



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We've certainly made the start of the year a busy one with lots of extra-curricular opportunities already happening for many of the classes. There have been many children who've come to me to say 'That was the best thing ever!', even though I know they thought that about something they did last year. The one wow moment for me this term has to be the Year 6 Gala Dinner which took place one evening in September. Year 6 children had the day working with Darren from 'Roots to Food' and Mrs Fenn to prepare for an entire three-course dinner for their parents; preparing menus and place cards, learning how to serve food and drinks as well as the correct ways for clearing plates. The children were just amazingly professional on the evening and it could not have gone any better and they certainly stepped up to the challenge. Well done to one and all. One of the other wonderful parts of my work is when children get to share their work with me – often in recognition of significant personal progress. There have been many this half term.

We proudly flew our newly received Eco Flag in the village at the start of the year celebrating achieving Green Flag Status. This marked the achievement of the last year's work leading up to this. Now, we're on the next stages of our journey to retain our mark and show our commitment to this work. We look forward to working with the local community to raise awareness and support local need. I'd like to give thanks to all those who were able to support us at our 'Green Morning' this term and particularly to Mr Kavanagh who provided some much needed resources. The help from all is greatly appreciated.

Katy Walker, Headteacher

Move it Boom!

You will have just received news that our school is supporting the #MoveitBoom physical activity competition for children organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. By taking part in physical activities, children will get points for our school, helping us to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes, including outdoor play equipment, a full day with professional sports coaches in school, taster sessions and lots more. The more activities they log, the more points we get! Please help your child to get logged on early this half term holiday to www.leicester.moveitboom.co.uk. Children have been given a bookmark where they can record their anonymised user name and password so they can log on and log the activity they've been doing. There are lots of suggestions on the website to keep children active at home with minimal equipment (a great alternative to screen time) as well as things they can try at the park, at school or at a sports club – we'll certainly be doing some of them in school. And, as they log their activities, children get to have fun building and upgrading a virtual robot. Please share your MoveitBoom experience with us over the holidays via Facebook, Twitter or email so that we can spread the word.

Let's see how many points we can get over the half term – everyone doing something active every day – don't forget to log it. Let's get moving on that leaderboard! Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you next half term.

Dates for your diary

4 th Nov	Start of Term Two
Wed 6 th Nov	'Lost Words' Whole School Project exhibition, 3.00-4.00pm
Mon 11 th Nov	ODD SOCKS DAY
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Service & Parade, St John's Church, 10.45am
Fri 15 th Nov	'Rock Stars' Launch Day (dress up day) NOTE: Change of Date
Wed 27 th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament and Tower of London,
Fri 29 th Nov	Music Assembly – piano, 9am
Mon 2 nd Dec	Non-uniform day for Christmas Market
Wed 4 th Dec	SEN Review meetings 1-5pm
Thurs 5 th Dec	SEN Review Meetings 8.30-12.30
Thurs 5 th Dec	Hambleton (Yr 6) Class Assembly 3pm NOTE: Change of Date from 28.11.19
Fri 6 th Dec	Christmas Market 5.00-7.00pm
Mon 9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wed 11 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
Thurs 12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 6.00pm
Fri 13 th Dec	Christingle Service, St John's Church – 2.30pm
Mon 16 th Dec	Ryhall Carols by Candlelight – KS2: 4.30pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Woolsthorpe (Yr 4) Class Assembly 3pm
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19 th Dec	Whole School Book Swap Shop
Fri 20 th Dec	Headteacher's Awards Assembly, 2.30pm END OF TERM



TERMLY AWARDS ROUND-UP



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

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

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

Holly Saffer, Beau Matthew, Gracie-May Roberts, Joshua Clarke, Mary-Ann Dawkins, Thomas Johnson, Jessica Glover, Amelia Pyrtok, Agatha Scrivens, Iris McMullen-Kennett, Sophia Epps, Elin Evans, Holly Muxlow, Ruby Rowland, Matteo Pacitti, Ava Armstrong, Ethan Dawkins, Max Palmer, Rocco Crooks, Evie Linnell, Freddie McArthur, Lemonie Scott, Ava Lidgley, Emilia Wells, Ivy Prior, Alicia Johnson, Benjy Tinker, Isabelle Woollard, Jasper Pye, Winston Lambert, Bailey Virgin, Tyler Armstrong, Luisella Pacitti, William Brown, Olivia Woollard, Lyla Osborne, Zeva Pritchard, Jamie Bell as well as all of Belvoir and Woolsthorpe Classes.

'MATHMAGICIANS'

IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATHS:

Roman Epps, Edward Salisbury, Max Palmer, William Cosgrove, Toby Fryett, Isabelle Wilkinson, Reggie Glover, Archie Cantwell, Kailum Lester, Jenson Murfet, Theo Wells, William Gregory, Joseph Kettle, Alicia Kavanagh, Jasmine Brocklebank, Isla Holroyd, Fern Grice, Liam Keel, Rowan Collard, Isabella Gatens, Sophie Gombault, Tommy Chiverton, Kyla Powell, Ted Bolitho, Isla Ecclestone, Ollie Bates, Lizzie Oag, Daisy Byrne, William Younger and Annabel Crichton.

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

RESILIENCE

COMPASSION

Burghley News

What a busy start to the new school year it has been! Burghley have stepped up to the challenge of Key Stage Two and they have also helped me, and two other new additions, settle into Ryhall School really well. Burghley have spent this term 'rocking out' in the Stone Age; finding out how they used to catch their food, the houses they lived in and how they survived. Our focus text this term has been 'The Stone Age Boy' - using it to write brilliant cave descriptions and our own time travel adventure stories based on the same plot. We loved sharing these with Year 2. We have also read 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth' and then made wash kits and wrote our own instructions. In Maths, we have been busy learning about place value and addition and subtraction. Our reasoning and problem solving skills are really improving and we have jumped straight into our cracking times table challenges. In our Science lessons, we have become geologists and have become obsessed with finding and studying different types of rocks and fossils. We completed fair tests to discover which rocks were hardest and most permeable as well as discovering how fossils and soils are formed. The children have enjoyed making Stone Age shelters using equipment in the hall as well as filming the start of Bear Grylls' new show, 'Stone Age Survival'. Although it was challenging, we successfully designed and made some clay stone age necklaces as some stone age people were discovered wearing jewellery. We tried to engrave our beads with the symbols found in cave paintings which they may have used to communicate with. We looked at the fascinating discoveries of Skara Brae and made our own Stonehenge with biscuits, cake, lego or stickle bricks! What a busy, but brilliant, term! Mrs Griffin is really looking forward to everyone coming back ready for our next epic journey - so get those batteries recharged and be ready for another busy term ahead. Thank you for the great welcome and support from all families.



*Children fall in love with books
because of the memories created
when they snuggle up and read
with someone they love.*

THE 'LOST WORDS'

Did you know that some words have been taken out of the Junior Oxford English dictionary? These words are all related to nature and include conker, willow, bluebell and many more.

In school, the children have been reading a book called 'The Lost Words'. In this book, 'spells' have been written about these words and there is some fantastic artwork that decorates the pages. The authors have written the book to highlight the fact that these words have been taken out of the dictionary.

When the children found out about the words that have been taken out of the dictionary in an assembly, they were shocked. They were told that if you read the words enough times, we can keep them alive. During the assembly, they also learned about a project that we would work on as a whole school related to these words. Their ongoing task is to create a piece of writing and/or art work that is related to the book. The children were very excited and have been working very hard over this term to create something amazing.

We would like to invite parents and carers to come into the school hall to view the children's work on Wednesday 6th November from 3.00 until 4.00pm.

WHAT'S ON

You might be looking for something to plan for so here is something you might be interested in:

Rutland Food & Drink Festival
Sunday 27th October 2019
10am – 3pm

Oakham Castle, Market Place, Victoria Hall, High Street, Mill Street – Oakham
@OakhamEventsPage

Rutland Cross-Country

Sat 16th Nov – UCC

Sat 30th Nov – Oakham RFC

Sat 18th Jan - UCC
9-11am

The purpose of the league is:

- To give children further opportunity to compete and participate in Cross Country running at local venues
- To provide an additional competitive opportunity for those children who enjoy Cross Country running

This is not an event being led and managed by the school but all children in Year 3 to 6 are invited to attend. Please let us know if you would like us to enter your child as we will need to prepare their labels for them. You will need to take your child and stay with them during the event as well as being prepared to offer yourself as a volunteer e.g. field marshalling, collecting results at the finish line. Call in at the office to let us know you would like your child to participate.

We love reading: We cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home and not just when the children are in Early Years and Key Stage One. There are many benefits for all age groups which include:

- Children who read often and widely get better at it. After all, practise makes perfect in almost everything that humans do and reading is no different.
- Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than watching TV for example. Reading strengthens the brains connections and builds new connections
- Reading improves concentration and develops the imagination.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them as well as helping them to develop empathy.
- Children who read have more opportunities to fulfil their potential. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English

Let's Get Physical The UK's Chief Medical Officer has recently published a key 'guidelines' document which we have been very keen to implement here at school. It advises '*Children and young people should engage in moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity for an average of at least 60 minutes per day across the week. This can include all forms of activity such as physical education, active travel, after-school activities, play and sports*'. Alongside our curriculum provision of 2 hours per week we have also been ensuring we provide at least another 15 mins per day (not including the children's social time). These have included 'The Daily Mile', 'Go Noodle' activities as well as Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) workouts in Key Stage Two. The children seem to enjoy these and it's great to know so many do even more out of school.



Health Update

Health for Kids: Grownups has been created to provide health related advice and information specifically for parents and carers of 5-11 year olds. When you visit healthforkids.co.uk, you'll be presented with two options; to navigate to the main kids site, or to head over to the 'grownups' area. Once through to the new grownups area, you will be asked to select your local area, where you can access tailored local and core content (as well as viewing the national content). Access to the Leicestershire and Rutland content is now considerably easier and the content is being updated all the time.

Tolethorpe News

WOW! We have kick-started off our year with our amazing theme: 'Argonauts, Monsters and Minotaurs!' Within Topic, we have really engrossed ourselves in everything Greek; looking closely at Greek Vases (and the stories they hold) then designing and creating our own within Art; finding out all about the 'weird and wonderful' thing that is the Greek Democracy and considering who we would 'Ostracise' in our current society; finding out the most bizarre and peculiar facts about the Greek Gods and Goddesses and even learning the Greek Dance with Mrs Chapman!

In English, we have been building upon our skills from last year and developing the ability to write for a specific audience and purpose, using the notorious Greek Myth of 'Theseus and The Minotaur'. We then re-wrote this myth, to suit a younger audience and used our plans to turn it into an interactive eBook, which we shared with Belton class. They loved it!



We have become quite the mathematicians this term already, by building upon skills and knowledge learnt in Year 4; challenging ourselves to use this to carry on expanding our understanding and reasoning skills within Maths. We enjoyed two 'Open Maths' mornings, joined by a few of our parents, sharing our love of Maths and our fabulous problem solving skills. Thank you again to those who came and supported us with this.

Within Science, we have become curious and fascinated with materials and their uses! We carefully put together an investigation, to test which materials would be good insulators to keep things cold and recorded our findings. We put real consideration into our variables to ensure the tests were fair whilst expanding our ever-growing scientific vocabulary.



PTFA NEWS Once again Friends of Ryhall Academy (FORA) have been busy organising and putting on events for the children. We have had our first Film Night which was well attended and a great time had by all (we even had time for a bit of Go Noodle at the end!). We've also had our first cake sale of the year – thank you for all your donations. We're now busy preparing for the first school disco as well as Christmas Market – we're looking forward to both events. As you will have seen at the parent and teacher consultations, we do make good quality 2nd hand uniform available for a donation. We're looking for more stock, particularly logoed items if you have any that are no longer required. Finally from us this term, don't forget as you start to think about your Christmas shopping online to do it via the Easy Fundraising website where we've already raised £1188.47 and have 47 supporters – will you join us too?

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ryhallptfa/?campaign=vwo-aa-c>

Hambleton News

What a fantastic start to the year it has been! In English, we have been writing our own villainous speeches and writing our own version of The 'Highwayman' which we are looking forward to sharing with the younger children. Our class text 'Holes' really has us all gripped and we can't wait to read what will happen next. We have also taken part in many extra-curricular activities so far. Our first educational visit to Peterborough Cathedral was very enjoyable and our Hambleton Heroes wowed the people at the Cathedral with our plastic pollution knowledge. The Pied Piper was a real hit, with Hambleton showing off their beautiful singing voices and their commitment to learning new songs. We are looking forward to continuing our 'Crime and Punishment' journey next term and finding out all about how crimes and punishments adapted through the ages and how the justice system we know today was created.

Woolsthorpe News

Well what an amazingly fast moving and jam packed half term Woolsthorpe Wonders have had. We have all settled in brilliantly and have been working really hard on all things Egypt! Our maths work has focused on the value of numbers and addition and subtraction of some really big numbers – it's really stretched our brains. In our written work we have read a story about an Egyptian Cinderella and used our expanded noun phrases and DADWAVER sentence openers to write our own version as well as writing a diary about a girl who lost her pet giraffe. In Theme we have learnt about how to mummify a person (including removing the brain and organs) and are currently creating our own sarcophagi with Miss Cummings. Our music and dance sessions have also been all about Walking Like an Egyptian and we have listened to music and tried to dance too. In Science we have been learning about electricity: where it comes from, how a circuit is made and how we can turn a bulb on and off by using a switch. It's been great fun 'playing' with electricity.



#activitypassport & Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Last year we told you all about the Department for Education's Activity Passport which can be found at this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772070/My_Activity_Passport.pdf

Many of these activities are not only great for developing life skills but also to encourage togetherness. We've loved doing some of the extra-curricular activities at school as a way of enhancing our curriculum. The children continue to be really positive about all of these opportunities. Sometimes, extra-curricular is misinterpreted as 'clubs' which happen beyond the school day – for us, it's about enhancing our curriculum provision. Hambleton Class have put on three-course gala dinner for their parents – learning to plan, cook, serve an entire event. Belton Class have 'ticked off' so many opportunities: made biscuits, made a puppet and put on a puppet show, carried out a hunt for insects and made a home for them, built a den, performed in front of the class, tasted a new fruit and flown a kite! In fact, they've covered off twelve different activities in just seven weeks. Toilethorpe will be busy getting through many of the activities in just this one final week during their residential trip to Caythorpe – we're all hoping they're going to have lots to share on their return.

We'd love you to let us know what you get up to and share it with us on social media @Ryhall_Academy using the #MyActivityPassport

Belton News

Busy times have been had in Belton this term! We have been exploring texts written by Julia Donaldson. The class made Gruffalo Crumble & wrote a recipe and instructions for the mouse using bossy verbs. We went on to read 'Room on the broom' and wrote rhyming spells to create new brooms for the witch and innovated a poem to create our own version. We have also written lists for our witches weekly shopping trip to 'Wichtrose'! As Scientists we have been investigating our senses, we have embarked on a hearing walk using our listening ears, we decided that if we were really quiet we heard more than if we were noisy. Following this, we went on to design and carry out smell and taste tests.

As part of our Rainbow Challenges we designed some amazing broomsticks for the witch; we made them using a variety of media and joining techniques. The end

products were spectacular! As artists we created moving pictures, looking carefully at how to draw a background forest and create a moving Gruffalo - the results are amazing!

Finally, we have been exploring the life of Florence Nightingale. We were shocked at the conditions of the hospitals in Scutari and have investigated how Florence managed to change and improve these hospitals. As a result, we've all been carrying out her important work by washing our hands carefully, eliminating germs. Enjoy the half term holiday.



Rockingham News

This Term Rockingham Class have had a fun time learning all about London. We started the term looking at London Landmarks and we learnt some amazing facts to write a Non-Chronological report about Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. We compared London to Ryhall saying what we liked and disliked about both places. We then went on to listen to lots of Paddington stories, we retold the original story and then used Paddington at the Zoo to create our own versions with lots of animals taking Paddington's marmalade sandwiches! We have recently started to learn all about our Royal Family, we began by looking at the modern Royal Family's family tree. We have written autobiographies in preparation to write a biography about the Queen as a significant person. We have even sung the National Anthem. In RE we have been learning about Islam, the Muslim holy book – The Qur'an and important people in Islam. We were so fortunate to have Fatima visit us to answer lots of our questions about life as a Muslim. Our maths brains have doubled in size this term, we can confidently use base 10 to add and subtract and can even draw base 10 to help us to solve number sentences. We have been amazing at trying really hard to beat Mrs Want's scores on hit the button to learn our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 at speed. What a great start to year 2! In DT we have designed hand puppet animals that have escaped from London Zoo, we made paper prototypes which was very difficult. Then we made them out of felt, we cut two pieces at the same time. We followed our designs carefully and sewed the edges together neatly with small stitches. After our puppets were completed an evaluation to think about what went well and what we could improve next time.



Sporting Updates

We now have our new Sports Ambassadors chosen and this week they have attended their first training session. Isla, Jamie, Thomas and Tyler will now be planning their first events of the second part of the autumn term including an in-year House Competition. Look out for their updates coming soon. We shared with you at end of last term that we achieved the School Games Mark Gold once again. Mr Thomas will be coming in at the start of next term to present us with our plaque. This year, we are adding to our sporting repertoire by adding Boccia and Tri-Golf to Key Stage Two. We've had a good take up for our after school physical activities but we do have a few places left for next term if you would like your child to get involved.



Belvoir News

What an amazing start the children have had to life at 'big' school and they have all settled into their new class well. The children are super confident and independent in coming in the mornings and also when accessing the resources around the classroom, indoors and out. They have really impressed us with their tidying up skills and are remembering our mantra 'choose it, use it, put it away' very well (they must be super tidy at home)!!

The children have been busy making new friends and were very excited to share their 'all about me' bags with the rest of the class. We pride ourselves on having an Early Years curriculum based upon the children's interests, so topics are likely to change often and we have already done so much this term. We have really enjoyed our lost words project and the children's skills in painting still life has blown many of the teachers away. Their painting skills have improved so much each week, don't forget to come in and see all of the schools work for this project, which will be displayed in school on Wednesday 6th November.

We have begun our daily phonics sessions and the children are beginning to learn how to identify sounds that letters make and even identify sounds in words and how to segment and blend them. You can help at home by completing the phonics homework, support your child to learn the sounds the letters each make and also the rhyme that matches how to write the letter. Add any work to your child tapestry account, star stickers will be handed out. Please take the chance to check your child's name is in all of their uniform and PE kit over the half term. If your child's uniform goes missing, we have a greater chance of returning it.



How safe is your child?

More and more, children are much more aware of what's going on on the internet and how they can access things that their older siblings and friends are talking about. We all want our children to be 'tech savvy' but do we know how to keep them safe? In school, we use a filtering system which means it blocks out all inappropriate content but how can you do the same at home? Whether you allow your child to use devices which are wifi enabled or whether they access the internet via 3G/4G/5G, then here's a link to a really useful guide for you.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up. Why not take the time to have a read of other useful tips and hints on our dedicated webpage in our school website www.ryhallceacademy.co.uk under 'Parents' then 'Online Safety'. There, you can find a user presentation of many of the things we think you need to know, (including useful links to websites to give you further advice), including guides to different Apps.

So what are we worried about?

Do you know the age content of what your child is viewing? More children, particularly in Key Stage 2, are talking about content that we know they shouldn't have viewed. We can't stop children talking about films and games that aren't for their age group but we can educate them as to why they have an age rating and what these mean. Help us to make sure your child understands that they may see things online that might upset or frighten them.