

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have finished the first half term of this academic year (though I do feel very tired, which is a sign that it's time for a break)! We have crammed a lot into this last week at school with Harvest rehearsals, a two-day visit from Oasis inspectors, a Community Tea and the Harvest Festival.....all on top of the usual teaching and learning that happens. The inspectors who came to visit the school were impressed with the children's attitudes towards their learning and were amazed by their ability to talk about the importance of positive health and well-being; the children made us very proud. One thing that the inspectors did comment on was the number of children who sadly did not have their PE kit (a requirement for PE lessons). Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school weekly for their lessons so that they can participate fully.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival today at St. Luke's, it really was a joyful event with the children in a sea of red to support 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

In the first week back after the half term, Friends of Ryelands are organising a sponsored cycle and scooter event. We would love as many of the children to get involved as possible to help raise funds to support the school. This will take place on Tuesday 31st October throughout the day on our Key Stage 1 playground. Please encourage your children to try to gain some sponsorship and join in if possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support over the past seven weeks. I really do hope that you all have a great half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on the 30th October, ready for another half term of learning.

Kate, Glenn and the Ryelands Team

Show Racism the Red Card

Today, the Ryelands' children were invited to wear red and donate £1 to the 'Show Racism the Red Card Organisation', as a sign of solidarity to the anti-racism movement, thank you to everyone that took part today and was able to make a donation. The children looked amazing in their red outfits.

Mrs Saftiou



WHAT'S ON?
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Reaching Higher After School Clubs are all about fun, creativity, laughter and smiles!

EVERY MONDAY
YEARS 5 & 6

CREATIVES

3:25pm - 4:25pm
@ Oasis Academy Ryelands
Years 5 & 6
FREE



WANT TO JOIN?

Ask a teacher to sign up!

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www.reachinghigher.org.uk

Samuel Coleridge Taylor Centre
194 Selhurst Rd, London SE25 6XX
020 8945 5560



Friends of Ryelands need your empty jars



We're using them to make prizes for the Christmas Fair. Get collecting and drop at the office! Thank you x

Harvest Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday, we hosted an afternoon tea with entertainment for the Ryelands' grandparents. The children were excited and humbled to be able to perform in front of their special guests. The tea was hosted by our Year 6 Mini SLTs (School Leadership Team) with all the children from Nursery to Year 6 performing their songs and poems. The event was a fantastic success, with many guests commenting on how wonderful it was.

We look forward to making this an annual event.

Mrs Saftoiu



Harvest at St. Luke's Church

This morning, we celebrated the Harvest Festival, at St. Luke's Church. Our pupils put on a fantastic performance. We were delighted to see so many members of our community coming together for this special event. We are also very grateful for all your donations for the local community. Thank you to the parents and carers who helped us walk to and from the church. - Mrs Saftoiu

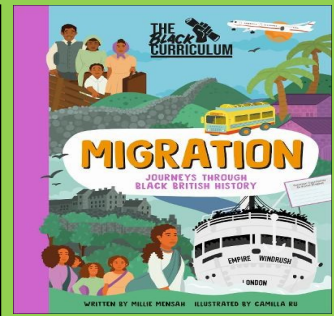
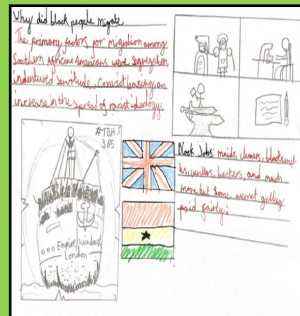
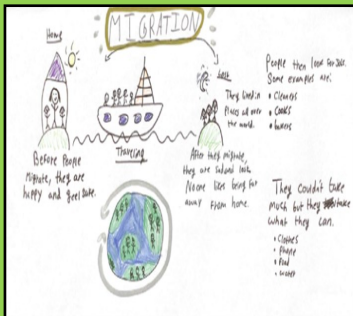


Celebrating Black History Month - Millie Mensah

This week we were fortunate to have Millie Mensah the author of Migration - Journeys Through Black British History come and do a workshop. She talked about how some black people went to Britain as part of the Windrush but also how people moved all across Britain usually to places near the coast. She also talked about how it was important for us to know about migration. She talked about black people who lived during the Tudor times including a musician, lady in waiting and a deep-sea diver. We got to make our own poster about migration and facts about it. Kindly, she also talked about her past life and how her parents migrated from Ghana and Togo to Britain.



Maria, Anabia, Jeneque and Georgia



Celebrating Black History - Lunch Time Special



I had the jolly rice it did taste very good and for pudding I had a water melon stick it was nice and refreshing.

Marwa Woodpecker Class

I had the orange rice and it tasted very nice, the chicken was spicy and very yummy!

Hafsa - Goldfinch Class



I really enjoyed the food today and I feel it's very important that we get to try food from other cultures.

Amelia - Heron Class

I think it is very important try different cultural food during Black History Month, it was very tasty.

Sumaya Heron Class



This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week in Nursery we have been very busy. Our topic was bread, and we learnt the journey of bread from field to table. We also made jam or honey sandwiches all by ourselves and we cut them into halves or quarters in squares, triangles or rectangles and then gobbled them up! They were very tasty! We also mixed and then baked some amazing currant buns which we iced and put cherries on the top and took home. They were delicious! We made beautiful currant bun hats to wear at the Harvest Grandparents' Tea where we sang 5 Currant Buns and said the Grandma's Glasses rhyme beautifully! We also had so much fun in our Bakery role play, finding out the prices of different types of cakes and breads and then buying some of them. We also made lots of different types of white and wholemeal breads out of white and brown play dough.

Reception: In Reception, this week's topic was Feelings. The children listened to the story "The Colour Monster", discussed how the monster was feeling throughout the story and learned how to group the feelings into the different colours. The children were encouraged to express their feelings, explain why they were feeling that way and find a way to return to the "green", relaxed state. In Write Away, they created their own feelings booklet, each day completing activities related to a different colour monster. The children experimented obtaining new colours by mixing primary colours. In Maths, they continued exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3 through various interactive games and practical activities. On Wednesday, the children took part in their first school performance, singing for the grandparents at the Community Tea. They have all made us very proud!

Year 1: This week in Year 1 we have thoroughly enjoyed writing our own diamante poems all about autumn. We spent lots of time collecting vocabulary and produced some wonderful poems. In maths, we have been continuing to use part whole models to help us add numbers together. We had lots of fun drawing our self-portraits in art this week and thought really carefully about our different features. In science, we had a go at blind football and thought about how people might navigate the world differently if they were blind or visually impaired.

Year 2: Year 2 have had such a busy and exciting week! In Maths, we have been becoming number bond detectives to help us when solving addition sentences with 3 numbers. In English, we've written our own poems about what we would do if we were in charge of the school, the children came up with some excellent ideas. In science, we created a fact file to support young black athletes to become the best in their profession, we did this by sharing our knowledge of a balanced healthy diet and our understanding of what exercise does to our bodies. We have also enjoyed working hard towards the Harvest Festival performance, which we hope you enjoyed! Now we're looking forward to a well-deserved rest!

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have started using the column method to add and subtract two numbers, they have done a fantastic job with this. We have discussed that it is important to use our number bond knowledge to help us work out calculations to bigger numbers. In our writing lessons, children have started to gather their own ideas to include in their own poem, inspired by the poem, 'The Reflection in Me', they have used a variety of skills including speech, adjectives, similes, and adverbs. As part of Black History Month children have learnt about how Nicola Adams, an Olympic Champion boxer, broke boundaries and overcame challenges. The children created some fantastic Munch inspired art pieces using Nicola Adams, at the centre of their work. Year 3 have been working tirelessly to perfect their singing of 'Conkers' and are super excited to perform at the Harvest assembly at St Luke's Church! Lastly, well done Year 3 for all the hard work you did this half term, enjoy half term and a well-deserved break!

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been busy writing up our poems inspired by Joseph Coelho, we used our iPads to create a Keynote slide to publish and perform our poetry to the class. In Maths we have been busy continuing our learning on addition and subtraction and how we can find the most effective method to save our time. We learnt all about Reincarnation and why it is important to Hindu's and we have also spent time practicing for our upcoming Harvest festival.

Year 5: In Year 5, we had a great session on British Black Migration, so good to learn about black tutors and people that have helped shape the UK today. In maths, lessons on cubed and squared numbers along with factors and multiples have been very successful – good retention and applying skills this week. In English, all pupils have planned, written and edited their own poem. Wonderful to see the rich vocabulary, feelings, and thoughts along with similes and repetition for emotive purposes – well done Year 5! Lastly, wonderful singing, Art and great improvements in PE – a great week to end a brilliant half term!

Year 6: We continued to study the poem 'Beautiful Ambition' by Karl Nova and have written our own versions. We broke it down into 4 shapes: hopes; who or what helps us; barriers we face; and, finally, achieving our hope. We had a lot of fun writing them and they really express our emotions. In maths, we built on our understanding of factors to find common factors and this used our fabulous times tables knowledge to learn about multiples and common multiples. We finished our learning on Buddhist beliefs and learnt about Oasis's work around the world. We were fortunate to have a local author come in to talk to us about her book on migration as part of our heritage week celebrations and we created some art based on her book and what she told us about journeys that have shaped black British history. We continued our learning on migration by reflecting on what Britain was like for people who migrated here during the Roman Empire, the Irish Potato Famine and on the Windrush. We enjoyed performing our harvest song at the Community Tea on Wednesday and then at the church on Friday for the Harvest Festival.

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20TH OCTOBER 2023

Stars of the Week



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

Sparrow	Deja - Hopeful
Starling	Eva - Humble
Chaffinch	Edie -
Goldfinch	Brielle - Honest
Kingfisher	Mason - Considerate
Woodpecker	Oscar - Hopeful
Magpie	Elodie - Considerate
Owl	Farley - Self - Controlled
Heron	Malou - Joyful
Raven	Keegan - Honest
Eagle	Alice - Considerate
Hawk	Meriem - Considerate
Children's Choice	Quincy Chose Jack for being Considerate - Eagle Class

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	RAVEN	JACK - RAVEN
2nd	GOLDFINCH	KELLY LOUSSIER
3rd	OWL	FAYTH - HAWK

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	RAVEN	HUZAIFAH - RAVEN
2nd	EAGLE	KYENNE - RAVEN
3rd	KINGFISHER	AMARI - 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: 97.0% Attendance This Week: 95.3% Attendance This Year: 96.6%

Weekly Attendance Awards:

Y4 OWL - Attendance Cup 99.17%
RECEPTION ROBIN - Penguin 98.33%

Pupils Late This Week: 22 pupils

Autumn 1 Week 7

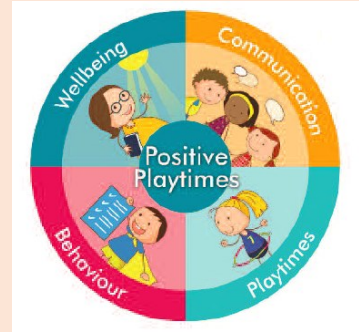
Positive Playtime Weekly

Winners!!

