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# **NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 22 June 2023**

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Sat 24 June	PTA Summer Fair 1-4pm
Mon 26 June	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day at Rossett School 9.30am – Parent's welcome. Details can be found on the website <u>https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=6153</u>
Tues 27 June	Year 2 Sports Day 9.15am
Weds 28 June	Year 1 Sports Day – 2.30pm
Thurs 29 June	EYFS Sports Day – 2.30pm
Fri 30 June	*NEW* Walk to School Day
W/c 3 July	Rossett's Got Talent Showcases – Details below
Weds 5 July	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Weds 5 July	Year 6 production
Thurs 6 July	Year 6 production
Fri 7 July	Training Day – children not in school
Mon 10 July	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – AM
Mon 10 July	*NEW* Pupil reports go out.
Thurs 13 July	*NEW* Transition morning for children meeting their new teacher.
	Meet the teacher for parents & children – 3.45pm-4.15pm. Details to follow.
	Meeting to discuss pupil report if needed – 4.20pm-6.30pm. Details to follow.
Fri 14 July	Feast on the Field/Rossett's Got Talent – details to follow.
Thurs 20 July	*NEW* Save the Date. Family picnic afternoon – details to follow.
Fri 21 July	Close for Summer at 2.30pm
Tues 5 Sept	School opens at the usual time.



On Monday, Charlotte (Year 6 pupil who is part of the Trust Youth Board) visited Harrogate Grammar and Western School to look at 1:1 iPad scheme. The Youth Board viewed lessons at Western Primary to see them in action and then had lunch and a discussion with Richard Sheriff. A big thank you to Mrs Aslam for accompanying her on the visits.

This week, Miss MacGillivray and Mrs Macnair attended training to become Mental Health First Aiders. We now have four adults trained as Mental Health First Aiders in school and also have a Senior Mental Health Leader – Miss Woodcock. It is important to us that we have qualified staff in school to support the children and other colleagues.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**Never stop learning; for when we stop learning, we stop growing.** (Loyal 'Jack' Lewman – American writer and educator).

# PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



This week's story was read by historian David Olusoga. Coming to England tells the tale of how Floella Benjamin came to England. She is now a Dame and carried an artefact into the Abbey when Charles was crowned. She was also a wonderful children's TV presenter in the 70s and 80s.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Wmvk4RJ8dA

On Monday Miss Woodcock led a No Outsiders assembly about Being Kind. She told the children about James Warren who lives in Denver, USA. Earlier this year he saw someone waiting for a bus; there was nowhere for them to sit so they were sitting on the floor in dirt. James does not have a car and uses buses to travel around Denver and he had noticed that there was a lack of seating at most of the bus stops.

James decided he would build benches for bus stops where there was no seating. He uses old timber thrown out by builders that is going to scrap. So far, he has built 8 benches and on each one he writes the words, "Be kind".

How does James decide where to put a bench? He puts them in places where he sees people struggling. He says he sometimes sees people with large grocery bags waiting at stops and says, "It just makes me realise oh, man, this person's life would be way better if I put a bench there." The children thought about ways they could be kind and Miss Woodcock set the challenge of this being the week of getting the most caught be kind certificates. They then listened to the song by Zak Abel.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaj08tCfsVw

# Attendance for the week (Friday 16 June to Thursday 22 June) 95.75%

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in I;ast week's celebration assembly: Zeke O (AC), Harvey W (SK/CN), Maxim N (EM), Marilou N (ER), Toby S (JW), Annabella S (CR/JJ), Derek M (PA/EH), Annie W (KM), Charlotte (AI/LS), Ocar B (AW), Lilian A-T (MW/CH), Leo C (EM), Roman F (TM), Reuben A (CD).

# TOP TABLE

Congratulations to the children who were on Top Table last Friday Sienna M (EYFS), Mollie B (Y1), George S (Y2), Pearla B (Y3), Oscar M (Y4), Charlie W (Y5), Bethan W (Y6).

# Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

# Keep local habitats safe by sticking to the paths

# **GREAT SCHOOL SCIENCE SHARE**

## YEAR 2

We took part in The Great Science Share last week. Each class took part in an investigation in science and then shared their learning with another year group.

Year 2 investigated living things, including mushrooms. They learnt about the work of a mycologist (someone who studies mushrooms) as well as examining different types of mushrooms and creating drawings.

We had great fun sharing our learning with Year 5, they in turn shared their gliders designs and we loved watching them fly outside.



## YEAR 3

In year 3, for our Great Science Share Day, we made our own gliders. Some children changed the material that the wings were made out of to see if this had an effect on how far the gliders travelled. We took our gliders outside to put them to the test.



#### YEAR 4

In Year 4 we learned about classification. We learned about the work of botanist and zoologist, Carl Linnaeus, who invented a way of grouping and classifying new plant and animal species. We went outside to hunt for different living things. We then made our own classification keys to sort our findings. We then had fun challenging each other to guess which plant we were thinking of on the key. We enjoyed sharing our learning with Miss Roger's class and hearing about their gliders investigation.



# YEAR 6

In year 6 we have been looking at Carl Linnaeus and classification. We looked at how Linnaeus collected and examined over 40,000 specimens of plants, animals and shells. In 1735, he published his first edition of 'Systema Naturae', which described his system for classifying living things. The children then worked together to try classify different types of animals and find out through classification what the animals scientific name was.



# YEAR FOUR - MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

Congratulations to all of the Year Fours who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked and we are also very grateful for the support parents have offered at home with developing rapid recall of times tables. This isn't a skill we promote solely for the purpose of a test; it is valuable as a building block for many aspects of maths, can improve memory skills and also reduces cognitive load to support children when they face more complex maths problems.

#### YEAR 5'S LEGALLY BLONDE TRIP!

On Tuesday, Year 5 went on an exciting trip to Rossett High School. They were invited by the Performing Arts Faculty to watch their production of Legally Blonde. The show was fantastic and included children from all age ranges within the school. Our Year 5s had a brilliant time and were excellent ambassadors for the school. The audience were even treated to a carton of juice and cookie to enjoy whilst they watching the show! A huge thank you to Rossett High School for inviting us to watch the performance the staff and children had clearly worked incredibly hard. Another big thank you to all the staff at Rossett Acre who volunteered to help with the visit.

#### **ROSSETT'S GOT TALENT**

Application forms for this year's Rossett's Got Talent will come home soon. We would love to have as many children as possible take part, it's a great way to celebrate different skills and abilities and build confidence and independence. All participants will receive 10 house points. Children can perform either live in school or send in a pre-recorded video. The acts can be a celebration of any skill or ability, such as dance, singing, musical instrument, sport, artwork, magic, comedy.... Be creative! An application form will be sent out to each child and must be completed and returned to class teachers by Monday 3rd July. The Rossett's Got Talent Class Showcases will be held at the beginning of July. Pupils will perform for their own class and teacher. The application form will tell you the date that your teacher is holding the showcase. Each act will be limited to 5 minutes. Please remember to bring any music, props and costumes you might need. Please make sure that all songs are appropriate for primary-aged children. One act from each class will perform in the Rossett's Got Talent celebration assembly on Friday 14th July. Contact your class teacher if you have further questions. We look forward to seeing the showcase of talent we have here at school.

## HARROGATE DISTRICT WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run on Friday 30th June?

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Zero Carbon Harrogate will be awarding all schools that take part this year, with a gold award to those that do so most regularly – so let's build great transport habits and choose a sustainable method of travel on the day and beyond! Every mile counts!

Please go to www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/harrogate-district-walk-to-school-day for more information.

For guidance on road safety please go to https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/getactive/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/

#### **PTA NEWS**

• Storytime with Rapunzel & Flynn will be taking place at the PTA Summer Fair, Saturday 24th June 1-4pm.

There are three sessions available, for a 15 minute interactive story, photo opportunity and a goody bag. Tickets are £3.50 per child and can be booked via: www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre

• The PTA will be a running a tombola stall at the Summer Fair. This is always a really popular stall. We would be grateful of any prizes for the stall. Please drop them into the school office or hand them to your class teacher. Thank you.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Let's Talk Sensory Processing

This session for parents and carers of children with SEND will focus on sensory preferences, differences and how to find a calm state. The session has been developed in partnership with NYC Inclusion and NHS Occupational Therapy. It will be presented by Rachel Comerford, Specialist Lead for Communication & Interaction in North Yorkshire.

We will consider the following questions: -What is sensory integration? -Why do people respond differently to their environment? -What is the purpose behind actions? -Is it ok to intervene and how do we go about it? -How can we develop self-regulation?

There will also be an opportunity for Q&A, including talking about individual scenarios and problemsolving specific sensory conundrums!

#### Reserve your free place using the eventbrite link below:

Eventbrite - Wed 12 Jul | 1:00pm - 2:30pm



Workshop for parents:

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY

WITH DR NNEKA IKEOGU EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

TWO SESSIONS: TUESDAY 4TH JULY 6PM - 7PM TUESDAY 11TH JULY 6PM - 7PM

> AT COPPICE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Kate Woodcock Deputy Headteacher