

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

In spite of it being a shorter week for the children at Ryelands, we have still managed to cram a lot in! On Tuesday the school was awash with yellow with the children recognising World Mental Health Day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event by taking part in the #HelloYellow campaign; the money raised will go to Young Minds, a mental health charity who support children young people and their parents. Each class across the school also enjoyed an African Drumming workshop which was organised as part of our Black History Month celebrations. The drumming beats and patterns heard around the school were very impressive with the children, and staff, all keen to participate.

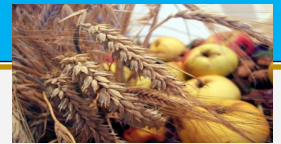
As we near the end of this half term, can I remind you about our Harvest Festival that will take place next Friday at St. Luke's Church. The service will start at 10am and we would love for as many members of our school community to be there as possible to enjoy the children's presentations and singing – please do try to join us.

We hope that you have a great weekend (slightly longer for the children this week).

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team



Harvest Festival - St Luke's Church



Friday 20th October 2023

At Oasis Academy Ryelands, we celebrate Harvest through singing, getting together for a community tea with our grandparents and donating Harvest gifts. We encourage children to invite their grandparents to school, on **Wednesday 18th October at 2pm** for tea with entertainment. Please see previous email or ask the class teachers for a form.

On **Friday 20th October**, our children in Years 1-6 will be performing at St. Luke's Church, at **10:00am**.

Our Reception classes will go to Church to *watch* the performances only.

They will perform in school for the Community Tea.

As always, on school trips we rely on your help.

If you are available on that morning to walk with us to the church, stay for the performance and then walk back to school with us, please, let the class teachers know.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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!

This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week Nursery have been busy learning the names of farm animals and their young. We found out which animals are kept on farms to produce food like meat, eggs, milk, cheese, yoghurt etc. and then we discovered that some of them can also give us products such as wool, leather and feathers. We also realised that some farm animals like sheepdogs, cats and horses are on farms because they work and help the farmer. We compared farm animals to pets and wild animals and thought about the differences between them. We also looked at the type of homes the farm animals live in.... eg. coops, fields, barns, stables, mud, sties, pens, or ponds and we had great fun pretending to be farm animals by dressing up in animal costumes and making animal noises!

Reception: In Reception, this week's topic was 'Friendship'. The children discussed what friendship means, how friends share and care about each other, how they help and work together and how, sometimes, friends fall out. They worked together and produced great pieces of work that can be admired on displays around the classrooms. The children listened to stories like 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Should I Share my Ice Cream?' and 'The Squirrels that Squabbled' and shared their ideas on how conflicts can be avoided and resolved. In Maths, the children were introduced to number 3, compared numbers using the correct mathematical language and played number games.

Year 1: In Year 1 this week, we completed our learning about 'Beegu' by retelling the story in our own words. Our teachers were very impressed with how amazing our sentences were. In maths, we have been looking at parts and wholes understanding that a whole can be split into smaller parts. This will help us when we move onto learning about addition and subtraction next week. In science, we looked at the sense of touch and the sense of hearing. We had a special freely bag and had to guess what was inside by using our sense of touch.

Year 2: It's been another great week in Year 2. In maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, where we used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us solve calculations. 'If I were in charge of the world' is the title of the poem we have been reading in English, we've started writing our own version of the poem thinking about all the things the children would want to change if they could, we've had some very funny idea like 'I'd banish sticky Brussel sprouts and mouldy cheese'. The children have been using contractions in their poems, using words like 'I'd' rather than 'I would'. In RE, we learnt about why Abraham and Moses are important within Judaism. In our Science lesson, we looked at how our diet is important for our growth and development.

Year 3: This week Year 3 have been working very hard in Maths, adding and subtracting ones, tens and 100s. They have used number lines, 10 base and number bonds to support them to add numbers crossing 10s and 100s. In English we have started a new unit, Poetry, we are looking at a poem called 'The Reflection In Me', children have studied the key features of the poem and have started writing their own sentences inspired by this work. We have been impressed by the use of adjectives and similes in their writing. For Black History Month, we have looked at some inspiring people including Katherine Johnson and Lewis Hamilton, children discussed how these figures have made a difference and how they have impacted us all. In RE children have looked at women in Islam to build positive attitudes of respect towards other people who hold views and beliefs different from their own, some examples they have learnt about are Nadiyah Hussain, a chef and writer and Ibtihaj Muhammed, an American fencer.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been focussing on Heritage Week as part of Black History Month. We have explored why BHM is celebrated and looked at the trailblazing achievements of black Britons with a particular focus on the inspirational space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. In Maths, we have continued formal written methods for adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers. In Science, things got messy with a practical demonstration of how the digestive process works. In RE, we looked at the origins of Hinduism. In Music, we have continued learning Mamma Mia, as well as our Harvest Festival song. We very much enjoyed our African Drumming workshop too. Owl Class have been busily preparing for their class assembly next Tuesday. Keep learning those times tables - you are doing so well! Enjoy the long weekend.

