

A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a good half term break. I don't know about you, but for me it already feels like that was months ago!

This week at Ryelands the children have been involved in a wide range of learning activities both in and out of the classrooms. On Tuesday, we were joined by some visitors from the NSPCC who held some special assemblies for Years 2, 5 and 6. They spoke to the children about the work that the charity does to help keep children safe - please do speak to your children about what they learned in these assemblies. Year 5 enjoyed a themed 'Viking Day' on Tuesday, complete with mock raids and battles. The children looked fantastic in their Viking costumes - thank you for supporting them with these as they really helped to make the day come to life. On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Croydon Mosque to learn more about the Islamic religion. A number of people commented on how well behaved the children were showing real respect in a special place of worship - well done to the Year 3 children for representing our school so well.

One thing that I have noticed this week while dropping into PE lessons, is the number of children not wearing the correct PE kit and a worrying number without any kit at all in school. As I'm sure you know, PE is part of the National Curriculum and it is important that the children take part in these lessons. Please support us in ensuring that your children have their PE kit in school (this should consist of a plain white t shirt, blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers).

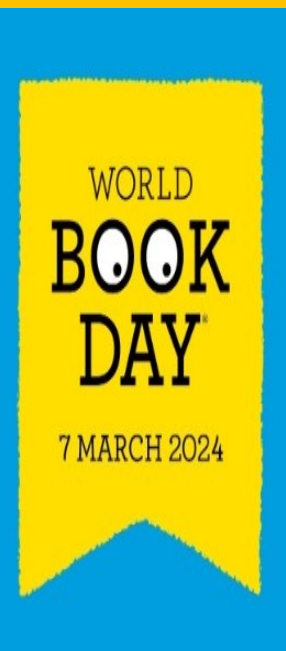
On Monday afternoon, Mrs Carew and Miss Turner will be hosting a Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting at 2:45pm. If your child is in Year 1, please try to join them for the meeting to find out more about the Phonics Check and what you can do to help your children at home.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope that you have a great weekend.

Kate and the Ryelands Team

Friday 1st March we are dressing up for World Wildlife Day.
Dress up in animal print, hats, feathers....you choose! £1 Donation

We want to encourage you to visit our country park and explore nature. Our new kiosk will be opening soon next to the playground. The country park is a nature reserve and the friends of South Norwood Country Park are a great knowledge of wildlife. See if you can spot any birds or bugs on your journey. Some leaflets will be available at the kiosk on Saturday morning (24/02) on our 'kiosk spruce up' day.



The theme is
'I Love To Read'
You can wear either a book character costume or something lovely and cosy like your PJ'S and dressing gown on the day.

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK PARENT MEETING

**MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
2.45PM**

Join Mrs Carew and Miss Turner, at 2.45pm in the school hall, as they discuss the upcoming, statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening check.

All Year 1 pupils will be completing the check in June 2024.

For Valentines Disco. We raised over £400 at the school disco. Thank you for all your support. Dj Dan from Moonlight Entertainment was fab.....to book him for events, find him on Facebook.



Year 3 Visit to Croydon Islamic Centre



Year 3 had the pleasure of visiting Croydon Islamic Centre this week to learn about the Islamic faith. The Imam provided us with an engaging presentation about the Five Pillars of Islam, Quran, and the Mosque and its purpose. Children were given a thorough tour of the mosque. Everyone had to take off their shoes as soon as they entered the mosque as a sign of respect, some girls also wore a hijab to gain a spiritual experience. The children sat down on prayer mats which were angled in the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, they observed the Mihrab which showed Muslims the direction of prayer. The children also looked at copies of the Quran and verses of the Quran decorating the walls alongside the elaborate Islamic art patterns. Children got to see the washrooms; this is where Muslims perform ablution before praying to ensure they are clean before they pray. Year 3 went to the top of the mosque to see the dome of the building, here they were lucky enough to view a large beautiful extravagant chandelier which formed the centre of the mosque. Children learnt that the mosque had many purposes including educating children and adults, charity events, community events, youth projects, and a place where marriages and funerals took place. Year 3 impressed us with their own knowledge of Islam, and they showed great maturity, interest, and curiosity, asking lots of great questions to find out more about the Islamic faith. Well done Year 3 for being excellent role models and a big thank you to all the adults that helped us during the trip, we are truly grateful for all your support!



Year 5 Viking Day 2024



Both Raven and Heron class became Vikings for the day. Adults and children alike dressed up and experienced what it would be like to be a Viking! We were told folk tales of the Norse gods, played traditional Viking board games and researched Viking history. We handled artifacts and weapons as well as taking part in spear wrestling. We even took part in a raid, taking prisoners and learning war cries!

'I couldn't believe it! I held the sword for over 50 seconds. I beat the record' - Kayla.
Riley- 'I got to hold the spear; It was great!'



'I really enjoyed raiding the Year 6 classroom! We found my older brother and took him prisoner' - Martin



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: 96.7%

Attendance This Year: 95.6%

Weekly Attendance Awards

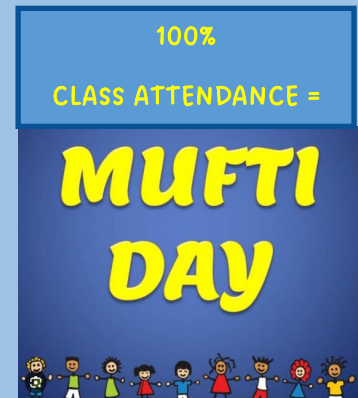


Y3 WOODPECKER Attendance Cup 100%

MUFTI DAY MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY for Y3 Woodpecker only

Y2 GOLDFINCH - Penguin 99.26%

Pupils Late This Week: 23 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:

KACHARELL

Spring Term Positive playtime weekly

winners!!

1st ROBIN

2nd Owl

3rd Maggie



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Spring 2 Week 2



MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Footballs, Balance boards, and skipping	WB 26 th Feb 2024	Table tennis, basketballs And skipping	WB 26 th Feb 2024	Hula Hooping, skipping and ball games	WB 26 th Feb 2024

Positive Behaviour Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 1824

WINNING CLASS - Y5 HERON

WELL DONE!!!



This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week, Nursery have been learning all about healthy eating. We sorted food into food groups, and we learnt which foods were good for us and why as well as which ones are just for treats. We found out that a healthy diet helps us to grow and become strong and it also helps us to stay happy and alert. We discovered how healthy food is like medicine because it gives us all the things we need to stop us from getting sick, and it helps us to recover more quickly if we do fall ill. We had great fun making collage plates of healthy foods to go on our display board and we enjoyed making our own healthy vegetarian pizzas to cook and take home. They were delicious!

Reception: In Reception, this week's topic was "Pets" and the children shared their love for the animals they own or they would like to have. They learnt about the needs of different animals and how to look after them. The children enjoyed various creative and writing activities around the topic, such as: drawing and describing their dream pet, creating a map of the story 'Dear Zoo' or discussing about why some animals do not make good pets. The children also learnt about how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated in UK. In Maths, they explored number 9, doubling and halving, repeating patterns, addition and subtraction. In PE, the children practiced throwing an object with power.

Year 1: This week in English we have loved writing our own setting descriptions of Noi's beach. First, we thought about what it might be like on a beach in winter. Then, we collected lots of interesting vocabulary, focusing on our 5 senses. Finally, we put it all together to write some amazing descriptive sentences. In maths, we are still working on place value but have now moved on to numbers up to 50. We are particularly focusing on grouping amounts and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. This week, we started learning about the Global Goals - these were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. In Year 1 we are thinking about responsible consumption and production particularly in regards to fast fashion.

Year 2: Year 2 have jumped straight back into lots of exciting learning this week! In English we have racked our brains for excellent adjectives to describe Halibut Jackson and his curious clothing. As mathematicians we're learning about length and measurement, focusing on using rulers to measure lengths in centimetres. In geography we're focusing on the UN's Global Goal 3: good health and wellbeing. We're asking questions such as: what can we do to help everyone in the world become healthier? How can we work together to make the world a better place? Is there anything we can do at home? We're looking forward to a fun and interesting rest of Spring term.

Year 3: Year 3 have had a brilliantly busy first week back. Hitting the ground running, we got straight back into our English lessons by using our persuasive writing skills to write an advert for a magic show. In Maths, we started our learning about fractions and focused on developing our vocabulary when answering reasoning questions and when comparing different fractions. In Science, we introduced the topic of 'Forces and Magnets' and had to really concentrate when thinking about what actions were push and/or pull - it's harder than you might think! In RE, not only did we go on our trip to the mosque (thank you again parents!), but we learned why the star and crescent symbols are important in Islam. In Geography, we introduced our year group's global goal focus 'life below water'. This half term, we will be thinking about how to reduce the pollution in our oceans, and we used our first Geography lesson to brainstorm ideas to action. Well done Year 3. Another action-packed week of learning completed!

Year 4: This week in Year 4 we have been busy looking at our new book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have done an author study to learn all about who wrote the book and started developing our language to describe our main character of the book. We have started learning all about fractions in Maths, how to create a whole and how to partition a mixed number. We have counted up in proper fractions on a number line. In Geography we have begun to learn all about our Global Goal number 15 all about life on land, and deforestation that occurs on our planet. We have discussed ideas on how we can help our planet, and what changes we can make to make it stick. We cannot wait to keep learning all of our new topics, and see how we can develop our knowledge further.

