



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Here we are in the final throws of the academic year with much to do and much to celebrate. Despite the weather, we enjoyed the delights of the children's dancing at the annual May Festival. It was a shame we didn't get to perform it in the village square but we thank you for the wonderful turnout in what became a very packed hall. The children looked wonderful and their performances were even better – well done to each and every one of them. We also thank all of you for attending the May Festival put on by our Friends of Ryhall Academy (FORA). The amount raised was outstanding (see FORA news). We've had a lot of trips out over the last couple of weeks and still more to come – it's an exciting time with many opportunities for parents and carers to come and join us in the activities we look forward to seeing you. We've now completed all of the statutory national testing activities for different year groups and as always, I'm impressed by the children's resilience and attitudes – we know you share our pride in your children.

Katy Walker, Headteacher

ECO NEWS

Mrs Want and the team have been busy once again. Recently, an application was made for the Green Schools Sustainability Award through the Community Education Awards. On Monday we found out that our entry for 'Our World – The Next Generation' was awarded 2nd place out of 368 finalists! Such a high accolade in a national competition. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the Eco opportunities and only last week we promoted the annual World Environment Day by joining in activities to 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. Each class took part in a range of activities and with the help of Eco Warriors, created some amazing plastic butterflies. You can see our colourful display starting to come along outside the Key Stage Two classrooms.

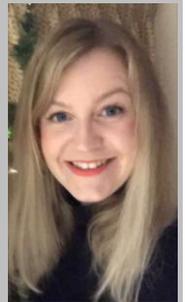


Dates for your diary

Sun 17th June	Last RAP of the academic year 2.30pm
Tues 19th June	Corby Athletics Yr 4/5/6
Wed 20th June	6pm – New Reception Parents Evening
Tues 26th June	2pm - KS2 Play
Wed 27th June	6pm – KS2 Play
Thurs 28th June	2pm – Year 6 Strings Assembly
Tues 3rd July	Year 6 Reflection Day at Peterborough Cathedral
Wed 4th July	9.30-1.00pm Sports Day
Thurs 5th July	RESERVE SPORTS DAY
Thurs 5th July	6pm - Music Concert
Thurs 5th July	7.30pm – FORA AGM

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Hi I'm Kayleigh Compton. I feel really privileged to have joined such a bright school as a governor. I'm excited that it will contribute to my enthusiasm for supporting education, in helping all children to receive the education and life skills for the future they deserve. I hope that my business experience combined with my love for the Ryhall community will make a positive contribution to the school.



UNIFORM

Precision Sports have now changed their website address if you need to make any online orders for the new academic year. They can now be found at www.kitmanuk.co.uk

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day this year is planned for Wed 4th July. Parents/carers attending will be allowed to enter the school grounds via the Ryhall playing field gates from 9.15-9.30am, after which time entry and exit is via the main office gate only. Parents/carers are welcome to bring a picnic lunch (no alcohol or glassware) so that they can have lunch with their child after the Sports Day events are over. Children with hot dinners will be bringing these outside in suitable containers. FORA will be selling hot and cold drinks at the event. We do ask that all parents/carers have left the premises by 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of our weekly awards over the last two weeks:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children who have been nominated for their significant effort or contribution:

All of Belvoir Class, Liam Keel, Harry Scrivens, Toby Collins, All of Woolsthorpe Wizards, All of Tolethorpe Class, Poppy See, Alfie Topaz, Gracie-May Roberts, Ethan Kennington, Amelia Peck, William Younger, Demi Gorman and Lana Maiden.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

A NEW AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATHS:

Georgia Rawlings, Luke Collins, Jackson Glover, Holly Muxlow, Tyler Batchelor, Eva Smalley, Kyla Powell, Elin Evans, Ariel Ecclestone, Theo Wells, Gabriel Jagger and Neo-Logan Davidson.

'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Lois Etheridge, Jack Player, Ethan Kennington, Faye Favell, Isabelle Woollard, Max Heames, Lana Maiden, Samuel Griffin, Ava Green, Max Palmer, Holly Muxlow, Mercy Edobor, Chiara Pacitti and Dylan Bayley.

'RYHALL READERS'

Well done to the following children who have been awarded for their reading commitments:

Bobbi Crooks, Jenson Murfett, Evalyn Brown, Scarlett Booth, Thomas Muxlow, Solomon Johnson, Adam Pickering, Megan Cosgrove, Ruby-Skye McArthur, Daniel Salles, Chloe Finch, William Gregory, Marshall Garghan-Ruff and Keira Robinson.

TRUST

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COMPASSION

Belvoir News

This was the week of our greatly anticipated trip to Bugtopia! Some of us had never been on a coach so even this part of our day was exciting. When we arrived we got a health and safety talk and the tour around Bugtopia began. We saw lots of different creatures, ranging from army ants to racoon dogs. I think the favourite animals of the day were the seven baby Meerkats...so cute! However, we learned that they do not make good pets as they like to dig and could bite through your finger (if they wanted to). After, we got to 'meet the creatures', all having a chance to hold a hissing cockroach, a giant millipede, a rose-hair tarantula (called Rosie) and a royal python. Some of us were very brave, but Miss Hickman and Mrs Carlton were not! Check out all the pictures on Tapestry to see how brave they were.



Hambleton News

Rehearsals for 'Rock Bottom' are in full swing and great progress is being made! Songs have been sung, props are almost made and some of us have learnt our lines already. Hopefully costumes will start to appear next week! As well as all this acting and singing, the children have also been putting the final touches to their writing ready for assessment, writing a short story flashing back in time to 1920s Hollywood and a travel report about Mumbai.

Burghley News

Burghley class has been learning to tell the time. Lots of children have been showing off their lovely watches and have been constantly telling us what the time is – analogue and digital in 12 & 24 hours! In English we have been describing settings using 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' - learning to use different sentence types to make their writing more interesting. We have also designed a new machine for Willy Wonka's factory. Our machines can do all sorts of amazing things. If only they were real!

MAY FESTIVAL

Following the May Dance, FORA, once again, put on a fantastic May Festival – all moved indoors at the last hour. The preparations were most definitely well worth it with event takings of £1424.70 compared to last year's takings of £704.86. As always, we're so incredibly lucky to have parents who are so giving of their time to put events like this on. The school children and staff would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of those involved (including those who are not FORA but joined us to help out on the day), as well as thanking all of you for joining us and making it a worthwhile event. If you would like to be part of our event preparations and join the wonderful FORA team, please do come along to any of the meetings – just look out for the diary dates in these newsletters. FORA's AGM will be held on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm, followed by a committee meeting.

BELTON NEWS

Belton Class have been exploring 'under the sea'! We have been researching facts about sea creatures to write riddles and trying to work out our friend's using their clues. We have enjoyed using a wax resist technique to create our own under the sea paintings. Their learning really came to life during our visit to the Sealife Centre in Hunstanton. We all enjoyed a wonderful day and created many memories - touching crabs and starfish, going through an underwater tunnel to watch sharks swimming above us, collecting shells on the beach and eating delicious ice-creams on the promenade. We returned exhausted but full of ideas to help our writing for the rest of the term. We'll be sharing more of this with you soon. Make sure to ask us about all of the new facts that we've learned.

Woolsthorpe News

Our new topic, the digestive system, has certainly gripped the children since coming back and already the Demon Dentists are turning into Savage Surgeons with an excellent understanding of all things slimy, sloppy and smelly inside us!

We have measured the average small intestine of a child and discovered it is a staggering 6 metres long. Using our supply of plastic junk, we then created some ingenious 3D digestive systems. Woolsthorpe Wizards always love having visitors and this week, we have been very lucky to welcome Ms Gallie, the President of the British Association of Dental Therapists, who enthralled us with her insider's view of how to keep our teeth healthy. We then had a fascinating Question and Answer session with Sophie's grandfather, Dr Callow, who gave a super presentation of how the digestive system works and then bravely fielded some very direct questions.

Rockingham News

Since the holidays Rockingham class have enjoyed welcoming Mrs Johnson back and have thoroughly enjoyed being taught by her. We have begun our new 'Space' topic and have already learnt so much! We have written character descriptions for an alien that has been spotted on our field and also described a planet that we would want to live on - we got very creative. We have watched lots of videos about life on the ISS and used this to write instructions about how to brush your teeth in space. After learning about two very famous astronauts and their significance, (Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake) we have written letters to Tim Peake to ask him about life in space. Thinking about life as an astronaut we used our PE lessons to understand how important fitness is in space and we tested our own fitness. We learnt that many of us need to work a little harder to be accepted as an astronaut.

Tolethorpe News

We've managed to squeeze two trips in over the last fortnight: our first to Wicksteed Park to take part in 'Murderous Maths' which our Trust (PDET) put on for us. It made our Maths learning real with lots of opportunities to solve some tricky problems (we even managed to get some play time in the park). This week we joined year 6 on the bi-annual trip to 'The Warning Zone' in Leicester as part of our PSHE programme. We had plenty of opportunity to look at how we could manage risks in everyday life – learning how to make good choices to keep ourselves and those around us safe. We have still been incredibly busy in the classroom and in Science have been looking at speed through our own activities as well as looking at the Bloodhound attempt to break the land speed record. We're now planning to design our own vehicle which will withstand around the world travel.

