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'Excellence and happiness for all'



Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 21 December 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 22 Dec	TOMORROW *NEW* School Closes at 2.30pm. Casual day, no donations required.
Mon 8 Jan 2024	Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 9 Jan 2024	School Opens at the usual time
Fri 12 Jan	*NEW* Year 2 Circus Sensible visit
Tues 16 Jan	*NEW* Y6 SATS meeting – 6pm
Wed 24 Jan	*NEW* Y6 CSI Day

This week has been busy with Christmas parties, music and fun, as well as our KS2 Christmas Concert which was fabulous. This year's concert was a little different as each class had learned a song from a Christmas movie to perform. All the children performed brilliantly and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were amazing! Y5 choose a song from the Polar Express and we even had the train itself moving around on the stage! Our super talented orchestra also played at the beginning of the concert to welcome parents/carers as they entered the church, which was really lovely.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bridge who organised the concert and to Miss Matthews who played the piano for us, to Mrs Vlack who sorted out the sound for us, to class teachers who supported the children with learning their song and gave up their own time to attend the concert on Monday evening, and to Lesley Stott who organised and led our orchestra.

Thank you also to all parents/carers who attended our concert and supported their children. I hope you enjoyed it.

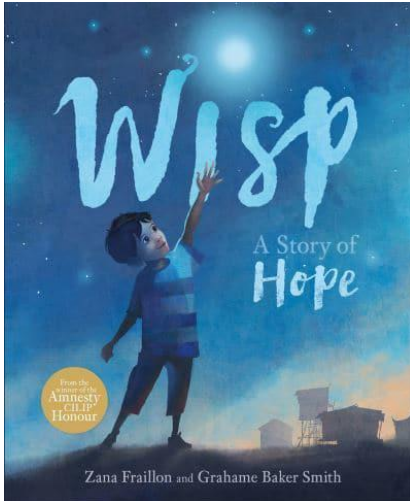
Our biggest thank you goes to Liz Resch and St Mark's Church for again allowing us to use the church for our Christmas Concert this year – it makes it so much more special and gives the children the opportunity to sing/play in a beautiful building and be part of our wider community.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction." (Germany Kent, American print and broadcast journalist.)



PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



This week Miss MacGillivray read the story 'Wisp – A story of hope' by Zana Fraillon and illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith. This book links to International Migrants Day.

On the BookTrust website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/w/wisp-a-story-of-hope/> the book is described as the following:

Idris lives in a refugee camp which is full of people, but where everyone is alone. There are no rivers or seas to swim in and no trees to give shade. One day, a tiny, bright wisp appears in the dirt: an insect-size glowing light that, when it finds the right person, fills them with a memory of their life before the refugee camp: a memory that gives them just a little hope once again.

One night, when the wisp settles before Idris, he waits for it to give him a memory, but none appears: he has never lived anywhere but the refugee camp, so it can't give him a memory. Instead, it gives him something else: a promise.

Grahame Baker Smith's haunting and immersive illustration is perfect for this heartbreaking story of hope in the darkest of places; among the deep black and blues come splashes of sunshiny forests and jewelled seas sailed by adventurous sailors.

Zana Fraillon is the author of *The Bone Sparrow*, a book for older readers about refugee children, and in this picture book she gives younger readers a sense of the plight of refugees, too, but with a carefully measured balance of hope and memory.'

The Music played this week in our book assembly was Refugee by Steve Bell.

If you'd like to listen to the story yourself, you can do so here: <https://youtu.be/XRqgB1VVrhg>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: The whole class (CN/SK) Finn K (AB) Finley W (ER), Lexie P (JW), Evie C (EM), Matilda W (KM), Reggie H (JJ/CR), Liam G (PA/EH), Emily P (SK), William L-G (TM), Zara S, Tyree B (CD).

Congratulations to the children who were on the top table last week: Charlie E (EYFS), Finlay W (Y1), Orla B (Y2), Harry M-G (Y3), Sonny L (Y4), Alfie L (Y5), The B (Y6).

Attendance: Friday 15 December to Thursday 21 December 2023

92.55%

MUSIC CONCERT

On Thursday afternoon, last week, we held a Music Concert in school which enabled some of our instrumentalists to perform on stage for their parents/carers. The standard of playing was exceptional and I was incredibly proud of the children; we have such talented children at Rossett Acre! A huge thank you to Mrs Stott for organising this event and to our peripatetic music teachers who have been working with the children to develop their musical skills. I thoroughly enjoyed the concert and it was a great honour to share in the children's success.

KS1 CHOIR VISIT TO VIDA GRANGE

Last Friday some of our KS1 choir visited Vida Grange Care Home at Pannal. Children were accompanied by Mrs Stott, where they brought some Christmas cheer by singing Christmas songs to the residents. Thank you to the parents who took them and to Miss Christie and Mrs Stott for arranging this.



EYFS – LETTERS TO SANTA

This week, our EYFS children have written letters to Santa, which was very exciting. They all wrapped up warm in their coats and gloves and walked up to the post-box on Pannal Ash Road (in groups) and posted them to the North Pole. It was so heart-warming to see and they were so pleased with themselves when they returned to school. Just wonderful!



HARROGATE TOWN SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

On Tuesday, two of our Eco-Committee, William G and Elise H, visited the Food Bank warehouse to donate all the food boxes that the Eco-Committee have been making over the past few weeks. They met with staff from Envirovent, who donated the boxes, along with Rob and Tom from Harrogate Town. They had a tour of the warehouse to see what goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to Mrs Wood who organised the project and to the parents who took time out of their day to take the children to the warehouse.



Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip: Donate unwanted clothes to charity



SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport

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PE With Miss Bruce and Mr Atkinson

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There has been some amazing learning taking place in PE lessons this term. We are delighted with the attitude of both staff and children. In the first half term Year 1 have been working on their invasion games, developing their basic movement skills, throwing and catching, and attacking space. With Year 3 working on their netball skills. This half term Year 4 have started a new block of work on Handball with Year 5 working on their attacking and defending tactics in Hockey.

After school Club

It has been great to work on transferable skills in lessons and apply them to afterschool clubs.

KSI have been learning new fun Multi sports for example dodgeball and protect the hut. During this time, they have been practicing and refining their moving and throwing skills.

Year 4 have been practicing Netball prepping ready for the Sporting Influence Schools Netball competition, of which they were a credit to the school showing fantastic determination. Finally, the Year 5 and 6 have been playing table tennis. They have made great progress and finished the last session with a full table tennis completion. Well done everyone. A fantastic start.

Have a great Christmas and see you in the New Year!



Year 3 made great progress in netball, developing their throwing, catching and shooting.



Year 5 have enjoyed developing their hockey skills.



Year 4 have worked really hard to improve their handball skills.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

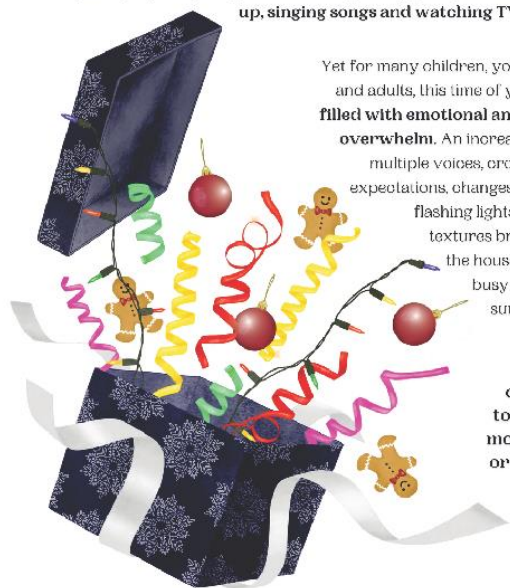
St Mark's Church

St. Mark's Church invites all families to their Christmas Eve nativity services. Services take place on Sunday 24th December at 10.30am or 3pm. These fun, interactive services are for all ages and children are welcome to come dressed in nativity costumes.



Managing The Christmas Sensory Overload!

It's that time of year which for some of us is exciting: meeting and catching up with friends and family, putting up glittery decorations and sparkly lights, giving and receiving shiny gifts, parties, dressing up, singing songs and watching TV specials!



Yet for many children, young people and adults, this time of year can be filled with emotional and sensory overwhelm. An increase in noise, multiple voices, crowds, social expectations, changes in routine, flashing lights, different textures brought into the house, loud and busy music and surprise gifts.

So, what can we do to ensure a more joyful, or tolerable time for ALL the family?

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**HARROGATE TOWN AFC
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Christmas Holiday Activity Camp

**Wed 3rd to Fri 5th January
9:30am-3.30pm[†]**
at Coppice Valley Primary School
Knapping Hill

To book your place please visit:
<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc>
For more information including on free places available
please email James Lunt community@harrogatetownafc.com

£18 or £50
per day all 3 days



**For
boys &
girls aged
5-11**

Free Places Available
Harrogate Town AFC CIO is again proud to be linking up with Feast, North Yorkshire to provide free activities for those eligible for free school meals.

If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, you can claim your free place by access the HolidayActivities website and using your unique code, provided via email and letter by NYT.

No unique code?
To request your code, please email hello@northyorkshiretogether.com

To book your place please visit:
<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc>
For more information including on free places available
please email James Lunt community@harrogatetownafc.com



*Wrap around option available from 8:30am and until 4:30pm at additional charge of £5 per session

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Don't forget that we have a Christmas Casual Day tomorrow where the children can wear their own clothes; donations are not required on this occasion.

I hope you all have the most amazing holiday and for those of you who celebrate Christmas, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2024!

*Please remember that we finish at 2.30pm tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C. Penhale", enclosed in a light purple rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher