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

Charity No.1048680

## NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 21 March 2024

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 21 Mar	Parents' Evening 4-7pm - In Person <b>TONIGHT</b>
Fri 22 March	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – 1.30pm. *NEW* Children should come in uniform tomorrow.
Fri 22 March	Finish for Easter at 2.30pm *NEW* Doughnut Sale from 2.20pm on the playground
Mon 8 April	School opens at the usual time
W/c 29 April	Book Fair – All week in the sports hall. Access from the playground.
Mon 6 May	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	School re-opens.
Fri 10 May	Walk to School Day

Well done to everyone who walked, cycled or scootered to school last Friday for our Walk to School Day. Great job!

On Monday this week, Liz Resch from St Mark's Church led our whole school assembly all about the Easter Story and expecting the unexpected. As always, it was a great assembly and a pleasure to have Liz in school. A huge thank you to Liz for giving up her time to join us.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**'Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely.'**

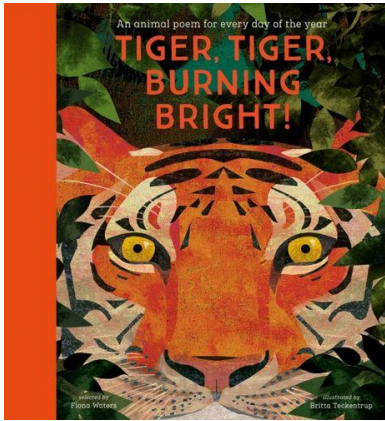
(Roy T. Bennett - author of 'The Light in the Heart' book.)

### PARENTS EVENINGS

Our next Parents' Evening is tonight and is in person at school. I look forward to seeing parents/carers and will be around to direct you to classrooms. We also had our online Parents' Evenings on Tuesday this week, and for Mrs Williams/Mrs King's class on Wednesday. I hope that your discussions with teachers have been useful and informative.



## PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Yesterday, Miss Dodgson read some poems to the children from the book 'Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!' Poems in the book were selected by Fiona Waters and the illustrations are by Britta Teckentrup. This linked to World Poetry Day (March 21<sup>st</sup>)

This is a lovely book with a poem for every day of the year all about animals. Miss Dodgson read several of the poems to the children about, zebras, bears, butterflies, turkeys, chickens, monkeys and the yak which was rather a tongue twister! Miss Dodgson even sang 'The Animal Fair' to the children from the book – a poem that you may know if you were in the Guides. Some of our Year 6 children said this poem is still sung today at Guides.

You can see the official trailer for the book here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCaLXVGVTBq>

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's Celebration Assembly: Arlo L (AC), Hugo T (CN/SK), Daisy A (AB), Sofia O (ER), Benjy K (JW), Sammy S (EM), Eva G (JJ/CR) Amber R (KM), Seth C, Oliver W (AI/LS), William G (PA/EH), Lois S, Drew F (MW), Lily M (SK), Maddy B (CD), Leo C, Dexter G (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week: Martha C (EYFS), Grace M (Y1), Yousef K (Y2), Toby M (Y3), Juan B (Y4), Edward S (Y5), Rebecca C (Y6).

Congratulations to Esme H and Daisy T who were awarded music certificates in last week's assembly.

**Attendance: Friday 15 March to Thursday 21 March 2024**

**94.35%**

Number of pupils late at least once this week – 14

Remember: The gates open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at 8.50am.

## ATTENDANCE

It is really important that your child attends school regularly.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



## SCIENCE WEEK

Last week was Science Week and the children had lots of fun. Here are some of the exciting experiments the children engaged with.

## EARLY YEARS

We have had lots of fun during Science Week exploring shadow making, colour mixing with the walking rainbow and a Skittle sweet investigation. We built tall structures that balanced and began to plan our exciting egg drop challenge! We had visits from many kind parents including a chef, midwife and computer programmer. We acted like real Scientists by asking lots of questions and realised that not all Scientists wear a white coat and goggles!





## YEAR 2

During Science Week, Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about time and trying to use this in their investigations/tasks. The children were challenged to try and complete a marble run that could last 30 seconds. Then they had to build a tower using only cocktail sticks and Blue Tac in 15 minutes to see whose was the tallest! The children were really shocked at how fast time passed when they were engaged and immersed in these challenges. We also looked at the big questions: 'Is time man made?' and 'Why do different countries have different time zones?' These prompted some excellent scientific discussions to occur - well done, Year 2!



### YEAR 3

What a week! All linked with our theme of 'time', Year 3 started the week by designing pendulums to last for 30 seconds. We solved several 15-minute STEM challenges by creating a marble maze and balancing whiteboards on paper. We even made our own plastic from plants! We are going to test out its strength later this week.

Many thanks to Reuben's, Euan M's and Betsy's parents who gave up their time, to share their jobs in the science field, with us. We loved learning about different science careers and the children asked some great questions.



### YEAR 5

As the theme for this year's Science Week is 'Time', in Year 5 we have been having fun experimenting with pendulums. As part of our exploration, we have found ways to alter the duration of our pendulum's swing. We then challenged ourselves to achieve exactly 10 swings in 30 seconds! We have also looked at electrical inventions and selected what we think are the greatest (giving plenty of justification, of course). We even found time for a quick STEM building challenge.

## YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Team Line Up - Freddie, Maximus, Charlie, James, Abigail, Alexandros, Mabel and Giulia.

On Tuesday Miss Mckeown and Miss Blyde went with Year 3 and 4 to a football competition at Rossett High School, hosted by Sporting Influence. The children were fabulous ambassadors for our school and worked superbly as a team. They encouraged each other and showed fantastic sportsmanship towards the other teams. We fought off some impressive competition to finish in a pretty good third place. A huge well done to the whole team, who were all brilliant. Well done to Giulia, who received the Sporting Influence wrist band for brilliant communication and encouragement to her team.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents of the team who came to support us, it was great to have so many cheering the children on.

Lauren Mckeown  
HLTA - Rosset Acre Primary School



## COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief on Friday last week. I think the children thoroughly enjoyed looking funny for money. We raised £299.43.

There is still time to donate if you would like to by using our Just Giving page below.

The link to our Just Giving page is [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-rossett-acre-primary-school-4fd2a372-f691-4431-a477-ee43e101de4f?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_transactional -- page launched -- \\_campaign&utm\\_content=e13abe21-58aa-4984-9960-e2c625d01201&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1709030733233](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-rossett-acre-primary-school-4fd2a372-f691-4431-a477-ee43e101de4f?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--page_launched--_campaign&utm_content=e13abe21-58aa-4984-9960-e2c625d01201&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1709030733233)

## READING AMBASSADORS

All the Reading Ambassadors were introduced to everyone in our Whole School Celebration Assembly last week. Thank you to everyone who applied to be a Reading Ambassador - I hope you have added 5 house points to your class chart. Next term, the Y6 Reading Ambassadors will be creating our monthly newsletter, promoting authors and sharing ideas for new books. Miss Dodgson has created the first edition which was shared in class today.

Our Year 1 Reading Ambassadors have been busy putting stickers on a wonderful selection of books which have been donated to school by several children. We are very grateful for these book donations as the books are in fantastic condition. If anyone else has any good quality books to donate, please hand them in to your Reading Ambassadors.

Many Reading Ambassadors met after the Book Assembly to explore the wonderful poetry book which Miss Dodgson had read from her personal collection as part of World Poetry Day. They thought it was beautifully illustrated and were keen to see which poems were featured on their birthdays, as it was a poem-for-every-day-of-the-year book. They would like to purchase several copies for school and so hope to do some fundraising soon. Next term, our Year 4 and Year 5 Reading Ambassadors will also spend time reading with younger children, which is always a lovely experience. I look forward to our first official Reading Ambassadors meeting after the Easter break so that the children can tell me how they have got on with their bookish holiday tasks as well as sorting out their next jobs in school. Miss Dodgson.

### YEAR 5 AND 6 AUTHOR TALK WITH CURTIS JOBLING

On Monday, Year 5 and 6 attended an author talk with Curtis Jobling at Harrogate Grammar School. **Curtis** is the author of the *Wereworld* and *Haunt* series as well as *Old MacDonald had a Zoo* for younger children. Interestingly, Curtis is also the designer of the worldwide hit children's television show **'Bob the Builder'** which I am sure lots of the children have watched over the years! His own animated series, **'Frankenstein's Cat'** and **'Raa Raa the Noisy Lion'**, can both be seen on the **BBC**. Curtis entertained and inspired the children during his talk about being an author and designer. He read an extract from his more recent *Wereworld* series. Curtis encouraged the children to follow their passions and hobbies as one day, this may lead them to doing a job they love! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and parents/adult volunteers who made the trip possible.

