

A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working hard this week and have been completing end of term assessments to help guide the teachers in their future planning. Many teachers have said to me about how impressed they have been with the children's approach towards this and how proud of them they are. Tuesday was very interesting in our Nursery when a pony visited the classroom....complete with a dog that rode on its back - I know this sounds like something from the circus, but I saw it with my own eyes....a very surreal experience! The children loved interacting with the animals and were very keen to brush the pony's mane and tail. Thank you to the 'Pets and Ponies' company for bringing the animals in for this special experience.

Unfortunately, we still have a high number of children who do not have their PE kits in school on the appropriate days; this is impacting on their ability to join in with their lessons. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (plain white t-shirt and blue/black shorts) in school throughout the week so that they can participate in their lessons fully - this is a National Curriculum requirement.

Can I also ask that you monitor what your children are watching at home carefully, as we have had a number of our younger children coming to school saying that they have had nightmares due to watching things that are not age appropriate. Please try to check the advisory age guidance on games, films and programmes that they watch.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Kate and the Ryelands Team

Help needed from children aged 9-11

One of our children's parents is leading a research study to develop a new assessment of narrative (storytelling) skills. If your child is aged between 9-11 years, has no special educational needs, and has attended school in the UK for at least 5 years, we would like to invite them to take part. This would involve an individual session (30-45 mins) with a researcher to complete a new storytelling assessment and some other language and cognitive (thinking) tasks. The session will take place at school.

Each child who takes part will receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

For more information, and to sign up for the study, please visit: https://cityunilondon.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2n50uMK8Vf4e1x



Oasis Academy Ryelands

Skipping Event 2024

Wednesday 20th March

On this date, please remember to bring in a

£1 donation for the British Heart Foundation

wear something sporty and/or red. Themed skipping events are happening throughout the day.

Well DONE!

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!

To Elsie Carr in Kingfisher and Scarlett Cummins in Hawk for solving last week's Code Breaker!

Answer	Letter
6×4	
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 38	
3×6	
3×8	
2×8	
$88 + 11$	

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

Newsletter Code Breaker
15.03.2024



Snow Leopard Adoption




THANK YOU

Oasis Academy Ryelands

You're helping WWF to protect the future of snow leopards and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today.
Thank you.

Paul De Ornellas
Chief Adviser – Wildlife, WWF-UK

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This certificate is not a receipt and cannot be exchanged for an adoption pack.



On Friday 1st March, the children and staff were invited to come to school dressed as animals in celebration of World Wildlife Day. This event, organised by Friends of Ryelands (FOR), raised almost £300.

The children were asked which of 11 different animals they would like FOR to adopt for the school.....the overwhelming winner was a snow leopard!

FOR have now adopted a snow leopard on behalf of the school and the donation made on the school's behalf will help the World Wildlife Fund to protect the future of this member of the big cat family. I love a collective noun so obviously looked up what this is for snow leopards....it seems there is no agreed term that is used but some of the suggestions were a *flurry*, a *drift*, a *ghost* or an *avalanche* of snow leopards.

Which does your family like best?

It would be great to hear from the children about this....please ask them to come and tell Miss Reed!



Loud & Proud - Fayth and Mey (Year 6)



Last Friday saw the finals of Soroptimist Internationals public speaking competition, 'Loud & Proud'. Seeking to engender self-confidence, improve communication skills and ultimately encourage girls to play a more prominent role in public life, Mey and Fayth participated alongside girls from other local primary schools. They were highly praised for the content of their speeches and the mature approach they took to delivering them - especially with such a prestigious audience and judging panel. Mey's speech focused on embracing different religions and living in harmony; whilst Fayth considered 'If I Ruled the World'. After listening to all the speeches, a tour of the Mayor's rooms, meeting Croydon's Poet Laureate Shaniqua Benjamin AND a lovely lunch, both Fayth and Mey had a fabulous morning and both Mums and I had a great time too! Mrs Read



Meeting Shaniqua Benjamin, Croydon's Poet Laureate.



Making their Mums and teacher very proud indeed.

Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition

Monday 25th March
at St Luke's Church

Design and create an Easter bonnet/hat.

Wear it to school to take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade at St Luke's Church, on Monday 25th March, for a chance to win a prize.



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

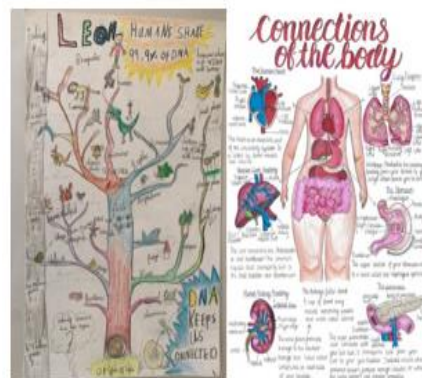
Please hand your poster in to Miss Sales (Goldfinch) by Thursday 28th March 2024.

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



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.



Weekly Attendance Award

Year 1 STARLING Attendance Penguin 100%

& Mufti Day on Monday 18th March

Year 5 Raven - Attendance Cup 99.31%

Attendance Target: 97.0% Attendance This Week: 95.8%

Attendance This Year: 95.7%

Pupils Late This Week: 30 pupils



WIN!!!
With our Weekly
Attendance Wheel...

#InItToWinIt

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:

RIVER — WREN CLASS

Spring Term Positive playtime weekly

winners!!

1st Y2 GOLDFINCH

2nd Y3 WOODPECKER

3rd Y1 SPARROW



Oasis Ryelands - Craze of the week!

Spring 2 Week 5



MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
"CRAZE"	DATE	"CRAZE"	DATE	"CRAZE"	DATE
Foot-balls, Balance boards And skipping	WB 18 th March 2024	Table tennis, basketballs And skipping	WB 18 th March 2024	Hula Hooping, skipping and ball games	WB 18 th March 2024

Positive Behaviour Points

WHOLE SCHOOL 1831 points

WINNING CLASS - Y1 STARLING

with 265 points



Stars of the Week



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

Robin	EMRYS - JOYFUL
Wren	NOAH - JOYFUL
Sparrow	MARGOT - HUMBLE
Starling	KAIDEN - SELF CONTROLLED
Chaffinch	GWEN - PATIENT
Goldfinch	ORLAN - HONEST
Kingfisher	ELIZA - HUMBLE
Woodpecker	CASSIUS - JOYFUL
Magpie	HAKHEEM - PATIENT
Owl	MUSA - PATIENT
Heron	STANLEY - CONSIDERATE
Raven	YARO - SELF CONTROLLED
Eagle	ALEXANDRA - CONSIDERATE
Hawk	MARCO - CONSIDERATE
PUPIL CHOICE	TIM CHOSE KUBA FOR BEING COMPASSIONATE JONNY CHOSE PHARAOH FOR BEING CONSIDERATE

SUMDOG	Class	Child
1st	Y5 HERON 325 POINTS	1ST CRISTIAN Y5 HERON 3868 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	HUGO
2nd	Y6 HAWK	FRANKIE (OWL)
3rd	Y3 KINGFISHER	NOA (HAWK)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	Y4 OWL	WOLE
2nd	Y4 MAGPIE	TIWA
3rd	Y3 HAWK	FAYTH



Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 18th March	1.30pm Year 5 Water Aid Walk
Wed 20th March	British Heart Foundation - Wear Red and/or Sporty £1
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 Luke's Church Year 6 Ashburton Library
Wed 27th March	Year 6 Trip - Natural History Museum
Thurs 28th March	Last day for Science Poster Competition Friends of Ryelands—Easter Egg Hunt for EYFS and KS1; Decorate an egg competition for KS2
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