Winning class - Heron

2nd Raven

3rd Eagle



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Week 7



MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Foot-balls, Throw and catchers and skip-ping	WB 30 th Oct	Table tennis, bas-ketballs And hula hoops	WB 30 th Oct	Hola Hopping, Hoopers and ball games	WB 30 th Oct

Positive Behaviour Points

1405 WHOLE SCHOOL POINTS

WINNER

YEAR 4 MAGPIE CLASS WITH 166 POINTS

WON THE TUB OF HEROES

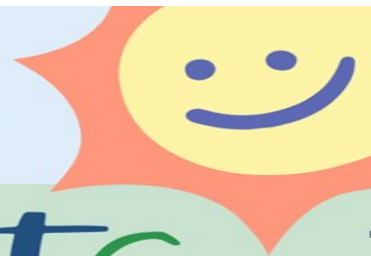
WELL DONE!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 30th October	All Children return to school
Tues 31st October	FoR Sponsored Scooter and Cycle Event
Wed 1st November	Open Day 1:30pm - 2.30pm Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Thurs 2nd November	9.05am Y3 Kingfisher Class Assembly Y6 National Portrait Gallery Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 7.00pm Nasal Flu Immunisations
Wed 8th November	Y3 British Museum Trip Y6 Debate Mate Emmanuel Centre
Thus 9th November	9.05am Magpie Class Assembly Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am Y4 Chess Tournament
Fri 10th November	Diwali Assembly
Tues 14th November	9.00am English Morning For Parents: Phonics, reading and writing
Thurs 16th November	9.05am Woodpecker Class Assembly 14.45pm Early Help Meeting For Parents Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 17th November	Open Day 9.30am - 10.30am 14.30pm SEND: Dyslexia Focus - Meeting Parents
Thurs 7th December	Y1 & Y2 Shooting Stars Entertainment—Robin Hood Pantomime



BEGIN THE SCHOOL DAY WITH



Soft Starts

Soft Starts: Monday - Thursday

from 8:40am for Years 1-6

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 1, 2, 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.

