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

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 1 February 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 2 Feb	*TOMORROW* Walk to School Day
Mon 5 Feb	Y6 visiting HGS to watch a performance of The Addams Family.
Mon 5 – Sun 11 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme: My Voice Matters
Tues 6 Feb	Safer Internet Day – 'Together for a better internet.'
Wed 7 Feb	Open Classrooms 3pm-3.30pm.
Thurs 8 Feb	Parent Event – Afternoon Tea. 2pm.
Fri 9 Feb	Young Voices – Sheffield. For children in our Singing Squad who have already signed up to take part.
Fri 9 Feb	Close for half term – usual time (EYFS: 3.20pm, Y1-Y6: 3.30pm)
Mon 19 Feb	School opens – at the usual time.
Fri 23 Feb	*NEW* PTA Quiz Night. Further information below

On Monday this week, Mrs Mansfield led an assembly on sustainability - Re-use, Reduce, Recycle. Mrs Mansfield asked the children what they could do to save our planet and shared facts and figures regarding our use of electricity and gas in school. The golden light switch was re-introduced and our Eco-committee will be visiting classrooms to ensure that the lights have been switched off when nobody is in a room, and checking that the doors are closed to keep the heat in. It was a lovely assembly and the children were able to explain lots of ways that we can help look after our planet. Thank you to Mrs Mansfield for leading this informative and important assembly.

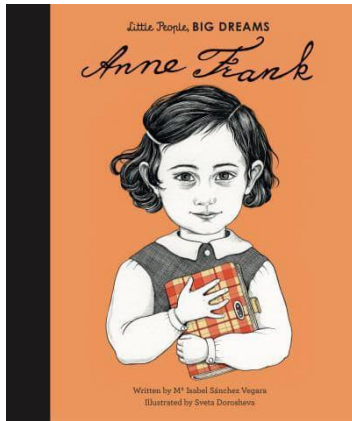
Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is: My Voice Matters. There are some good short reads on the Parenting Smart website [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#) from raising a resilient child - understanding sibling rivalry. Take a look and see if there is anything that might help. There are also some nice activities for children and their parents/carers on this website too: [Wellbeing activities for children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joys, and dividing our grief.” (Marcus Tullius Cicero: Roman statesman, writer, lawyer, philosopher)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mr Marshall read a Little People, Big Dreams book about Anne Frank written by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and illustrated by Sveta Dorosheva. This book linked to Holocaust Memorial Day, which was on the 27th January.

If you would like to listen to the story yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mULCfxJxul>

The music this week was: Goodbye Odessa - Yiddish Song

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's Celebration Assembly: Maisie R (AC), Emilia L (CN/SK), Zane A (AB), Banoo H (ER), Jasmine T (JW), Luca C (EM), Tess B, Aurora C (KM), George M-G (AI/LS), Willow G (MW).

Congratulations to the children who were on the top table this week: Isabela A (Y2), Tess B (Y3), Oliver P (Y4), Maggie P (Y5), Seth L-C (Y6).

Lunchtime Award: Congratulations to Ava (Y4) whose winning tickets were drawn out for great behaviour at lunchtime.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance: Friday 26 January to Friday 2 February 2024

95.61%

REMINDER: TOMORROW - HARROGATE WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Don't forget to walk, cycle or scooter to school tomorrow and get active whilst combating climate change!

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.

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

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

EARLY YEARS TRIP TO THE YORKSHIRE SHOWGROUND

Thank you to Mrs Nimick for organising and leading a fabulous day for our EYFS children and for the kind parents and other staff who accompanied them.

Despite the very wet weather they made the most of their day outside and Mrs Nimick reported that it was great to see how many resilient children we have in Early Years! When they arrived at the Showground, they imagined they were on a bear hunt and it was a beautiful day!

This was followed by going into the woods exploring. They had great fun scrambling, climbing, jumping in boggy ditches and scaling the big hill. Mrs Nimick set them little team challenges to find things like the smallest thing and the most interesting thing. They had a great time building homes for little wooden people too. Time for an indoor picnic and a bit of a dry out was very welcome, before more fun outside. They ran up and down slippery, squelchy hills, negotiated a flowing river of water, soaked in the sights and pine tingling air of the fields and then it was time for home.



UTILITA Y5/6 MIXED FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Wood took 9 players to Harrogate High School to take part in a highly competitive football competition against 7 other schools from the local area. The team started off very strong, scoring 9 goals in the first two games against Glasshouses and Killinghall. Towards the end of the afternoon the team had gained 2nd place overall meaning we went through to the semi-finals. The match against Bishop Monkton was nail-biting and went to penalties after a 0-0 score at full time. Luckily, we won 2-1 and had to use every last bit of energy to play Pannal in the final. Overall, we came 2nd and showed immense determination, teamwork and resilience. Our 'player of the match' went to Max W, our goalkeeper, who managed to save some serious attempts at goal. A huge congratulations to all the players: Ellis M, Mason G, Archie C, Daniel L, Jessica M, Laina S, Louisa S, Annabelle E and Max W.