Year 5: This week, Year 5 have greatly enjoyed African drumming and researching female role models for Black History Month. Whilst in PE, we complete a whole body work out on Monday; everyone worked hard and are improving their core skills. In reading, we built on our Year 3 knowledge of Ancient Egypt (Gods and mummification)– we continue to make connections, work on vocabulary and VIPER skills. Poetry has been positively superb. The pupils have been inspired by the poem written by Maya Angelou and used powerful and emotive language in their own poems. Astly, in science we recapped life cycles and are learning our harvest song 'Harvest for the World' by The Isley Brothers.

Year 6: Year 6 began to look at the poem 'Beautiful Ambition' by Karl Nova. We listened to the poet perform his poem and thought about our dreams and the routes we take to achieve these dreams. Then we looked at the shape and structure of the poem in preparation for writing our own version. In maths, we looked at adding and subtracting integers and learnt the language we use to describe the different parts of addition and subtraction calculations. This week we participated in a Djembe drumming session which was a lot of fun. We learnt how to play different notes and about poly-rhythms. We did research into the Windrush and created news reports about why people came to Britain and what their life was like when they arrived. We also researched Olive Morris, a political activist for black women's rights, and create non-chronological reports about her.

Reduce Reuse Recycle



Recycle Week 16th- 22nd of October.



This year, Recycle Week celebrates its 20th anniversary as a campaign to raise awareness about wasting less and recycling more. At Oasis Academy Ryelands, we are hoping to recycle 75% of our academy waste by the end of the year and overall try to reduce the volume of waste that ends up in our bins in the first place.



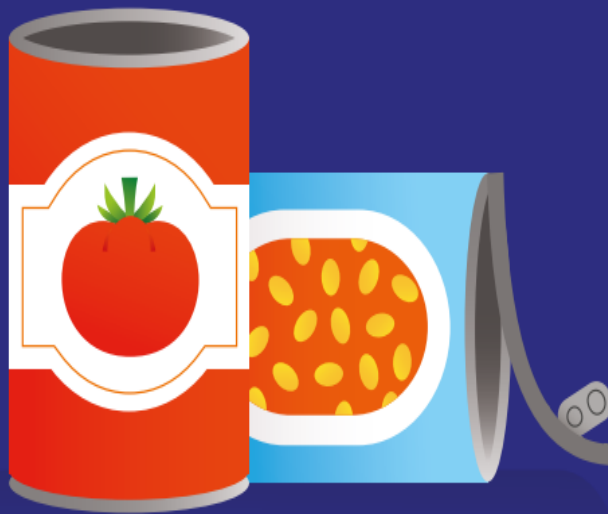
The Eco Champions are very excited to announce that we have brand new recycling bins ready to be used correctly at our school, but we need YOUR HELP- we need posters to display around the school to remind pupils and staff of what can be recycled and where they can recycle waste correctly.



Please return recycling posters to Miss Sales (Y2 Goldfinch) by Friday 3rd November.

The best 3 posters will win a special

THE **BIG** RECYCLING HUNT



The Family Challenge

It's not only children that need to learn about recycling! Grab an adult and complete these fun activities together. Older children might try all three activities, and younger children might just enter the photo competition.

THE BIG RECYCLING HUNT RECYCLE WEEK 2023

Share your learning with others

Selfie challenge

Take a photo showing one of the lost recyclables in the wrong place with a caption saying where it would rather be.

Share your photo to educate others! Each month, all photos will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 book token.



Submit your photo at
www.recyclenow.com/families



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MUFTI DRESS ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Fri 13th Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 16th Oct	9.00am School Hall Y1 & EYFS Phonics Parents Meeting 9.30am Y2 Country Park- POSTPONED
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
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	9.00am English Morning For Parents: Phonics, reading and writing
Thurs 16th Nov	9.05am Woodpecker Class Assembly 14.45pm Early Help Meeting For Parents Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 17th Nov	Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am 14.30pm SEND: Dyslexia Focus - Meeting Parents



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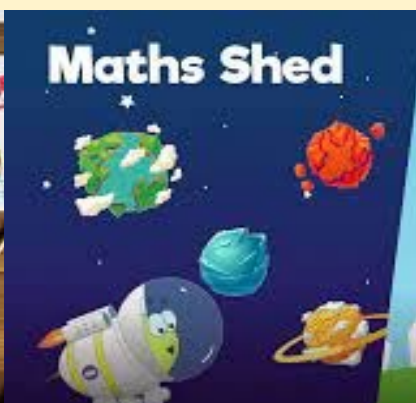


Soft Starts

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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The
**Lion, The Witch
and the Wardrobe**
by Glyn Robbins
Adapted from the book by C.S. Lewis

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Full Price
Adults £7 & Children £5

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<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>