



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Once again, it's been a busy fortnight with much to celebrate. One of the highlights had to be the fabulous Musical Performance on Thursday evening last week where we were treated to the delights of the choir, flute, guitar, piano and drums. It had the audience hooked from start to end and the many comments made have just highlighted the remarkable achievements and talents of each and every one of the children involved. Well done to all children who performed at this event – keep up the hard work and practice. We also made the most of the wonderful weather (and thankfully it wasn't too hot) on our annual Sports Day. Whilst there was also the good level of competition, there was also lots of fun and laughter – great sportsmanship all round. Congratulations to this year's winners – St Mark's House (Yellow) – a well-deserved win which has been a long time coming! Annual reports will be coming home with the children today (Monday for Yr 6), together with SATs and Phonics results. Please do return the reply slip to confirm that you have received your child's report. We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events coming up over the next week and would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Summer holiday. For those Year 6 parents who are now leaving us, we'd like to say a very fond farewell and thank you to you all for your support, whether you've been with us for seven years, or have more recently joined us – the pleasure has been ours.



Katy Walker, Headteacher

A FOND FAREWELL At the end of the academic year, we say a fond farewell to Miss Hickman who has been our Early Years TA for the last two years. She has now completed her training to become an Early Years Teacher and we wish her well in her new job. We also say thank you and goodbye to Sports Coach Matt as he moves on to pastures new, together with Mrs Hodgson who has now been with us from Easton Garford school since February half term – thank you for your commitment to us. Our final thanks and farewell go to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Grulich who have both been fantastic lunchtime supervisor – we wish you both well.

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:

Jessica Glover, Benjy Tinker, Lucas Southwood, Jamie Bell, Tolethorpe Class, Hambleton Class, George Wilkinson, Libby Perry, Zeva Pritchard, All the Wizard Musicians in the Music Concert, Chiara Pacitti, Abi Byrne and Abigail Bates.



'MATHMAGICIANS'

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

Iris McMullen-Kennett, Luke Collins, Sophia Epps, Zeva Pritchard, Gabriella Hill, Isabelle Wilkinson, Lottie Hartles, Lyla Osborne, Robbie Mackintosh, Daisy Muxlow and Felipe Salles.



'HANDWRITING HEROES'

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

Sam Osborne, Jack Player, Eva Edgson, Jessie-Mae Jardine, Jamie Bell, Charlie Houghton, Ollie Bates, Zuzanna Blok, Sophia Epps, Holly Muxlow, Thomas Muxlow and Solomon Johnson.

'RYHALL READERS'

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

Lois Etheridge, Richie Scott, Ethan Kennington, Rowan Collard, Gabriel Jagger, Chiara Pacitti, Rosie Houghton, Hope Lee, Benjy Tinker, Alicia Johnson and William Brown.

Dates for your diary

Tues 17th July	Belvoir (Reception) Class visit to 'The Green Dragon'
Wed 18th July	Whole School Book Swap Shop
Wed 18th July	Headteacher's Assembly 2,30pm
Thurs 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service, Church. 9.30am
Fri 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Presentation. 1.30pm
Thurs 30th Aug	START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

LOST PROPERTY AND OLD UNIFORM

On Wednesday 18th July from 8.30-9.30am we will be putting all lost property out in the school hall for children and/or parents to look through and collect. Any items remaining after this time will be either given to FOR A for re-sale or in the clothing bank to raise funds for the school. A lot has been collected – all of which are unnamed items.

As you may now be thinking about purchasing new uniform, please consider sending in your child's old, washed, good-quality uniform for FORA to re-sell as part of their fundraising. Do remember that any items which are not as good quality can still be put in our clothing bank – also raising money for the school.

FORA UPDATE

Last week was the Annual General Meeting of the PTFA (Friends of Ryhall Academy aka FORA). Our new committee members have been duly elected and we are delighted to share that our Officers are as follows:

Joint Chair: Mrs Nicola Woollard and Mrs Michelle Pacitti

Secretary: Mrs Patricia Roberts

Treasurer: Mrs Hannah Chiverton

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the outgoing Officers for all their work over the last 12 months:

Mr Mike Harley

Mrs Kim Heames

Mrs Lou Cox

Mrs Abbie Houghton

And Mrs Hannah Chiverton who now takes on a different role.

As a result of all of their hard work, together with your support, the amount raised over the last academic year is just over £5,000! Thank you to you all on behalf of all the staff, governors and children of the school.

Funding has already been agreed to set up School Bank in the new academic year. Look out for FORA dates at the beginning of the new academic year and we look forward to your support. New members always welcome to any meeting.

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

ENDURANCE

COMPASSION

Belvoir News

We had an amazing first sports day last week. The children were very patient when waiting to take part in the class races, which they did amazingly well whilst showing many of the school values we love to see in our children. Thank you if you stayed for the picnic lunch with your child, they were thrilled to share this time with you. This week we have been looking at various aspects of baptisms and christenings. We began the week listening to the story of Jesus' baptism and then acting it out using the parachute. I would just like to thank you all for the support and enthusiasm you have given us during your child's first year of school. It has been a fantastic year and the Belvoir team wish the children the very best for Year 1.

Woolsthorpe News

After dissecting poos from the past, we thought it was about time we actually travelled back in time ourselves and so, on Tuesday, we went off to Burghley House for a day of Tudor history. Our 16th century guide, Rachel, revealed some amazing facts about life in the time of Elizabeth I including the unpaid jobs 9 year-old boys had to do in the kitchen, one of which was getting burnt while turning the meat spit in front of an enormous fireplace! We then went upstairs and learnt that the beds were built high off the ground in order to stop the mice and rats from snuggling under the bedsheets. After visiting more of the house, the children dressed up as Tudors and were invited to a typical feast with main courses of swan and wild boar for the richer diners and some unappetising potage for the poorer ones. Just as we were recovering from these Tudor 'delicacies', it was time to meet Dr Mort, a rather unsavoury 400 year-old medic, who kept the children enthralled with tales of bloodletting, amputation, astronomy and magic. Suffice to say, we are all glad to be back in 21st century Ryhall now and are busy finishing off our English and Maths learning, ready for a well-deserved summer holiday!



Rockingham News

We have become real scientists to investigate the force of gravity; making moon rocks of different weights and dropped them into the moon sand which was great fun! Continuing with our space theme, we have been writing newspaper reports about alien invasions. These were so good we decided to use Purple Mash to put them in to print. We were so excited to go on our visit to the Space Centre in Leicester. We enjoyed going up in the lift to the top of a rocket, learning about star constellations and the different planets and using the different simulators there to really bring our learning to life. The highlight of the trip was the visit to the Planetarium where we learnt about how there is night and day and went on a brief star tour of the night sky. We impressed by answering lots of questions correctly. We are looking forward to going back to the classroom to make our own tourist leaflets advertising the Space Centre.

Belton News

WOW! Time is whizzing by so quickly in Belton Class. We have been busy designing a seagull proof picnic basket along with the most disgusting sandwiches to fool the greedy seagulls!! In the meantime, we have made our own wonderfully delicious sandwiches and enjoyed eating them under the cool shade of the trees, along with an ice pop to cool us all down. Belton thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day; we were so proud of every one for competing in their races with such great sportsmanship - a quality Belton is extremely good at! This week we were focusing on a wonderful book called 'Floatsome'. We discovered what may lie beneath the waves of the seas if we used our creative thinking. Belton class designed their own underwater animals....we do have such fantastic imaginations! We gave the pictures some words and have created our own 'Floatsome' book to share with each other.

Burghley News

This week Burghley have been finding out all about scurvy! Mr Wonka asked them to help him as he had been told that eating too much chocolate could give him and his customers scurvy! The children found out all about what causes scurvy, what the symptoms are and how it can be prevented. Mr Wonka needs to encourage his customers to eat a balanced diet, not too much chocolate and make sure they eat citrus fruits and lots of Vitamin C. In Maths, Burghley children were investigating capacity: we made use of the summery weather we have been having and practised estimating and measuring the capacity of lots of different containers outside on the playground.



Hambleton News

Last week was Reflection Week for Hambleton Class. The children spent time reflecting on their life at Ryhall CE Academy and on what is to come for the futures at their various Secondary Schools. There were some tears but also a lot of laughter and fond memories of their time at primary school. They also spent the day at Peterborough Cathedral as part of the PDET Reflection Day. Again this allowed the children to reflect and also share some of the memories with other Year 6 children from different schools within the Academy Trust. It's always nice to know that it's 'not just us feeling like this'! This week has been a much quieter affair with only 5 children left in Year 6! CCR have had their Transition Week, which I look forward to hearing about next week. Despite there only being 5, they have worked hard together as a team: helping out with KS1 classes and creating a film trailer for their Superheroes! Finally, as reports and SATs results go out, I do want to congratulate every single Year 6 child for their huge efforts this year. Whatever they have achieved they have worked incredibly hard to do their very best and they should be very proud of themselves as we all are!

Tolethorpe News

We're already preparing for our new academic year and have been enjoying some transition activities with Mrs Hicks, including our transformation to Hambleton Heroes. Last week we attended the annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day at CCR where we got to create and 'fire' our own rockets - with some very interesting results. We learned about colour separation using M&Ms (an interesting choice) and chromatography paper. Our Science has continued in school, in our joint visit to the Space Centre (with Yr 2), where we marveled in the wonders of the stars and planets in the Planetarium's night sky. Linking with our Design and Technology, we have now designed our own vehicle to travel round the world in - we're hoping our creations turn out as planned and are up to the job (it's a shame we can't put them to the test).