



# Ryhall CE Academy News

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This is the first newsletter of 2017 and it comes with a very warm welcome to all families, new and old. It was an extremely busy Autumn term and I know that many were glad to make it to the end without illness. There were a huge amount of achievements to be recognised, both as a whole school, as teams and individually. Congratulations to our Autumn Term Headteacher Award winners: Ailish McMullen-Kennett, Benjamin Tinker, Isla Holroyd, Demi Gorman, Daniel Edobor and Hannah Fender. This term is a shorter term in comparison and it won't be long until we're at the Spring Term Headteacher's assembly (see dates).

I hope you've been able to have a 'catch-up' on the school website – all classes are now well underway with their new topics. These are all outlined on the class pages with a few reminders about PE days. There are some fabulous activities going on; ask Burghley Class children about their class motto for the term, find out how Belvoir class are learning all about Chinese New Year and Hambleton class have learned all about 'tut' and 'turf' in their instructional writing – they can tell you more (or better still, look it up – it's related to Dance – impress them with your new knowledge as Mrs Hicks did!).

Rutland Health Watch Survey reminder: just over a week ago, we send you the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SYX29XQ>. This is the opportunity for the people of Rutland to say what they think about the current services, but even more importantly to help shape the future of local health service provision. The survey will run throughout January, and the results of the survey will be presented to the people who make decisions about health care services in Rutland.

Finally, if you or someone you know is able to offer any time during any of the afternoons in the week, we really would like to have more adults in our reading army – even if only for an hour.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers. Please do note that all adults in school, whether staff or volunteers, are subject to checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

*Katy Walker* Headteacher

## Dates for Term Three

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Yr 3/4/5/6 Gym Comp
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day, KS2 Parents Coffee Club, E-Safety, 3.40pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term 3
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 6 Parents Coffee Club: understanding SATs, 3.40pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School Group Photographs(am)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Premier Active – Musical Theatre (Year 3-6) begins
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rockingham Class Assembly, 3pm
w/b 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last week of general after school clubs (except Premier Sport/ Premier Active)
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Burghley Class Assembly, 3pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Spotlight Dance Show. times tbc
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Headteacher's Assembly 2.45pm End of Spring Term

## FORA NEWS

Please put the following date in your diary

**Family Bingo Night on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm.**

Look out for our FORA Spring Term newsletter next week to find out what we've been up to, how much money you've collectively donated to the school and how it's been spent to benefit our children.

## NEW GOVERNOR

We would formally like to welcome Mr Andrew Nebel to our Governing Board as a Co-opted member. Mr Nebel has lived in our village since 1985 and has two daughters who were educated here. His career has been in Marketing and Communications with many well known brands before he became Director of the children's charity, Barnardo's. Now retired, he became the non-executive director of Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, as well as becoming a trustee of three charities. Mr Nebel looks forward to meeting with you at a future parents event.

## Ryhall Academy Praise RAP

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
2.30-3.30pm

Something for the whole family: song, drama, prayer and praise.

## WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of the: 'STARS OF THE WEEK'

 BELTON  
**Toby Haylock-Cox**  
ROCKINGHAM  
**Lance Maiden**  
BURGHLEY  
 **Thaileah Parkin-Brookes**  
TOLETHORPE  
**Ellie Johnson**  
HAMBLETON  
 **Joshua Beney**

BELTON   
**Benjamin Tinker**  
ROCKINGHAM  
**Daisy Byrne**  
BURGHLEY   
**William Younger**  
TOLETHORPE  
**Georgia Tilley**  
HAMBLETON  
**Charlie Pritchard** 

### 'HANDWRITING HEROES'

Congratulations to the following children for working hard to develop their handwriting:

Ethan Kennington, Harvey Khan, Mercy Edobor, Lana Maiden, Lucy Strawbridge, Joshua Clarke, Evie Linnell, Daisy Muxlow, Ben Pearson and Ria Cardew

### 'RYHALL READERS'

There has clearly been some serious reading with some children over the holidays.

Well done to the following children who have been awarded:

Finn Palmer, Holly Muxlow, William Brown, Max Heames, Joshua Younger, Eva Edgson, Josh Richardson, Marshall Garghan-Ruff, Finlay Delve and Jonathan Sheridan.