Year 5: In Year 5, we have had a great week! Viking day was full of excitement, role play and handling artifacts. In maths, we are learning more about decimals - comparing and ordering. Whilst in English, we are learning to write an information page on the Vikings including subordinating conjunctions, modal verbs, facts and fronted adverbials. In geography, we are learning about 'Global Goal 6' and 'Water Aid' - clean water and sanitation for everyone. Starting next week, for four weeks, we shall be 'Walking for Water' around the Country Park and raising money for Water Aid - Go Year 5!!

Year 6: This week, we have started looking at our new book - 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by JK Rowling. We started by writing instructions for a potion after making some potions. We then made predictions based on the blurb and the cover. After reading chapter 1, we thought about the characters we had met and started collecting vocabulary ready to write a character description. In maths, we have continued our learning on fractions starting with multiplying fractions by fractions and integers. In some groups, we have been recapping decimal place value. We have been focusing on the reading skill of inference this week and have been looking for clues in the texts to help us understand what is happening. On Friday, we had a drama session where we started to think about what we might like to do for our Year 6 Production - exciting times! We don't want to spoil it though so you will have to wait and see what we have come up with!

Stars of the Week



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

Robin	DANIEL - SELF-CONTROLLED
Wren	IBRAHIM - HOPEFUL
Sparrow	RUFUS - CONSIDERATE
Starling	HANK - HUMBLE
Chaffinch	KHANAK - CONSIDERATE
Goldfinch	NIKOLA - COMPASSIONATE
Kingfisher	MIYA - JOYFUL
Woodpecker	OSCAR - COMPASSIONATE
Magpie	CHLOE - HOPEFUL
Owl	SHADE - PATIENT
Heron	WEYLEI - HUMBLE
Raven	MARIA - COMPASSIONATE
Eagle	EVIE - HUMBLE
Hawk	AMELIA - FORGIVING
PUPIL CHOICE	NELLA CHOSE MRS CUTTER FOR BEING JOYFUL MATILDA CHOSE TABITHA FOR BEING JOYFUL

SUMDOG	Class	Child
1st	Y5 HERON (644 points)	1ST GODWIN Y5 HERON 5808 CORRECT ANSWERS
2nd	Y5 RAVEN	
3rd	Y1 SPARROW	

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	Y6 HAWK	TROY (HAWK)
2nd	Y5 RAVEN	HUZAIFAH (RAVEN)
3rd	Y2 GOLDFINCH	JOSIAH (RAVEN)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	Y2 GOLDFINCH	RASSIAH (GOLDFINCH)
2nd	Y5 HERON	ALPHA (GOLDFINCH)
3rd	Y5 RAVEN	GODWIN (HERON)



Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 26th Feb	2.45pm 'Phonics Screening Check' information meeting for parents 1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Thurs 29th Feb	9.00am Y4 Owl Class Assembly
Friday 1st March	Animal Mufti Day FoR £1 Donation
Monday 4th March	1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Thurs 7th March	9.00am Y3 Kingfisher Class Assembly World Book Day - Mufti Theme 'I Love To Read'
Fri 8th March	International Women's Day 2.45pm Safeguarding your Child 'Pants are Private' meeting for
Monday 11th March	1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Thurs 14th March	2.30pm 'SEND Speech and Language' meeting for parents
Fri 15th March	Comic Relief Mufti Day £1 Donation
Monday 18th March	1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Wed 20th March	British Heart Foundation - Wear Red £1 Donation
Thurs 21st March	9.00am Y3 Woodpecker Assembly
Fri 22nd March	14.45pm Year 6 Parents' Meeting - SATs
Wed 27th March	Y6 Trip - Natural History Museum
Thurs 28th March	LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon 15th April	All children return to school
Thurs 2nd May	Class Photos
Mon 6th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Fri 17th May	2.45pm Parents' Meeting Domestic Abuse
Sun 19th May	Year 6 Kingswood Residential
Mon 20th May	New Reception Parents' Meeting
Fri 24th May	LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon 3rd June	All children return to school

An awesome performance of science experiments
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EXCEL EXPERIMENTS



Thu 28th March at 7-8pm

CYTO members FREE, non-members £5

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Croydon Youth Theatre Organisation
Oakley Rd, South Norwood, SE25 4XG





FRIENDS OF ASHBURTON PARK

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new members to join our committee who can help us improve the park and plan exciting community activities!

Skills we are looking for:

- Marketing / Social media.
- Event management.
- Horticulture / Gardening / Permaculture
- Nature Conservation / Biodiversity / Ecology.
- History / Heritage.



Please email info@thefoap.org.uk with a short statement about why you'd like to join.

Deadline to apply:

Friday 1st of March 2024

More Information :

<https://thefoap.org.uk/>



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