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

Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 23 November 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 23 Nov	Year 4 Nell Bank Parents' Meeting 6pm. TONIGHT ON TEAMS.
Fri 1 Dec	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
Tues 12 Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am KS1 Production 2.15pm
Weds 13 Dec	KS1 Production 9.30am EYFS Nativity 2.15pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 18 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm.
Mon 18 Dec	*NEW* EYFS Christmas Party – Time TBC *NEW* Year 3 Christmas Party - PM
Tues 19 Dec	*NEW* Year 5 Christmas Party - AM
Weds 20 Dec	*NEW* Year 6 Christmas Party – AM *NEW* Year 2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 21 Dec	*NEW* Year 1 Christmas Party – AM *NEW* Year 4 Christmas Party - PM
Fri 22 Dec	School Closes at 2.30pm
Mon 8 Jan 2024	Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 9 Jan 2024	School Opens at the usual time

This week, on Monday, Reverend Liz Resch, from St Mark's Church, led an assembly on kindness. She spoke to the children about being careful about what they say to others, as once you have said the words, they cannot be taken back. She encouraged them to all act in a kind manner to one another and to support each other. It is always lovely to see Rev. Resch in school and I'd like to thank her for giving up her time to lead an assembly for us.



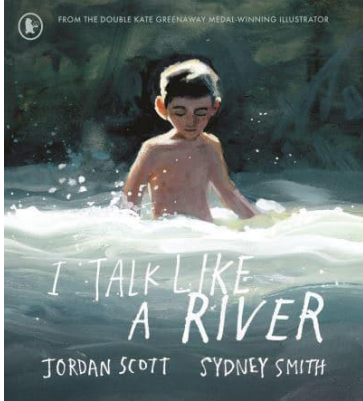
School of the Week: On Tuesday, Your Harrogate came into school and interviewed some of our children and staff to find out information about our school. We look forward to hearing ourselves on the radio, week commencing December 11th at 7.35am each morning.

On Tuesday, we also had our Trust photographer come into school to take some photos of our children at work and play. These photographs will be used on our website, school and Trust information and social media platforms to show our children engaged in their learning.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” – Plato (Ancient Greek Philosopher)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Miss Dodgson read the story ‘I Talk Like A River’ written by Jordan Scott and illustrated by Sydney Smith. This book linked to International Stammering Day.

The music played was Gareth Gates – Unchained Melody

Lots of people can stammer and some examples of famous people who stutter are: Gareth Gates, President Biden, Samuel L Jackson, George VI, Ed Sheeran and Winston Churchill.

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, read by Ed Sheeran, you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHcZVbSWbA4>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Monty M (AC), Louie O'C (CN/SK), Sienna M (ER), Isabela A (JW), Emily C (EM), Lara F (KM), Toby S (JJ/CR), Abigail C (AI/LS), Alfie L (SK), Jake D (MW/EM) William L-G (TM)

Congratulations to the children who sat on Top Table last week: Alfie R (EYFS), Zeke O (Yr 1), Marilou N (Yr 2), Jonah T (Y3), Teddy S (Y4), Oscar B (Y5), Holly G (Y6).

Lunchtime Award: Congratulations to Aidan (Y3) whose winning ticket was drawn out for great behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance for the week Friday 17 November to Thursday 23 November

96.02%

A COUPLE OF SCHOOL REMINDERS

We appreciate that occasionally there may be reasons which make parents/carers late for pick up. However, if you are going to be late picking up, it is essential that you contact our school office team by telephone and let them know.

If you are unable to pick up and you wish for another parent/person to pick up your child, then please contact school and let us know – this is vital. We are unable to allow children to go home with another parent/person unless we have had consent (from the actual parent/carer of the child) or it is a long standing agreement that school staff are aware of.

Please ensure that children, including younger and older siblings, do not play on the school equipment/grounds before and after school, this includes the Trim Trail, Bridge and Multi-sports area.

Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED



It was great to see the children coming into school wearing spots last Friday to celebrate Children in Need. Our Bearpee total reached over 24,000. A great effort by all our children and staff, and a big thank you to everyone who sponsored us in order to raise money for Children in Need. Sponsor money and Casual Day donations raised a total of £750.



Last week, I received the following fabulous photo from one of our parents and their child: Oscar and his Mum, Mrs Buckley, have been doing the bearpee challenge, 33 per day. They completed their 1000 bearpees on Children in Need Day last Friday – they even did bearpees on holiday in Turkey over half term! Fantastic! They have raised £520 for Children in Need which is a magnificent total. Well done to them both.

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SPARE ROALD DAHL BOOKS OR KENSUKE'S KINGDOM (MICHAEL MORPURGO)?

The Just Read Project involves the teacher reading a challenging text whilst the children follow along in their own copy of the book, using their finger to keep on track. Any tricky vocabulary is pre-taught prior to the session and the teacher reads for 25 minutes. The research has shown that reading in this way, over 12 weeks, can increase reading comprehension by 12 months, 2 years and in some cases, comprehension can increase by 3 years. As such, it is a great project to try. Year 4 and Year 6 currently have 2 class sets of books each which is fantastic. The books have been carefully selected to ensure that they are of the correct level of challenge, using something called a lexile count. The Just Read Project can make so much impact with reading comprehension; however, this is quite expensive to fund.

Therefore, we are trying to put together some class sets of books. If anyone has any books by Roald Dahl, or Michael Morpurgo that they are clearing out, and willing to donate, please can you send them with your child to Mrs Ingle. We would particularly like Kensuke's Kingdom (Michael Morpurgo) and the shorter Roald Dahl books such as: Fantastic Mr Fox, George's Marvellous Medicine, Danny Champion of the World, The Twits, The Giraffe, Pelly and Me, etc.

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Take reusable shopping bags on your shopping trips.

Year 5's...

SIGN UP TO BE ROSSETT ACRE'S NEXT:

PLAYGROUND LEADERS



Are you interested in becoming a playground leader?

Would you be prepared to:

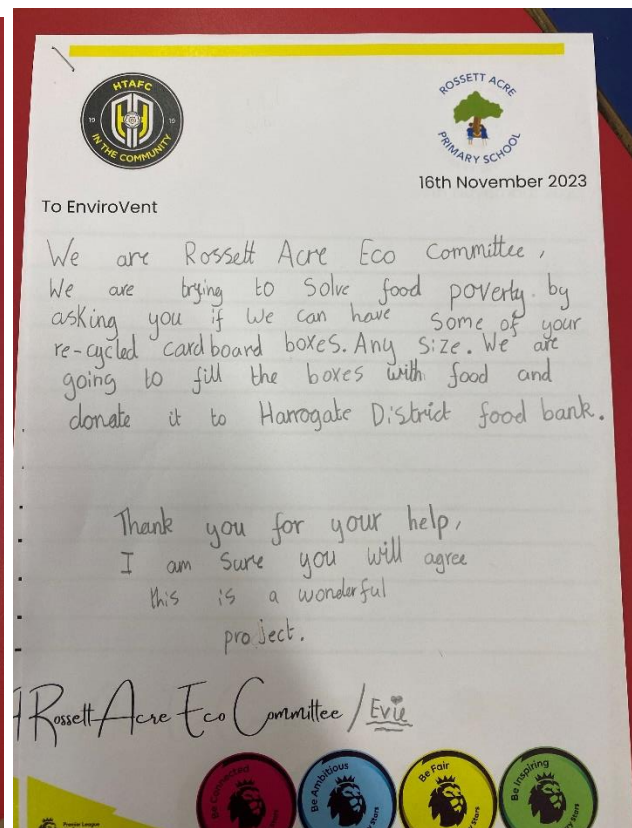
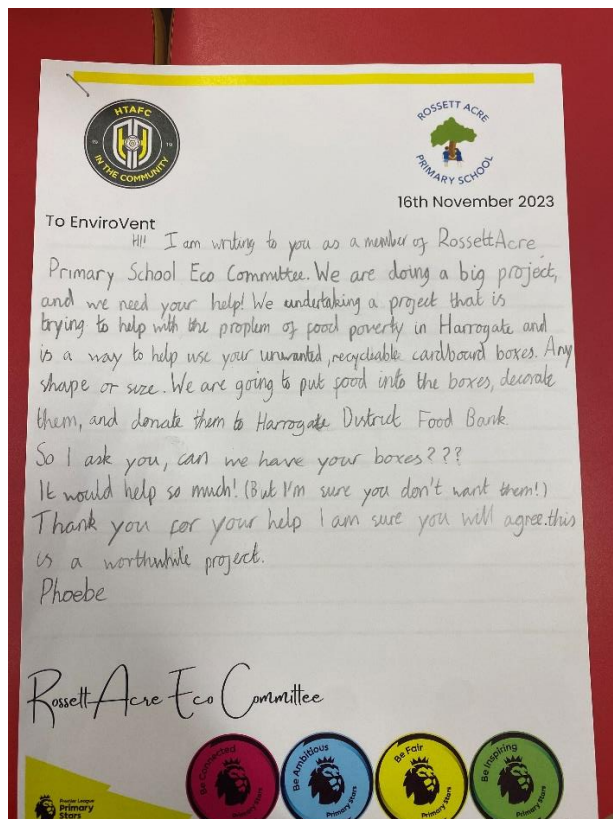
- Give up some of your lunchtimes
- Help to organise games & activities for younger children in the playground
- Be responsible for handing out & collecting in play equipment
- Help to make your playground a safe & happy place to play
- Complete a playground leaders course.