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## Rockingham News

Rockingham class are learning all about the continent of Africa; initially learning about African animals and written fact files about them. We have also improved our literacy skills by describing African settings and creating adverts to advertise binoculars in the next edition of Safari Magazine. In Maths we have concentrated our work on the four operations and applied this when answering African themed word problems. We've also solved missing number problems after a mischievous monkey stole lots of numbers from the jungle. Last week, we had the wonderful opportunity to find out more about Africa from visitors who have volunteered there. Thanks to Jane from 'Send a Cow' and Sarah Want who both taught the children and the staff so much.

## Burghley News

Burghley class are busy getting to know the Romans this term and have 3 new members of the class: Maximus, (a quiet gladiator who often asks our help to solve some tricky Maths problems) and our guard dogs, Mars and Romulus, who love sitting with those children working independently. In English, we are perfecting our persuasive language and after successfully selling some Roman slaves with catchy slogans, alliteration and even celebrity endorsements (Una Direzione and Lady Gagarina, as it happens!), the children are now developing their literary and oratory skills to sell some amazing properties.

The children have been testing the strength of Roman columns this week and the winning team of architects built a structure which held fifteen dictionaries. WOW!!



## Belvoir News

The chilly start to 2017 got Belvoir class thinking about animals that live in very cold places. We were really interested in penguins after Mrs Carlton shared her special book 'My Penguin Osbert'. We have found out many facts about penguins and decided what we would need to take with us, should we visit Antarctica! Did you know that a male Emperor penguin is bigger than most of the children in Belvoir class? We will be celebrating Chinese New Year next week.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We've started the term well in our sporting events. This week at the Rutland Schools Swimming Gala, our Year 6 Medley team (Hannah, Sam, Ellie and Raymond) achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place, earning themselves a spot in the Finals, together with Raymond and Ellie who also gained Finals places; Ray in 1 length and 2 length Breaststroke and 1 length Front Crawl, and Ellie in 1 length Front Crawl. Other competitors worked hard to try and secure places – well done to all involved. Yesterday saw the first of our teams in the Rutland Gymnastics Competition. It was success all round as the team (Marcus, Isla, Evie and Leila) achieved Bronze medal position overall followed with Evie and Isla earning joint Bronze on Vault and Isla in Bronze position on Floor. Well done to Key Steps 1 Team and good luck to those in Key Steps 2 & 3 next week. The final success came yesterday with the School Football team taking a 4-1 win against Bythams in some very cold conditions. Well done team Ryhall!



## PUPIL LEADERS

Just before breaking up for the last holidays, Elliot Clarke was awarded his Bronze award in citizenship (no photo).

This last couple of weeks has seen several additions: Isaac Stokes and Ryan Hill have achieved Bronze, Joshua Beney, Ben Fryett, Ria Cardew and Lexi-Mae Smith their Silver award, followed by Danielle Robinson, Ellie Delve and Tilly Holroyd achieving Gold. Please keep up the support Year 6 and thanks as always to all our pupil leaders.



## Belton News

This term in Belton class we have taken a trip to Africa. We have been very lucky to have had two visitors in; one from the 'Send a Cow' charity and Mrs Want's daughter to tell us all about their trips to Africa. In English we have created our own animal facts files on the laptops, we have also written a diary entry about a day in school in Africa. In Maths we have been very busy solving missing number problems where animals have been eating our numbers and also finding halves and quarters of shapes. We have compared life in Africa to life in the UK including the weather. In Art we have created our own African sunset painting.



## Tolethorpe News

In Tolethorpe Class we started the new term with a bang when we watched a video about the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD and wrote diary accounts of the event. We have learnt about the earth beneath our feet and made our own volcano animations. As part of our Maths activities we've studied coordinates and have plotted volcanoes on maps and found out where there are hotspots and why. This week we are hoping to finish our story writing about an earthquake disaster. Some of the children knew that even Rutland has experienced a couple of small tremors only a few years ago although Mrs Loader slept through both! Just in case, we have made instructional posters telling people what to do should they be unlucky enough to experience a larger one (we hope not!).

## Hambleton News

What a jam-packed first few weeks Hambleton Class have had. We have begun our new theme of 'Magical Maya' and have already compared them to the Anglo-Saxons, who were around at the same time, looked at where in the world they are from, written in their terribly complicated glyph language and built our own temple-pyramids from lego and clay. Our writing is continuing to develop with recount writing and this week looking at writing a set of instructions. In Maths learning will start to become a bit trickier as we begin to look in more depth at turning all our knowledge into understanding through answering real life and multi-step problems. Don't forget to put the 'SATs for Parents' Coffee Club in your diary for the 21st Feb.