco - Patient
Woodpecker	Ivy - Hopeful
Magpie	Yaro - Joyful
Owl	Sia - Patient
Heron	Malique - Patient
Raven	Jayden - Patient
Eagle	Martin - Joyful
Hawk	Angela - Joyful
Children's Choice	Etta chose Mia - Considerate Sebby chose Edie - Joyful



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

### Maths Shed

1st: Riley - Raven	1st: Raven
2nd: Regan - Heron	2nd: Heron
3rd: Eldrich - Raven	3rd: Magpie

### Spelling Shed

1st: Jack - Magpie	1st: Magpie
2nd: Amari - Magpie	2nd: Woodpecker
3rd: Huzaifah - Magpie	3rd: Raven

### 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: 93.7%    Attendance This Year: 93.3%

**Weekly Attendance Awards: Attendance Penguin goes to Chaffinch Class and the Attendance Cup goes to Woodpecker 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: 70 pupils

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
June	Pride Month
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Sun 4th June	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
Mon 5th June	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
Weds 7th June	Year 6 return from Kingswood
Friday 9th June	2.45pm Parents' Meeting—Transitions and Zones of Regulation <b>To be rescheduled</b>
Thurs 15th June	9.05am Y1 Sparrow Class Assembly
Fri 16th June	Y6 Shakespeare Workshop Loud & Proud Mufti Day - Rainbow colours (£1) Rainbow Cake Sale
Tues 20th June	9.05am Y2 Goldfinch Class Assembly
Weds 21st June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day @ Croydon Arena
Thurs 22nd June	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Fri 23rd June	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>
Weds 28th June	Year 6 trip to Buddhist Centre
Thurs 29th June	9.05am Robin Class Assembly
Fri 30th June	Croydon Secondary Transfer Day Meet The New Teacher Day Teddy Bears' Picnic for Reception children
Mon 3rd July	Year 4 Cricket Festival
Tues 4th July	Dance Festival - parents invited
Weds 5th July	Year 4 Frylands Residential
Thurs 6th July	Year 4 return from Frylands 9.05am Chaffinch Class Assembly
Fri 7th July	Year 6 trip to Science Museum Nursery Parent Picnic
Sat 8th July	Summer Fair
Thurs 13th July	9.05am Wren Class Assembly 3.30pm Informal Parents' Evening
Fri 14th July	Year 6 Production 10.45am Pirate Assembly in Nursery
Mon 17th July	Reception Graduation Ceremony
Tues 18th July	Thank You Assembly Year 6 Prom
Weds 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of term
Fri 21st July	<b>INSET Day - school closed to pupils</b>

# **SOUTH NORWOOD STINGRAYS**



## **CRICKET**

### **OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SESSIONS**

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**MONDAYS 7.00pm -8.00 pm**

**6th June until 24th July 2023 (8 weeks)**

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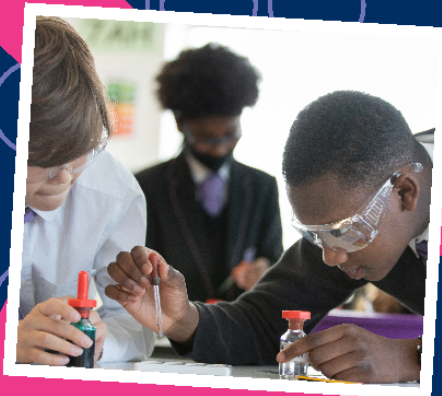
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