Please see either your Class Teacher or Mrs Wood for more details and an application form.

The deadline to hand your application in is Tuesday 12th December.

HARROGATE TOWN SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

Some of our Year 3 to Year 6 Eco-Committee are working with Harrogate Town AFC on a social action project, to provide food boxes for the Harrogate District Foodbank. Please see below, two letters that our children have written to EnviroVent asking for their help in obtaining some leftover boxes. To support their work, we are asking for food donations to be brought into school to your child's class on Thursday 7 December. The Eco-Committee will then create food boxes and donate them to the the Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your donations.



PTA NEWS – REMINDER: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PTA is holding a Christmas Raffle again this year, with some amazing prizes including: a Nintendo Switch, £100 cash, champagne, Yorkshire Show family ticket and many more!

Each child has been given 10 tickets to buy/sell. Tickets are priced at £1 each. Please return your completed stubs and money, plus any unsold tickets back to school by Tuesday 12th December. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December with prizes available for collection from the school office in the final week of term.

If you would like any more tickets please ask at the office. Good luck!

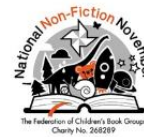
COMMUNITY NEWS

Harrogate Music Centre

Musical opportunities for all. All instruments and abilities welcome. Saturday mornings 9.30-12.30 at St Aidan's School. For more information email: Emily.Jones@northyorks.gov.uk



Harrogate Children's Book Group
&
Harrogate Library



Invite you to a celebration of National Non-Fiction November

“Wonderful Water”

Harrogate Library, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate HG1 1E



Tuesday, 28 November 2023

4.00pm—5.30pm

Inspired by ‘Sea Change: Save the Ocean’

A collection of original postcards and messages from 50 illustrators across the world

For 5 - 9 year olds

Make your own postcard to enter the NNFN competition!

Book your FREE place by Saturday, 25 November

Email: Harrogate.library@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 536658

Accompanied children only



As we are fast approaching Christmas, we are delighted that award winning author, Hilary Robinson, will be joining us to talk about her wonderful book, 'The Christmas Truce'. This is the second book in her Poppies series following Ray and Ben during World War I, with beautiful illustrations by Martin Impey. The books have been used extensively in primary schools to introduce the topic to young children.

FREE SIGNED COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE FOR EACH FAMILY

Hilary has written more than 70 books for children, including *Mixed-Up Fairy Tales*, *Jasper Space Dog* and wonderful *A Song For Will*.



If you have a child in Y4, don't forget that there is a Nell Bank Parents' Meeting tonight at 6pm via TEAMS. The link has already been sent out via Arbor:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGRhYTk3MjgtMThiMy00MmJhLTg4MTYtMjY5NGJjY2MwZjE0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d8fb62c4-ebb1-4d70-ac9e-bb3a67ebb8c1%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22457323d1-c2bb-45f7-8840-5482dd3d388a%22%7d

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher