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*Our school:
 'Excellence and happiness for all'*

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 30 March 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Thur 30 Mar	Year 4 production of The Minotaur 6pm.
Fri 31 Mar	TOMORROW: School Closes for the Easter break at 2.30pm. Non-school uniform day. Donations of £1 per child would be appreciated. Thank you.
Sat 1 April	Singing Squad: The Last Dragon rehearsal and performance at The Royal Hall.
Mon 17 April	School opens at the usual time.
W/c Tues 2 May	Book Fair – all week in the Sports Hall
W/c Tues 9 May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 9 May	Year 2 Ripon Museums Visit
Tues 9 May	Miss MacGillivray's class assembly 9.10am. Parents welcome.
Tues 16 May	Miss Rogers' class assembly 9.10am. Parents welcome.
Thur 18 May	*NEW* New Starter Information Week
Tues 23 May	*NEW* Open Classrooms 3-3.30pm
Weds 24 May	*NEW* Open Classrooms 9-9.30am
Fri 26 May	*NEW* Finish for Half Term 3.30pm

On Friday, last week, our school hosted a Red Kite Learning Trust Recruitment Open Day. This was organised by our Trust HR team and it was great to share information about our school and the opportunities available to us by being part of a Trust. A number of people attended (a morning session and an afternoon session) and shadowed some of our teaching assistants, as well as roles in the office. A big thank you to Helen, Gaynor and Lydia (HR) and to our own school colleagues: Mrs Macnair, Mrs Jones, Miss Blyde, Miss Pearson and Miss Bolton who all spent time speaking to our visitors and explaining their roles/being shadowed. Thank you also to Holly and Austin (Y5) who also spoke to our visitors at short notice – they were great ambassadors for our school.



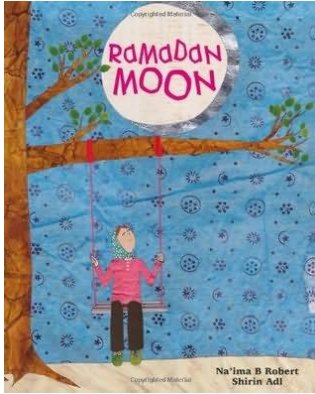
If you want to know what Red Kite vacancies are available, please follow this link: [Red Kite Learning Trust - Current Vacancies \(rklt.co.uk\)](https://www.redkitelearningtrust.co.uk/current-vacancies)

On Monday, Ben Askew (Kairos Church) led our assembly. Ben's assembly focussed on Easter and explained why some of the things we enjoy today such as; Easter eggs and hot cross buns are linked with Easter.

The children listened really well and enjoyed some hot cross buns that Ben provided.

It is always great to have Ben in school and we really appreciate him giving up his time to visit us.

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Wednesday's assembly was linked to Ramadan which began this year on Thursday 23 March. Ramadan, is a month of fasting from dawn till dark for Muslims around the world; at the end of the fasting, (Friday 21 April, this year) Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated.

Miss Dodgson read Ramadan Moon by author Na'ima B. Robert. This book captures the wonder and awe of this special annual event. You can hear the story for yourself here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoaFQUbDPYM>

The music played this week was: Ramadan Song with Zaky (Nasheed)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Have fun, be yourself, enjoy life and stay positive.' (Tatiana Maslany, actress)

DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY NEWS

Earlier this week, our Early Years and Year 1 children took part in a webinar with Christine McGuinness, author of Amazing Me, Amazing You. Christine McGuinness is an Autism Ambassador, having three children with autism and having been recently diagnosed with autism herself. She read her book in a really joyful event that celebrates uniqueness for World Autism Awareness Week. We also purchased a couple of copies of her book for these classes, using money from the September Sponsored Read.

On Tuesday, Miss Dodgson, our Diversity Lead, attended a meeting in Leeds as part of our journey to gain the RED Award (Respect - Equality - Diversity). It was an excellent opportunity to share good ideas with our colleagues from the Red Kite Alliance, in the quest to further embed our teaching in this area. Miss Dodgson explained how much our children enjoy our weekly Diverse Book Assemblies as well as the engaging activities that each class carries out in their No Outsiders sessions. Using a wide range of literature, as a starting point to discuss diverse issues, was recognised as a strength by Ofsted in our 2022 Inspection and teachers from the other Red Kite Alliance schools were keen to follow Rossett Acre's approach. For more information on how we teach Diversity and the Equality Act 2010, check out our dedicated page on the school website: <https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/our-school/equalities-diversity-inclusion/>

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK 2023

This week is Autism Acceptance Week: At Rossett Acre, we do not need a special week to achieve this. We know that school has an important part to play in supporting children with autism and their families.

We endeavour to create increased acceptance amongst peers and we constantly seek ways to deliver innovative teaching to achieve this. We work hard to prepare children for a world beyond our school walls; and we work together to support our families.

Have a look at the links below to hear more about Autism Awareness:

<https://youtu.be/p1pONE9SmDY>

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/working-with-young-people/autism-awareness-day/>

Attendance (Friday 24 March – 30 March 2023)

96.75%

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in our celebration assembly last week: Eleanor (AC), Bailey M, Noah R (SK/CN), Katie C (EM), Emily Pierce (ER), George S (JW), Alexander H (JJ/CR), George M-G, Harriett (PA/EH), William T (KM), Joe K, Harry W (AI/LS), Isla S (AW), Ray M (MW/CH), Esmé H (EM), Charlie T (TM), Genevieve T, Emily-Rose T, George S (CD).

HT Awards: Holly G (Y5, EMa) and Austin S (Y5, MW/CH)

TOP TABLE

Congratulations to the children on the Top Table last week, it was a pleasure eating lunch with you. Harvey W (EYFS), Harrison J (Y1), Luke D (Y2), Skye M (Y3), Joe K (Y4), Lilian A-T (Y5), Charlie T (Y6).

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:
Try organic toothpaste and silk dental floss.

AGEING AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Miss MacGillivray's class had an Ageing Awareness workshop earlier this week where they explored some of the difficulties elderly people may face and how our bodies can change when we get older. There was a tremor activity, sight, hearing, touch and walking activity to demonstrate to the children these difficulties, helping them to understand and show patience to people who may have disabilities or are elderly.



YEAR 4 SHOW “THE MINOTAUR”

I watched the Y4 show on Wednesday evening and it was absolutely amazing! It is the first time in 16 years at Rossett Acre that I have been almost speechless! It really was spectacular and the children were fabulous.

We also had special visitors from the Rotary Club attend too (Alistair and Ann) and they said “We both thoroughly enjoyed the show, as did the cast! They had so much to learn and not one of them faltered... Please give Year 4 our congratulations”.

Well done to the Y4 children and the Y4 team for producing such a wonderful production. I was so proud of them all, in fact I was bursting with pride! I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. If you are watching it tonight you are in for such a treat! It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and friends joining us too. Thank you.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

On Wednesday, we held our Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS, Y1 & Y2. This year it was a bit of a cold event due to the weather (we usually have lovely sunshine), however this didn't dampen the spirit of our children, who all proudly paraded their super Easter bonnet creations. Little Crickets Pre-school also joined us and it was great to welcome them into school and see their fantastic bonnets too. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our parade, I know the children really appreciated you being there to support them. This year, there will be a winning bonnet creation per class and the lucky winners will find out who they are tomorrow in our Celebration Assembly.

CHESS COMPETITION



Seven of our children took part in a chess competition at the weekend against other children from local primary schools. I am delighted to say that Archer (Year 2) came first in the Year 3 and under category.

Rossett Acre came 3rd out of the 10 schools who took part, this is such a fabulous achievement. Well done to Sammy R, Harvey R, Charlie T, William T, Archer K, George S and Harry C.

They will receive their certificates in tomorrow's celebration assembly.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property bins before the holidays. Any named items will be returned to classrooms but anything unnamed will be donated to charity.

We have lots of logo jumpers and cardigans available in our 2nd hand uniform. If you need anything for next term please email Mrs Vlack with the items and sizes you need: vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Holiday Activities

Please follow the links below which will give you lots of ideas and activities for the Easter Holidays:

<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/>

The Yorkshire Arboretum, Castle Howard

<https://www.yorkshirearboretum.org/events/2023/4/5/nature-rangers-day>

North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissier - Youth Commission

The Youth Commission are seeking new members, please find attached more information.

BECOME A LOCAL HERO
★ WIN ★
SPORTS EQUIPMENT
TO KIT OUT 2 PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF YOUR CHOICE!

Prize: The winner will be randomly selected on 21st April 2023.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

- 1 Like & Follow Family First's page.
- 2 Type the name of the school you want to win in the comments section, and tag in a minimum of 3 friends.
- 3 Share this competition page.

Why not get your local community involved: The more people you tag & nominations your school receives, the greater the chance.

FACEBOOK: familyfirstuk
 FamilyFirst *Helping to make all sports accessible for every child.*

Family First

Family First are giving our local community the chance to win enough sports / PE equipment for the entire school.

Football, hockey sticks, handballs, netballs, athletics equipment, basketballs, tennis rackets & balls, badminton sets, cricket sets, rugby balls & so much more.

To be in with a chance of winning, follow the link below to nominate our school for these prizes. The more nominations we receive, the greater the chance of winning. Thank you.

Competition link:

<https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk/posts/pfbid0HdZ8w83Riri5MaVGMJq8WCe7iLN2e84RKwPG8tEECjqpPR2vYiqkokH3DckQQtk7I>

Cycling Training for Juniors

Harrogate Nova Cycling Club are running a series of weekly junior training sessions on Tuesday evenings at the Harrogate Army Foundation College Hildebrand Barracks car park (just off Pennypot Lane).

The sessions start on April 18 and run through to July 18. There is a break over the summer holidays and then some final sessions in early autumn. All sessions are run by fully qualified British Cycling coaches. To cater for different abilities and ages there are two groups:

Group 1: entry level/younger riders. Tuesday evenings: 18.00-18.30. £50 for 18 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

Group 2: more experienced riders. Tuesday evenings: 18.45-19.30. £80 for 18 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

If you are interested in the sessions and would like further information or would like to go along and attend a free trial session please contact: coaching@harrogatenova.cc



Harrogate Ladies' College – Years 3-5

An Open Morning at Senior School is taking place on Friday 28 April 10am-12pm. To register visit hlc.org.uk/od or email events@hlc.org.uk

Have a fabulous holiday. I hope the weather is kind to us and that you all have an amazing two weeks. The children are back in school on Monday 17th April at the usual time.

Don't forget that **we close at 2.30pm tomorrow** and that it is **non-uniform day**. (Please bring a £1 donation.)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher