

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy week at Ryelands with lots of trips and activities going on. On Wednesday, we had a visit from the Inclusion Quality Mark assessor who was highly complementary about the children, staff and school. She was very impressed with the learning environments and commented on how the children were all working hard and engaged in their learning.....as a result of the visit we will continue to hold the Inclusion Quality Mark which is excellent news.



On Thursday, a large group of our Year 5 children went to the O2 to perform in the Young Voices concert. They had a fantastic (if tiring) night and parents who attended the concert have commented on what a great event this was. Thank you so much to those who supported this event and also to the staff who accompanied them, giving up hours of their own time.



On Friday, Year 6 children went to Chislehurst Caves where they explored underground and found out about how the caves were used during WWII, becoming an underground town as the largest deep air-raid shelter outside London, protecting over 15000 people every night during the Blitz!



Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who managed to attend the Friends of Ryelands BLUE Fun Run last Sunday. Everyone had a great time and the event raised just over £200. FOR are keen to arrange another Fun Run in the warmer weather which we hope even more people will be able to come to.

Thank you all for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening next week – please make sure you have signed up for an appointment on MCAS!

Enjoy the weekend.

Kate and the Ryelands Team

Year 4 will be swimming for the next 2 weeks starting Monday 22nd January. Please refer to the timetable below for your child's swimming timetable.

Swimming is an important part of your child's learning and development please ensure your child brings their swimming kit every day, apart from WEDNESDAY next week.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| WB 22.01.24 | 1pm-2pm Owl 2pm-3pm Magpie | 1pm-2pm Owl 2pm-3pm Magpie | NO SWIMMING | 1pm-2pm Owl 2pm-3pm Magpie | 1pm-2pm Owl 2pm-3pm Magpie |
| WB 29.01.24 | 1pm-2pm Magpie 2pm-3pm Owl | 1pm-2pm Magpie 2pm-3pm Owl | 1pm-2pm Magpie 2pm-3pm Owl | 1pm-2pm Magpie 2pm-3pm Owl | 1pm-2pm Magpie 2pm-3pm Owl |
| WB 05.02.24 | 2pm-3pm Magpie | 2pm-3pm Owl | | | |

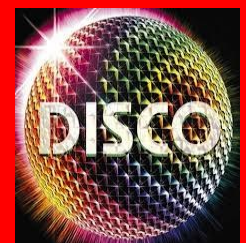
On **Friday 9th February** FoR are holding a Valentines Disco. Early Years and Infants need adults to attend with the ir children **3.30pm-4.15pm**

Juniors can attend unaccompanied but must be collected at the end byt an adult **4.15pm-5pm**

Hot dogs and drinks will be served so bring your cash along!

We need more chaperones for this event so please get in touch if you can volunteer.

MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO THES EVENT



Thank you to everyone that was able to take part in the **Blue Fun Run** (FoR). £203 profit was made, £23 of which goes towards the Year 6 Prom from the dedication of Alice in Eagle class.

The rest is being put towards our Zones of Regulation stations in each class to help with emotional regulation for better well-being for our children.

We loved that it turned into a park/playground play date afterwards and everyone had a great time.



Attendance

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions. This includes Soft Starts from 8.40am, registration in the morning and again 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: 97.1%

Attendance This Year: 95.8%

Weekly Attendance Awards

KINGFISHER Attendance Cup 98.67%

WREN - Penguin 99.65%

Pupils Late This Week: 26 pupils



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:
HERNANI - CHAFFINCH CLASS

Spring Term Positive playtime weekly winners!!




1st GOLDFINCH

2nd WOODPECKER

3rd HAWK





Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Spring 1 Week 3

| MUGA | | Junior playground | | Infant playground | |
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| 'Craze' | Date | 'Craze' | Date | 'Craze' | Date |
| Footballs, balance boards, and bouncy hoppers | WB 22 nd Jan 2024 | Table tennis, basketballs And skipping ropes | WB 22 nd Jan 2024 | Hola Hopping, skipping and ball games | WB 22 nd Jan 2024 |



Positive Behaviour Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 1368

WINNING CLASS -

Year 3 Kingfisher with 247 points

WELL DONE!!!