Y2 CIRCUS SENSIBLE WORKSHOP

On Friday, the Year 2 children had a fantastic workshop with Mr Pete Sensible, 'the circus guy'. He started off with a whole year group assembly, explaining how perseverance is key when learning new skills and that he has practised for many years to achieve what he can now do. The children's jaws practically hit the floor in sheer amazement with how brilliant Pete was. Each class then got half a day to learn and practice their new circus skills, including: scarf juggling, plate spinning, feather balancing, hula hooping and ribbon twirling. Everyone was so engaged and excited to show off their circus skills and we shall continue practising these in future PE lessons for the rest of the term.



Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

When brushing your teeth, only turn on the tap when needed

YEAR 5 SUSTAINABLE READING CORNER REVAMP!



In Year 5, we decided to have a revamp of our reading corners to promote a love of reading. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to NEOM wellbeing and the local Harrogate Mumbler community who donated fluffy rugs, beanbags, cosy blankets and cushions. Repurposing the donated items in this way promotes our trust ethos of sustainability which NEOM were very keen to support too. The children are delighted with their new reading corners and have enjoyed using them this week. We were also able to donate two rugs and some fabrics to EYFS too -picture coming soon!

If anyone has any artificial plants/ivy/hardy houseplants that need a new home, a bit of greenery would be a great finishing touch for the reading corners! Please drop any donations off at the office for Mrs Williams. Community is one of our 3 C's at Rossett Acre and this project illustrates the following quote perfectly.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” — **Helen Keller**

SAFER INTERNET DAY - 'TOGETHER FOR A BETTER INTERNET.' 'INSPIRING CHANGE? MAKING A DIFFERENCE, MANAGING INFLUENCE AND NAVIGATING CHANGE ONLINE'.

Tuesday 6 February is Safer Internet Day. The children will be doing activities in class, however, here are some resources/websites that may support you as parents too, when discussing being safe on the internet with your children:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/ The thinkuknow website has some useful videos that parents/carers' can watch with their children about staying safe online. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/6-7/badges/watching-videos/

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

YEAR 2 ENTERPRISE PROJECT!!

As part of their Financial Education lessons, Year 2 are running an exciting enterprise project! The children have made sweet cones to sell to the children in school. They will cost £1 each.

If your child would like to buy one, please could they bring their money to school w/c Monday 5th February 2024.

The sweet cones will be on sale Monday and Tuesday from 12.30pm to 12:50pm from the pop up shop near the Y6 classrooms.

Please note, we have limited stock (100 cones) and it is one cone per child. Thank you.

Please support the project if you can!

Miss MacGillivray and Mrs Wood



YOUTH BOARD UPDATE



On Monday 15 January, we held our sixth Youth Board meeting, welcoming pupil representatives from each of our 14 schools. On the agenda this term was potential rewilding projects for our school grounds, our Trust-wide sustainability progress and how we can improve attendance. You can read all about it here [Youth Board Update \(rklt.co.uk\)](https://www.rklt.co.uk). The ideas and views of our young people are shared with the Trustees and Leaders in our Trust, influencing what we do and how we work together as a community.



STEM CAREERS

I recently watched a webinar from the DT Association and it highlighted how important it is for young people to hear from adults in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers. DT is a hugely important subject and highly valued at Rossett Acre. It would be great if there were any parents or carers in these jobs that would be willing to come and talk to the children about them. If you would be interested, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks in advance,
Mrs Cook (DT subject leader)

PTA EVENTS

Quiz Night



The PTA Annual Quiz is taking place on Friday 23rd February at 7pm in the Sports Hall at Rossett Acre. It's a fun event and a chance to enjoy a night out with other parents.

Tickets are on sale now <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/index.cfm>

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Anyone for cricket?!

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2024.

Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 11th year delivering junior cricket section. We operate 4 adult teams and have 11 junior teams across all age groups in the Nidderdale Junior League.

We are now recruiting new players in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6. And for the first time, we will have a girls only teams too!

Pre-season training takes place on Fridays in the sports hall at King James School, Knaresborough from 23rd February to 22nd March (inclusive) and 5th April at the following times:

- 6-7pm: School Years 3 & 4 boys, School Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls
- 7-8pm: School Year 5 boys
- 8-9pm: School Year 6 boys

Pre-season training is free of charge and a great way to learn the game. After this we head outside at Ripley Cricket Club, 6.15-7.30pm, every Friday from the 12th April.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded match shirt and training shirt

To register interest, please call/text/WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476 992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Don't forget to walk, cycle or scooter to school tomorrow.



Corrine Penhale
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