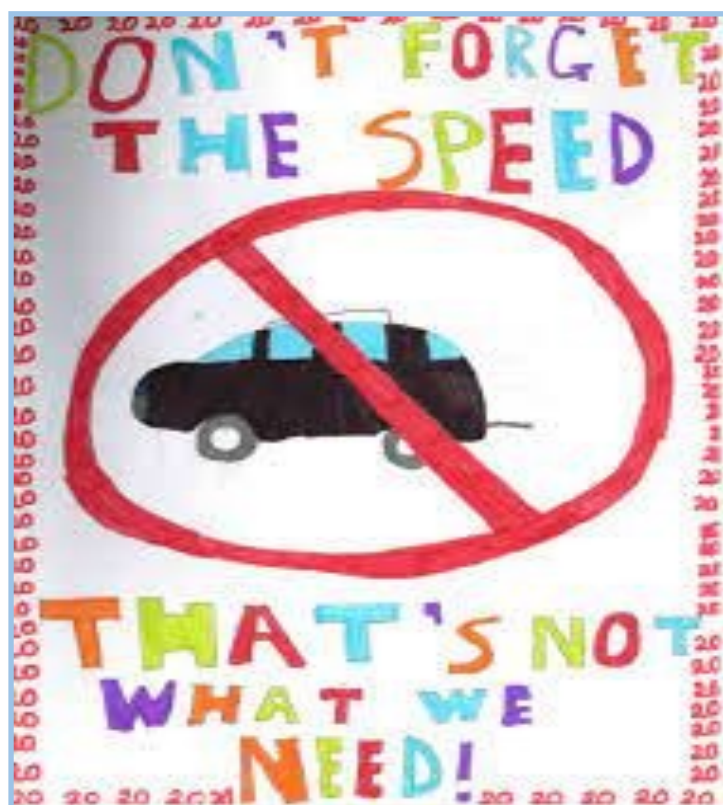
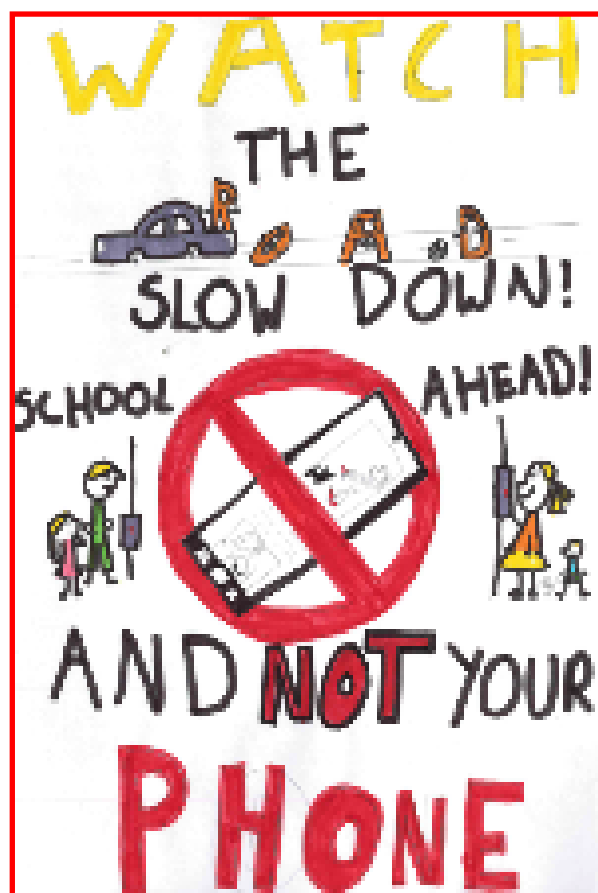
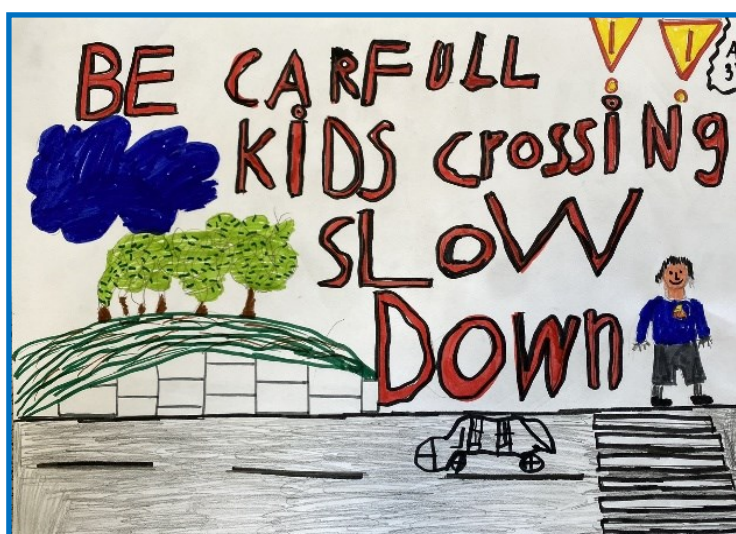


Slow Down by St. Luke's!

Unfortunately, on Monday morning a car crashed into the boundary wall of St. Luke's Church. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and a local man called Michael Hennessy worked hard to clear the path of debris so that we could attend the church on Tuesday afternoon for our Harvest Festival rehearsal. We would like to say a big thank you to Michael and would like the children's help to make some 'traffic calming' posters to put up near the church.

Please encourage your child to make a traffic calming poster over the half term.....bright and colourful would be great! We can then laminate the best posters and give them to Father Sam to put up near the church. Posters should be brought into school in the first week back after the holidays and given to the office or class teachers.

Many thanks for your support with this.



Calling all pupils we need your help!

On 31st October 2023, Friends of Ryelands will be hosting a bike and scooter obstacle race during school hours.

On your mark, get set, GO!

We are asking if each child can aim to make £5-£10 in sponsorship.

Here is our fundraising page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Friends-Of-Ryelands>

Get raising over half term when seeing friends and family. Or spread the link far and wide!

Friends of Ryelands are raising funds to support our pupils during their education and provide necessary equipment to improve their learning experiences, such as playground equipment and extra curricular activities.

On the day bring your own or borrow a school scooter. A fun obstacle course will be set up and we are asking each child to raise as much sponsorship as they can!

Thank you for your support x



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>