

A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy week at Ryelands.....the Infant Choir performed at the Fairfield Halls on Tuesday, a cross-school Debate Mate competition was held at the school on Wednesday, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and today, two of our Year 6 girls took part in 'Loud and Proud', a public speaking competition for girls in recognition of International Women's Day.....all this on top of our regular learning and activities! Thank you for all your support with these events, we know that a lot of effort goes into outfits, wigs, accessories and getting the children to the right places on time.

You may notice that we have slightly altered the content of our newsletter. Instead of having a weekly summary from each year group, I have asked teachers to write an entry, complete with photos and quotes from the children, when they do something slightly out of the ordinary. This will hopefully save teachers some valuable time and also make things more interesting for you to read. To find out what the children are learning over the half term, please look back to the half-termly overviews that you have already been sent. If you have specific questions, please do speak to your child's teacher.

Today I spoke to the children in assembly about some of the women in my life who have inspired me—my mum, my old boss Rachel and also my best friend Lucy from primary school.....hopefully (if they were listening) they will be able to tell you a bit about them. Please do speak to your children about who inspires them too. Thank you for all your support – Kate and the Ryelands Team

Code Cracking Competition

Can your child crack the code?

Use your school iPad to scan the QR Code to enter this week's code cracking competition!

	Answer	Letter
6×4		
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3×6		
3×8		
2×8		
$88 \div 11$		

Newsletter Code Breaker
08.03.2024



Solve the calculations and use the code breaker to spell out the spring-themed words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Thank you to all those who entered the Digital Leaders Safer Internet Day Poster Competition. We had some colourful and creative entries. We voted and picked our top 3 based on how informative, eye-catching and creative they were.

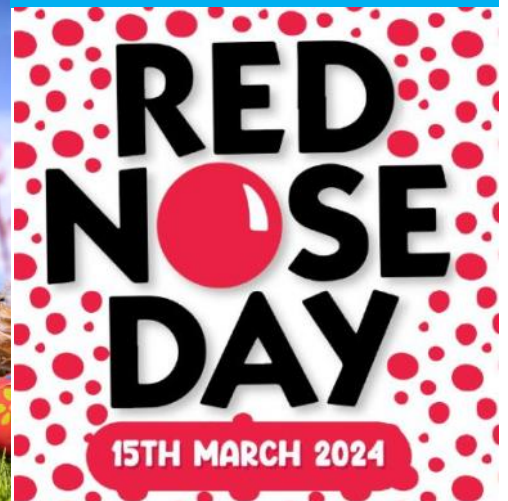
1st place - Batouly
Year 4 Magpie

2nd place - Hazel
Year 3 Woodpecker

3rd place - Alarna
Year 3 Woodpecker

Prizes were presented on Friday
1st March - well done to all!

Shhh! Whispers are that
the Easter bunny is to be
visiting on March 28th
Eggciting!



Infant Music Concert at Fairfield Halls

On Tuesday evening, our infant choir took part in the Croydon Schools Infant Music Concert at Fairfield Halls. The children performed on stage with several other Croydon primary schools, to a packed-out audience. The children have been attending choir rehearsals, on a Thursday lunchtime, for the past few months and have been practising 13 fantastic songs. The children attended three off site rehearsals, one at St Mary's Primary School and two at Fairfield Halls. At each of these rehearsals the 21 children were incredible role models for the school, showing themselves to be polite, focused and enthusiastic. On Tuesday night, the children performed beautifully, dressed in their bright colours and accompanied by a live band. A wonderful experience for them and memories that will last with them a lifetime.

A huge Well Done, to all the children for their amazing performance! A big thank you to the Parents and Guardians for supporting us and practicing the songs at home and to the parent helpers that attended the rehearsals with us. A special mention must be made for Clare, from Musical Bumps, who has been our musical maestro during rehearsals! We hope we are able to make this an annual event!

What the children had to say!

Sebby "I felt excited because I got to be in a concert."

Dylan "I loved the singing; I feel tired because I had so much fun!"

Isabella "It was fun! 'Happiness' was my favourite song, it made me happy and laugh."

Sierra "I liked when the kids were playing the violins."

Ellen "My favourite song was 'Happiness' because it was interesting. I felt very nervous at first but when I started singing, I felt more **CONFIDENT!**"

Orlan "I loved dancing with my teddy and my favourite song was 'Tomorrow' from Annie because I enjoyed learning the song."



The Debate Mate Urban Debate League finals

This Thursday, the Debate Mate Urban Debate League finals came to our school as we hosted Cyril Jackson Primary, Dalmain Primary and the Phoenix Academy in battle to earn a place in the national finals. Our 3 debating squads competed in 6 debates altogether and won 5 of them, with the 6th one being an extremely close points decision.

Once again, the manners and attitudes of our children was commented upon, as was our 'lovely school' and the way that our children conducted themselves with humility (in the face of victory) and dignity in the face of defeat. I know that all the members of staff who supported our team were impressed, and we all made sure to share this with the children. Now its fingers crossed to see if we have won a place in the national finals, where the 2 opposing schools get to debate in the Houses of Parliament.

- An extremely proud Mrs Read



Year 5 DT

During this week's DT lesson, we had tape, 5 cups and a plate to create a 'mock up' water wheel. We worked in small groups and helped construct and build our wheel working as a team. In the lesson, we learnt about renewable energy and non-renewable energy. During the task, we discussed how to make it strong, and able to hold and move water. —Mrs Lula



To understand the process of hydro power.



'Creating and testing the water wheels was much fun!' Albert

'It was so exciting seeing the wheels in action!' Malou



World Book Day 2024

On Thursday we had a fabulous time celebrating World Book Day. So many fun activities were completed, and amazingly creative outfits were worn by us all – grown ups included! We shared stories with other years groups, drew and animated our own artwork, read, wrote and created alternative story versions of old classics and most importantly had a brilliant time loving books. World Book Day has provided every child in school with a £1 voucher to spend on a book of their choice; these will come home with your child this weekend. It has been a lovely day celebrating books, authors, pictures and having fun – we love World Book Day!



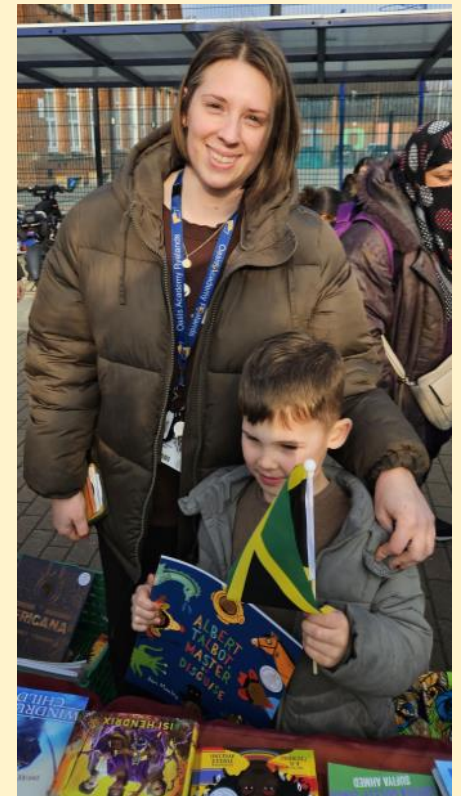
World Book Day 2024

World Book Day was a massive success!

The school came out to support and the passion for inclusive and multicultural reading at Ryelands is a joy to see.

As a result of the success at this year's event, the BookLove Carnival, our local bookshop, will be donating a #BookLoveBundle to the school.

Happy Reading from BookLove and Ryelands!



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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: 95.7%

Weekly Attendance Award

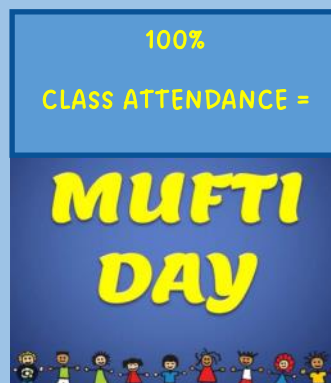


Reception WREN Attendance Penguin 100%

& Mufti Day on Monday 11th March

Year 5 Raven - Attendance Cup 99.31%

Pupils Late This Week: 16 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:

JAYDEN B.M —Y6 EAGLE CLASS

Spring Term Positive playtime weekly

winners!!

JOINT 1st PLACE Y1 STARLING AND
Y2 GOLDFINCH

2nd Y5 SPARROW

3rd Y5 HERON AND Y5 RAVEN



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Spring 2 Week 4



MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
"CRAZE"	DATE	"CRAZE"	DATE	"CRAZE"	DATE
Foot-balls, Balance boards And skipping	WB 11 th March 2024	Table tennis, basketballs And skipping	WB 11 th March 2024	Hula Hooping, skipping and ball games	WB 11 th March 2024

Positive Behaviour Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 1457 points

WINNING CLASS - Y2 GOLDFINCH

with 282 points



Stars of the Week



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

Robin	LEO - HOPEFUL
Wren	ZARA - HOPEFUL
Sparrow	KHALIYAH - JOYFUL
Starling	KIERAN - SELFCONTROL
Chaffinch	KAIJAH - JOYFUL
Goldfinch	MARK - SELF CONTROLLED
Kingfisher	HUGO - HUMBLE
Woodpecker	ROMERO - CONSIDERATE
Magpie	RAFA F - HUMBLE
Owl	WOLE - HOPEFUL
Heron	WEYLEI - HONEST
Raven	SHAKAI - HUMBLE
Eagle	RILEY - HOPEFUL
Hawk	CHIZARA - PATIENT
PUPIL CHOICE	MANUELA CHOSE MILA FOR BEING HOPEFUL LUCA CHOSE BENNY FOR BEING JOYFUL

SUMDOG	Class	Child
1st	Y5 HERON	1ST GODWIN Y5 HERON 5800 CORRECT ANSWERS
2nd	Y1 SPARROW	
3rd	Y3 WOODPECKER	

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	Y4 OWL	MIGUEL C (OWL)
2nd	Y6 HAWK	HUGO (OWL)
3rd	Y4 MAGPIE	TAYLOR-ROSE (OWL)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	Y4 OWL	TROY (HERON)
2nd	Y4 MAGPIE	SKYLAR
3rd	Y3 HAWK	WOLE



Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 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
Mon 18th March	1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Wed 20th March	British Heart Foundation - Wear Red £1 Donation
Thurs 21st March	9.00am Year 3 Woodpecker Assembly Year 4 Trip - British Museum
Fri 22nd March	14.45pm Year 6 Parents' Meeting - SATs
Mon 25th March	10.00am Easter Bonnet Parade at St Lukes Church
Wed 27th March	Year 6 Trip - Natural History Museum
Thurs 28th March	Last day for Science Poster Competition
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



Poster Competition "Time"



The theme this year is 'Time', – there are loads of STEM topics were explored! You could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. You could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

- Your challenge is to create a poster that has:**
- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
 - **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
 - **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Please hand your poster in to Miss Sales (Goldfinch) by Thursday 28th March 2024.

- Rules:**
- Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only
 - Work must be original and created by the student(s)- please do not use any templates.
 - Entrants can be teams or individuals.

Here are some examples from last year's winners.

Theme: Connections



Speech, Language and Communication Parent Workshop

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 14:30

You are invited to come and find out about Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). What SLCN encompasses and strategies that can be put in place to help to support your child as well as useful websites.

Miss Champion and Mrs Brooks will be holding the meeting.

Please come and join us—we look forward to seeing you.