This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week, Nursery have been learning about recycling and how to 'Save the Earth'! We learnt that it is much better for the planet if we reuse things or make old things into new things rather than throw items away. We thought about what old paper, metal, glass, plastic and textiles could be made in to and we had fun sorting items into the correct recycling bins to be taken away. We also learnt that we must do our best to use less water and electricity, not waste food, and to walk rather than use our cars.

Reception: In Reception, this week's topic was Dinosaurs. The children travelled back in time to learn about what the world was like when the dinosaurs roamed freely on Earth. They learnt about different types of dinosaurs and their characteristics. On Tuesday, an egg suddenly turned up in the classroom and after much research, the children concluded that it must be a dinosaur egg. They made a good plan of how to look after it and keep it safe, but the egg mysteriously disappeared overnight. Photo and video evidence showed that the egg hatched and there was a baby dinosaur walking around the school. We are still searching for it! In Maths, the children learnt to compare numbers and heights and different ways to make 5, through interactive games and practical activities. In Write Away, the children wrote sentences around the dinosaur topic and impressed the adults with their great use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been focusing their writing on the book "*George and the Dragon*". We have been writing descriptive sentences about the dragon and have thought carefully about verbs to describe his actions. In maths, we are continuing to learn about place value and have been learning about one more, one less and lots of reasoning and problem solving. In science we carried out an investigation about how craters are formed on the moon. We dropped different sized balls, from different heights to see which ones left the biggest craters. It was lots of fun! Remember that on Tuesday, Year 1 are invited to wear space fancy dress to school.

Year 2: This week in Year 2, we have continued to learn about money. We learnt how to make a pound using a range of different coins and we learnt how to find change from a given amount. The children have impressed us with their writing this week, their stamina for writing is really improving. Based on the story *Grandad's Island*, they formed questions, composed expanded noun phrases and wrote a setting description! In history, we are learning more about life in the Victorian era. This week we learnt about the type of clothes Victorian children wore and compared them to our modern clothing. Our science topic this half term is materials; this week we identified the difference between man-made and natural materials. Please keep up reading at home and filling in your reading record daily!

Year 3: It has been a great second week in Year 3. We are already back in the swing of things and the children are showing some great focus in both classes – well done! In English we have continued our learning on *Leon and the Place Between* and have learned how to use inverted commas correctly in our sentences. In maths we have explored multiplication and division further and how they are related to each other, using partitioning to support our working. In History, we have learned more about the Stone Age including what tools they used and what life would have been like back then. In Science we have learned about conservationist and marine biologist Rachel Carson, looking at the issue of plastic pollution and thinking of creative ways to solve it. There have been some fabulous, interesting contributions to class discussions this week – the Year 3 team are increasingly impressed with how the children are all developing as thinkers! Great effort Year 3 – keep it up!

Year 4: Year 4 have had another great week. We have continued our writing in English following the journey of Edward Tulane who was sadly separated from his owner, cast overboard into a stormy sea before finding himself trapped in a fishing net. We are really enjoying this story and can't wait to find out what happens next. We have started looking at more formal methods for multiplication and division in Maths, and in Science, we investigated the symbols we find on packaging and talked about how we can be sustainable by reducing, reusing and recycling. Our special cricket sessions focused on batting and the children are developing their skills well. In History, we learned all about the infamous Julius Caesar and the formation of the Roman Empire. Please be aware that swimming starts next week. The timetable has been sent out via email. We would really appreciate people to walk with us to and from the pool.

Year 5: Year 5 have been working really hard this week. In English we continue to read the book *Viking Boy*, our focus in writing has been setting the scene in 800AD and putting ourselves in Gunnar's predicaments. In maths we have been looking at short division and using the bus stop method, using exchanges and having remainders. We have continued our Viking theme in History and Geography, finding out who the Vikings were and where they came from. In science, our focus has been biology. We have been finding out about the digestive system and how our food breaks down and what nutrients are found in different foods. In PE we have continued to work on our fitness level and have enjoyed year group competitions. Finally, Year 5 have enjoyed the magical experience of being part of the choir at the O2 Arena. We sang our hearts out and each child has enjoyed it thoroughly. Each adult and child that attended has had a marvellous time.

Year 6: Year 6 have had a very busy week preparing for their SATS tests by practising in test conditions so that they know what it will be like in the real thing. They have worked really hard, and we can see the progress that they have made from the answers that they have given - keep up the great work! In Science, we learnt about Charles Darwin (the man on the £10 note) and the theory of Evolution. We looked at how animals have changed over time to allow them to be able to survive in their habitats. In PSHE, we learnt about the risks of legal and illegal drugs to our health. We also had a fantastic trip to Chislehurst Caves today and you will be able to find out more about it in next week's newsletter.

Stars of the Week



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

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| Robin | Xara - Joyful |
| Wren | Sariah - Hopeful |
| Sparrow | Safaree - Hopeful |
| Starling | Shakeim - Considerate |
| Chaffinch | Hiro - Hopeful |
| Goldfinch | Andrea- Self Controlled |
| Kingfisher | TJ- Patient |
| Woodpecker | Lois - Humble |
| Magpie | Denaye - Compassionate |
| Owl | Eloise - Joyful |
| Heron | Kaylah - Humble |
| Raven | Hannah - Joyful |
| Eagle | Coco - Joyful |
| Hawk | Sariah - Hopeful |
| PUPIL CHOICE | Y5 Heron chose Max for being considerate and a good friend this week! |

| SUMDOG | Class | Child |
|--------|---------|-----------------|
| 1st | HERON | GODWIN HERON |
| 2nd | SPARROW | |
| 3rd | RAVEN | |

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| Compassionate | Patient | Humble |
| Joyful | Honest | Hopeful |
| Considerate | Forgiving | Self-controlled |

| Maths Shed | Class | Child |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1st | RAVEN | SHAKAI (RAVEN) |
| 2nd | GOLDFINCH | JOSIAH (RAVEN) |
| 3rd | EAGLE | YARO (RAVEN) |

| Spelling Shed | Class | Child |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1st | RAVEN | RASSIAH (GOLDFINCH) |
| 2nd | GOLDFINCH | HUZAIFAH (RAVEN) |
| 3rd | HERON | IESSIAH (RAVEN) |



Dates for your Diary 2024

| Date | Event |
|------------------|--|
| Mon 22nd Jan | Year 1 Hearing Test 1.00pm Year 4 Swimming every day for 2 weeks |
| Tues 23rd Jan | 9.00am KS1 Space Dome |
| Wed 24th Jan | 9.05am Year 4 Cricket Year 1 Hearing Tests 3.40pm Parents' Evening until 6pm |
| Thurs 25th Jan | 9.00am Raven Class Assembly 3.40pm Parents' Evening until 7pm |
| Fri 26th Jan | Y6 WW2 Workshop |
| Mon 29th Jan | 1.00pm Year 4 Swimming all week |
| Tues 31st Jan | Y4 Cricket |
| Thurs 1st Feb | 9.00am Eagle Class Assembly |
| Monday 5th Feb | Reception Height and Weight Checks 2.45pm Year 1 Parents' Meeting—Phonics Screening |
| Tues 6th Feb | 9.00am Parents' meeting—Keeping Safe Online |
| Thurs 8th Feb | 9.00am Heron Class Assembly |
| Friday 9th Feb | 3.30pm FoR Valentine Disco LAST DAY OF TERM |
| Mon 19th Feb | All children return to school Year 1 Parents' Meeting Phonics Screening Check Information |
| Tues 20th Feb | Year 5 Viking Day |
| Thurs 22nd Feb | 9.00am Reception Parents' Meeting GLD 3.30pm Year 4 Parents' Meeting - Frylands Residential Meeting |
| Fri 23rd Feb | 9.00am Year 4 Parents' Meeting - Multiplication Tables Check |
| Mon 26th Feb | 2.45pm Parents' Meeting - Phonics Screening Check Information |
| Thurs 29th Feb | 9.00am Owl Class Assembly |
| Friday 1st March | Animal Mufti Day FoR |

THE ADVENTURES OF MR. TOAD

Book, Lyrics and Music by
Piers Chater-Robinson

Based on "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame
Directed by Andrew McPherson

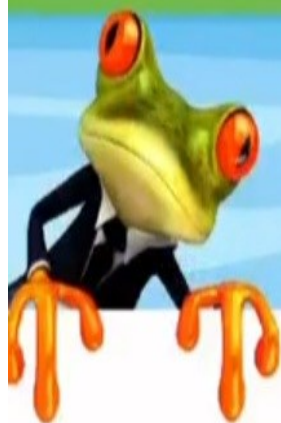
18th, 19th & 20th January 2024 at 7pm

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