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'Excellence and happiness for all'



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 26 October 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 27 Oct	Tomorrow: Cake Bake.
Fri 27 Oct	Close for half term holiday at the normal school time.
Mon 6 Nov	School re-opens at the usual time.
Thurs 9 Nov	Parents' Evening – In Person Letter can be found: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=6793
Sat 11 Nov	PTA Jumble Sale 10-12pm. Details below.
Mon 13 Nov	Flu vaccination programme https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire
Tues 14 Nov	Parents' Evening – Online Letter can be found: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=6793
Thurs 16 Nov	Open Day for new starters 2024 – details below
Fri 17 Nov	Children in Need.
Thurs 23 Nov	Year 4 Nell Bank Parents' Meeting 6pm.
Fri 1 Dec	*NEW* Year 5 Roman Day Visit. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=6721
Fri 1 Dec	Walk to School Day
Tues 5 Dec	Year 3 Temple Newsam Visit

Well, I think we have certainly now moved into Autumn with the weather we have had this week. I hope it clears up a bit for half term next week, although I always remember one of the East Barnby instructors telling me about 10 years ago, that there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing choices. I'm not sure I fully agree with that, but I have pulled out my big winter coat and my umbrella!

BBC RADIO YORK – WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday last week, BBC Radio York visited our school to speak to us about the Walk to School initiative and our participation in it. Thank you to all of you who braved the stormy, rainy weather and walked, cycled or scooted to school – I commend you.

If you want to hear myself, two of our parents and Martha and Ned's radio interview you can do so on BBC Sounds. Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0gggdwt>



CARNEGIE MENTAL HEALTH AWARD



Last year, we began our journey to achieve the Carnegie Mental Health Award. Having good mental health is so important for us all. We have four trained mental health first aiders in school; myself, Miss Woodcock, Miss MacGillivray and Ms Macnair. Miss Woodcock has also completed the Senior Mental Health Leader training.

Miss MacGillivray has led the work towards the Carnegie Mental Health Award in school and continues to do so, with the support of all other colleagues in school. We are very proud of the provision we provide for both children's and adult's mental health at Rossett Acre; as you may remember we received grades of 'outstanding' for our personal development and behaviours and attitudes during our Ofsted inspection in June 2022.

Our work has now been further recognised and I am pleased to inform you that we received the Carnegie Mental Health Silver Award this week.

Above is a photo of Miss MacGillivray and some of our children looking super proud of our achievement. A huge thank you to Miss MacGillivray for all her hard work and to all colleagues in school who work so hard to support our children and families.

Additionally, Miss MacGillivray has had an article published linked to an approach we use in school to support children with recognising their feelings. You can read the article here: <https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-professional/case-studies/>

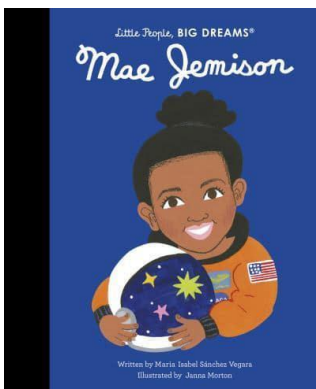
OPEN DAY

We held our first Open Day of the year on Thursday last week and it was lovely to meet so many prospective parents/carers/children and share information about our school. The feedback from the day was extremely positive. We have another Open Day on Thursday 16 November, so if you know of any parents/carers who have children who will start school in September 2024, please encourage them to come along. They can book a place using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-days-thursday-19th-october-and-thursday-16th-november-2023-tickets-717067065897?aff=oddtcreator>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Surround yourself with positive people and you'll be a positive person.” (Kellie Pickler, American singer-song artist and actress)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, as part of Black History Month and our 'No Outsiders' work, Mrs Williams read the Little People, Big Dreams book based on Mae Jemison, written by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara.

Discover the life of Mae Jemison, scientist, astronaut and the first ever black woman in space. When Mae Jemison was a little girl, she dreamed of blasting off into space on a rocket ship. She was so excited as she watched the Apollo Moon landings, but she wondered... why none of the astronauts were women? (WHSmiths website)

The music this week was: Blue Moon – Billie Holiday

CAKE BAKE

There will be a cake sale **tomorrow**, the last day of term from 3.20pm outside the Year 6 classrooms. Please come along and support this event and bag yourself some yummy treats! Donations can be brought to your child's classroom in the morning. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Mason G (AC), Freya H (CN/SK), Evelyn O (AB), Sophie T (ER), Teddy M (JW), Joe S (EM), Praise M (KM), Harry M-G (JJ/CR), Olivia L (AI/LS), Whole class (PA/EH), Charlotte P (MW), (Erin D SK), Robert M (TM), Jessie P, Maddie B (CD).

Congratulations to the children who sat on Top Table last week: Arlo (EYFS), Maiya S (AB), Felicity L (EM), Harry W (KM), Annie W (PA/EH, Eva W (MW/EM), Iqra K (CD).

HT Awards: Martha (Y5, SK), Ned C (Y4, PA/EH), Robyn S (Y5, SK)

Lunchtime Award Jasmine (Y5, MW/EM)

ATTENDANCE

I've noticed we have had a few children turning up late this half term and therefore I thought a reminder may be useful that school starts at **8.50am**, with the gates being open from 8.40am to give parents/carers ten minutes to ensure their child is in school and ready for the start of the day. At 8.50am, doors close and children should be taken to the main office to be signed in late please. I appreciate that on the odd occasion something may happen that can cause children to be late to school, however, we have some children where this is more the 'norm' rather than an exception. Being punctual is a really important life skill, particularly when children grow up and begin work. Please help us to ensure your child/ren are ready to start school in a positive way. Remember: 'Be on time 10 to 9'.

Attendance for the week Friday 20 October to Thursday 26 October 2023

94.15%



The poster features the Rossett Acre Primary School logo in the top left corner. The main title 'Attendance MATTERS' is written in a mix of black and red fonts. Below the title, the text 'missed minutes . missed hours . missed days' is written in a blue, cursive font. In the center is an illustration of a wooden desk with a yellow chair, a pencil holder with two pencils, and a stack of books. Below the illustration, the text 'missed lessons . missed achievements . missed friendships' is written in the same blue, cursive font. The bottom section of the poster contains the bold red text 'LEARNING DOESN'T HAPPEN IN AN EMPTY CHAIR', followed by the red text 'Support your child to be in school every day!', and the large black cursive text 'Be on time 10 to 9!'. At the very bottom, in a small blue font, it says 'Here at Rossett Acre Primary School we foster and promote a positive punctual attendance'.

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STORY EVENING

Last Thursday saw the first Story Evening of the year for Early Years children and those in Years 1-3. It was a well-attended event and the children really enjoyed listening to the stories being read to them. They also found being at school after hours, and in their pyjamas, quite a novelty. Many thanks to everyone who attended and to the PTA who organised the event. If your child missed out on the Story Evening, another one will be held later in the year.



PTA JUMBLE SALE – DON'T FORGET TO SORT OUT SOME ITEMS FOR OUR JUMBLE SALE

Please collect as much jumble as possible over the half term break. It's the perfect time for a clear out. We are looking for clean clothing (women, men, children), accessories, toys, games, & bric-a-brac (no books please). Then bring it into school anytime 6th-10th November, and leave at the front office and we will transfer to the garage.

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Turn electrics off at the wall when you have finished using them

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The cost for school lunches next term is £96.25. Please note; lunches should be paid in full for the whole term. Children should choose to have either a school lunch or a packed lunch, they should stick to one option for the whole term. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 4 EDEN CAMP TRIP (WRITTEN BY SETH AND JAMES)

On Thursday 19th October we went to Eden camp to explore its sorrowful history. There were many huts that we looked at for the day, but it wasn't all inside. Outside, there were lots of artillery and many vehicles such as tanks, cars and planes. Inside, there was realistic smells and sounds to give you a taste of what it was like in WW1 and WW2. There were many guns along with weapons and ammunition. It was really interesting.

Thank you also to our extra parent helpers for coming with us!



PVA TUCK SHOP

This Friday sees our first tuck shop of the year. It will be the turn of Year 6 first and then each year group will have their turn during next half term.

The choices this year are:-

Popcorn 50p per portion

Round crackers (similar to Ritz) 30p per portion

Toasted teacake 30p each

Croissant 50p each

The PVA will ask their classes (when it's their turn) to pre-order their choices so that we can ensure that we have sufficient stock.

SCHOOL CARETAKER

We still have a vacancy for a school caretaker working 25hrs a week, Monday to Friday 7am–12noon. If you know of anyone who would be interested please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARROGATE MUSIC CENTRE

Children in years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to start learning a brass instrument at Harrogate Music Centre. Lessons will be taught in groups of around 8 students for 30 minutes at a time and the instruments available are the trumpet and trombone. Lessons will be delivered by an experienced and accomplished brass teacher, and will be aimed at making the learning fun. The fees for lessons are £33 per term.

Instrument hire is not included in these fees and ranges from £20-35 per term depending on the value of the instrument being hired. Lessons will take place on Saturday mornings during term time at St Aidan's High School from 10:00-10:30am. Due to the limited number of places available you will be expected to attend all sessions. These lessons will lead on to ensemble opportunities at the end of this academic year.

If you would like to apply for a group of 8 brass lessons at HMC, please contact Emily Jones at Emily.Jones@northyorks.gov.uk by Tuesday 31st October with your child's name, age, school and school year group.

I hope you all have a fabulous half-term. Don't forget to come and support our Y6 cake bake tomorrow after school. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 6th November at the usual time.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher