

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday was National Teaching Assistants' Day and yesterday was World Teachers' Day. I am sure that you would agree that our staff, as well as all the other teachers and TAs across the land, deserve thanks, praise and recognition for the incredible work that they do to support our children and community. I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for working with us to achieve the best for our children.

Next week it is World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. In recognition of this, we are inviting the children to come to school on Tuesday wearing yellow and a hat of their choice to participate in #HelloYellow and Happy Hat Day. Children are asked to donate £1 that will go to the charity Young Minds. Please talk to your children about positive well-being and things that we can do to help this: having a good diet, getting enough sleep, talking to others, showing kindness.....

We hope that you all have a great weekend.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team



Thank you to everyone that was able to make a purchase at the book fair and help raise **£348.41**.

A huge **thank you** to our Year 6 Book Fair sales staff for their diligence and hard work in organising and running this year's fair.

Also **thank you** to Jenny Koronka, for stepping up and agreeing to supervise this sharp team of retail go-getters!



This initiative is part of our Friday Celebration Assembly. Every child who has had 100% attendance for the previous 5 days (Fri-Thurs) has their name entered into a prize draw. We spin the wheel (a child is chosen to do so) and whoever the wheel lands on, wins a £5 Amazon voucher. This is NOT cumulative so every week children have a fresh chance at having their names added to the draw.

Winner for this week is:
KHALIYAH in SPARROW CLASS



Phonics Parent Meeting

Monday 16th October 2023

9am School Hall

Do you have a child in the infants?

Join Mrs Carew as she talks about how we teach phonics here at Ryelands and how you can support your child on their phonics and early reading journey.

Everyone welcome!



October is Black History Month!

Even though our Oasis curriculum is written to be inclusive and we make sure that people of colour are celebrated throughout the year in various topics, books and person studies that we undertake, we are still using this month to further recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.

This year's theme is **"Saluting our Sisters"** which highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. At OA Ryelands, each year group will be celebrating a pioneering black woman who has made remarkable contributions to sport, activism, politics, music and science.

Your children will also be taking part in live assembly events, music workshops and other activities to celebrate throughout the month.

You may want to support your child at home with their learning for Black History Month too - here is a brief overview of what each class will focus on:

EYFS	The children in Early Years will be looking at a range of inspirational people . Through a range of wonderful story books written by black authors.
Year 1	Tessa Sanderson – British former Olympic javelin thrower and first black British women to win an Olympic gold medal.
Year 2	Seaman William Brown - The first known black female to serve in the Royal Navy.
Year 3	Nicola Adams – First female boxer to win Olympic gold and first female double Olympic boxing champion.
Year 4	Maggie Aderin-Pocock - British space scientist and science educator. She is the first black woman to win a gold medal in the Physics News Award.
Year 5	Claudia Jones - founded Britain's first major Black newspaper, the <i>West Indian Gazette</i> , and played a central role in founding the Notting Hill Carnival.
Year 6	Olive Morris - committed to social change, she played an important role in the Black Women's Movement. She was one of the founders of the 'Organisation for Women of Asian and African Descent'.



Autumn 1 Week 3

Positive playtime weekly winners!!

Winning class - Heron (43)

2nd Raven (27)

3rd Eagle (24)



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Week 6

MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Football, Throw and catchers and skipping	WB 9 th Oct	Table tennis, basketballs And hula hoops	WB 9 th Oct	Hola Hopping and ball games	WB 9 th Oct



Positive Behaviour Points
1988 achieved across the whole school



WINNER -

YEAR 5 HERON CLASS WITH 221 POINTS

WON THE TUB OF HEROES

This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week Nursery have been learning about senses. We found out that we all have five senses and that each one is very important to help us understand the world. We tried covering our eyes so that we couldn't see and blocked our ears so we couldn't hear, and we got into all sorts of difficulties! We bumped into things, lost our way, couldn't hear what our friends said to us and when we sang it was too loud inside our heads! When we blocked our noses so we couldn't smell, which admittedly is sometimes an advantage in nursery! we found out that it stopped us from being able to taste our food! We also thought about how helpful it is to touch things and feel temperature, texture, pressure, pain etc. By the end of our week, we realised that our senses keep us safe by warning us of danger. As we learnt we had great fun exploring different textures, smells etc and we played fun guess the sound and object games.

Reception: In Reception, we have continued the 'Houses and Homes' topic. The children observed things and places that are near their home and discussed about the things that they enjoy doing when they get home. We have also been talking about old and new and looked at different toys, comparing them. In Maths, the children learnt number 2, pairs and patterns. On Friday, we enjoyed another PE session. This half term, we are focusing on gross motor movements and spatial awareness. The children are continuing to develop their independence in getting changed by themselves and learning the order to do this in, e.g. keep your pants on and put your shoes on last! We are very proud of how well the children come into school every morning and how well they follow the daily routine.

Year 1: In Maths this week, Year 1 have been looking a greater than, less than and equal to. We started by comparing groups of objects and then moved onto comparing numbers. In Science, we continued to learn about our senses and looked in more detail at the sense of taste and the sense of smell. We had a go at detecting smells – some nice and some not so nice, and got to taste some salty, bitter and sweet food. In History, we started learning about Black History Month and how important it is. We learnt about and then made a timeline of the life of Tessa Sanderson – one of the inspirational black females that we are learning about during Black History Month.

Year 2: The children have been working incredibly hard in Year 2 this week. In Maths, we have been recalling number bonds to 10 as well as identifying number fact families. After all our hard work developing a range of fantastic vocabulary surrounding the story 'Leaf', we have been writing our own version of the story. After writing it up as a draft, we created our own books and published our work in our best handwriting. In History, we have continued to look at the history of our school, we created a timeline of when some of our teachers started working here. Using Picasso as inspiration, the children have created a self-portrait using different colours and shapes to create different parts of their face.

Year 3: Year 3 have had an action-packed week and (thanks to our fantastic parental support!) have had the chance to explore our local area. We used our keen observation skills to help us apply our history / geography knowledge of human and physical features and how they have changed in the area over the past few hundred years. We certainly all got our steps in on the Year 3 trip day! We have been publishing our first 'big' write whilst also working on our editing and handwriting skills. We have also been working on our fitness levels and flexing our muscles in PE, before then learning about some of the major muscle groups in our bodies that work together to help us move. Another great week Year 3 – well done.

Year 4: This week in Year 4 we have been very busy, we have started a new poem in English called 'Beautifully Different, Wonderfully the Same' by Joseph Coelho. We have looked at the structure of the poem and started our sentence staking. We have looked at the first stanza, and how we can adapt it to make it more personal. In Maths, we have begun to look at addition up to 4-digit numbers, and learning how when necessary we can exchange numbers. We also went on a local area walk, where we looked at old pictures of the area and discovered what was the same and what was different about the local area, we walked all the way up Portland Road, to the station, under the underpass, we looked at the clock tower, headed to Stanley Hall and back down Albert Road past the Country Park. We could see quite a few similarities, but noticed that a lot has changed over the years!

Year 5: This week in Year 5, we have successfully been writing our narrative based on 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class'. Good vocabulary, great sentence openers and description – well done Year 5! In maths, missing numbers, adding and subtraction have at times been challenging but with 'Math Experts' in class and pupils learning to ask for support when needed, everyone is progressing. In Music, we are learning our 6 songs for 'Young Voices'. Ms Brophy is leading the way with her tips and tricks on how best to learn and improve each song. In PE, fitness and rugby skills continue to take shape, whilst in PHSE we are reading about Claudia Jones – her life as an activist and the development of the Notting Hill Carnival. Lastly, well done to Heron class on Thursday who show cased all their learning so far this year!

Year 6: Year 6 turned their narrative around to focus on Jeff's perspectives of the events in 'The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' in their independent writing. We looked at the subject and object in a sentence and discussed active voice. In maths, we looked at negative numbers and related this to real life situations like temperature and money. In art, we looked at how to depict movement and then drew a horse in the style of George Stubb. We created posters to represent equality and anti-racist messages with a focus on football as part of our partnership with Crystal Palace. The children really enjoyed working on this. In RE, we explored the teachings of Buddhism and focused on the four noble truths and the eightfold path.

Stars of the Week



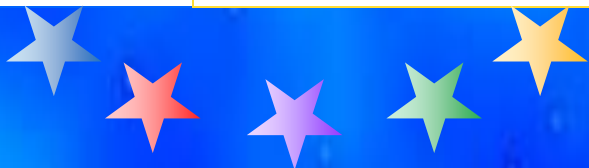
Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	RAVEN	Shakai (Raven)
2nd	EAGLE	Jeneque (Eagle)
3rd	HERON	Georgia (Eagle)

Sparrow	Luca Hopeful
Starling	Leo - Considerate
Chaffinch	Casey - Hopeful
Goldfinch	Sebby - Self-Controlled
Kingfisher	Maya - Self-Controlled
Woodpecker	Hazel - Considerate
Magpie	Skylar - Humble
Owl	Gabriella - Humble
Heron	Ethan - Joyful
Raven	Arian - Humble
Eagle	Eldrich - Humble
Hawk	Amelia - Hopeful
Children's Choice	Rassiah chose David for being Forgiving Sheldon chose Troy for being considerate

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	RAVEN	Shakai (Raven)
2nd	EAGLE	Jack (Raven)
3rd	HAWK	Niyah (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 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: 97.0% Attendance This Week: 96.2% Attendance This Year: 96.6%

Weekly Attendance Awards:

Y4 MAGPIE - Attendance Cup 99.31%

Y1 SPARROW - Penguin 99.65%

Pupils Late This Week: 10 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 9th Oct	18.00 EQUALITY meeting for parents
Tues - 10th Oct	#HelloYellow and Happy Hat Day to celebrate World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow £1.00
Wed 11th Oct	African Drumming Workshops
Thurs 12th Oct	Y6 Height and Weight Check African Drumming Workshop
Fri 13th Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 16th Oct	9.00am School Hall Y1 & EYFS Phonics Parents Meeting
Tues 17th Oct	9.05am Y4 Owl Assembly Harvest Festival Practice St Luke's Church
Wed 18th Oct	Community Tea 2.00pm
Fri 20th Oct	Harvest Festival at St. Luke's Church Wear Red £1 for Show Racism the RED card
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 30th Oct	All Children return to school
Wed 1st Nov	Open Day 1:30pm - 2.30pm Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Thurs 2nd Nov	9.05am Kingfisher Class Assembly Y6 National Portrait Gallery Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 7.00pm Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tues 7th Nov	9.00am English Morning For Parents: Phonics, reading and Writing
Thus 9th Nov	9.05am Magpie Class Assembly Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am Y4 Chess Tournament
Fri 10th Nov	Diwali Assembly
Tues 14th Nov	SEND: Dyslexia Focus - Meeting Parents 14.30pm
Thurs 16th Nov	9.05am Woodpecker Class Assembly 9.00am Early Help Meeting For Parents Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 17th Nov	Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am



BEGIN THE SCHOOL DAY WITH

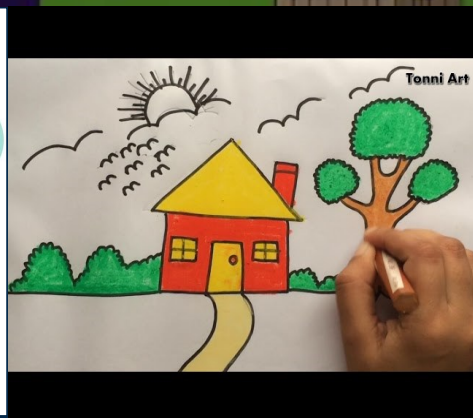
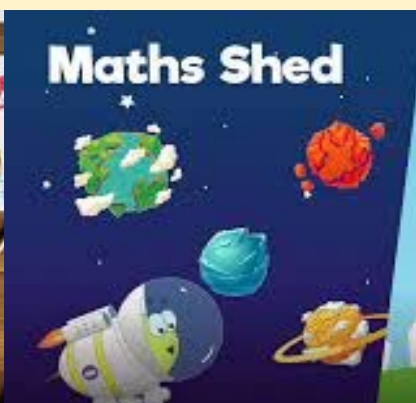


Soft Starts

Soft Starts: Monday - Thursday

from 8:40am

We would like to say thank you to all those children who came into school earlier for Soft Starts; people reported that this made a very calm start to the day. The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 continue to be invited and encouraged to come into school from 8:40am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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. 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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LAUNCH OF OUR NEW
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Time: 3:30pm

Place: Outside

**McDonald's, North End,
Croydon, CR0 1UJ**



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FRIDAY
20TH
OCTOBER | 06
PM

FIREWORKS NIGHT

OUTSIDE
BAR

Stalls

BBQ

Early Bird tickets available until 4th September
Adults £5 & Children £3

Full Price
Adults £7 & Children £5

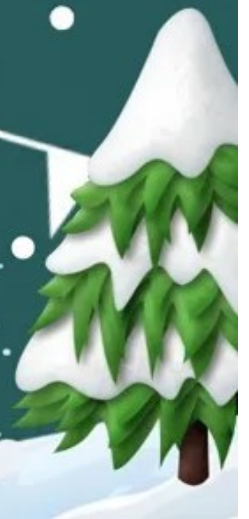
— ST THOMAS BECKET —

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa>



CHRISTMAS

FAIR



St Luke's we will be having a Christmas Fair, on Saturday 2nd December, 10am to 3pm in our hall on Spring Lane.

Could you share this in your newsletter?

If any parents have small businesses, or are part of community groups that would like to have a stall, they can register interest on this form.

<https://forms.gle/Q4HqTDBc8NV9G6ka8>