### YEAR 2 CAREERS VISIT FROM THE HARROGATE VET

On Monday afternoon, Year 2 were treated to a careers talk by Ellie from The Harrogate Vet. She talked to everyone about how they could become a vet; everyone was shocked that it takes a minimum of 5 years to train to be one! We now know that being good at Science and Maths are important subjects which help vets do their job. The boys and girls had lots of questions to ask, and Ellie did a wonderful job at trying to answer them. We even met Harry, the training toy dog, who helped us name parts of a dog's body and why they are important. The favourite parts of everyone's afternoon was seeing two pupils dress up in scrubs ready for an animal operation and using the stethoscopes to hear our heart beats.



## ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA - FINISH THIS ...

Over this term, Year 4s have been participating in an English national Opera scheme of work called 'Finish this...!' They have learnt about the roles of composers and librettists and then planned, composed and performed their own piece of music based around a colour. The pieces of music have been submitted and should be featuring on the ENO website soon. The entries can be listened to here: <https://www.eno.org/discover-opera/learning/finish-this/celebrating-finish-this-2023-24/>

## FINANCIAL EDUCATION MEETING AT THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

On Tuesday, following an invitation from The Centre for Financial Capability and Baroness Sater, Mrs Williams attended a private round table meeting at the Palace of Westminster. The focus of the round table meeting was to discuss the future of financial literacy in 2024 in primary and secondary schools across the country. Mrs Williams, who leads Financial Education in school, had the opportunity to share the wonderful financial education work we do at Rossett Acre and how other primary schools may be able to implement financial education too. The meeting was very positive. We are extremely proud of the financial education we deliver to our pupils at Rossett Acre. The children enjoy learning about finance and we hope those skills will ensure the children become financially capable and confident in the future.



## PTA END OF TERM DOUGHNUT SALE

A promotional poster for the PTA End of Term Doughnut Sale. The poster has a pink and white checkered background. At the top, it says 'End of Term Doughnut Sale' in white text on a pink background. Below that, there is a circular image of several golden-brown doughnuts. To the left of the doughnuts, a pink circle contains the text 'Please pay what you can'. Below the doughnuts, a pink circle contains the text 'MARCH 22nd From 2.20pm'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'ON THE PLAYGROUND' and 'TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ROSSETT ACRE PTA'.

Our fabulous PTA are holding a doughnut sale tomorrow (Fri 22 March) on the playground from 2.20pm. Please do go along and support our fundraising and gain a sweet treat in return.

Remember: School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter holiday break, so if you are quick, you could buy a doughnut before the children come out of school.

Your support is so very much appreciated as is your patience in the queue.

A huge thank you to the PTA for running this event.



## Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

### Buy secondhand products

#### LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of uniform, coats, water bottles etc in the lost property bins in the Sports Hall foyer. Any named items will be returned to the children. Any unnamed items will be either put in our used uniform store or given to charity. The bins are located in the Sports Hall foyer, accessed from the playground, via the Sports Hall steps.

It would be helpful if all schoolwear is named, as we can then return lost items to the correct child. Thank you.

#### SPORTING INFLUENCE AT ROSSETT ACRE THIS TERM



## SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport

#### PE With Miss Bruce and Mr Atkinson

##### Schools

Classes this term have shown amazing determination within their PE lessons. It has been great to see students transfer previous learning into their classes this term. Year 3 and 5 have been working on their creativity and communication, creating routines in gymnastics. Year 3 have shown imagination when creating group balances, and Year 5 when they have been displaying their learning in routines.

Spring 2 has seen Year 2 develop respect and encouragement when they have taken part in a space themed dance. It has been great to see them work so well with each other in their groups.

Year 6 have developed their tactics and strategy as well as their practical skills (passing, dribbling & shooting) in Basketball. It was great to see students working in teams and supporting each other during their end of term Basketball competition.

##### After school Club

Afterschool clubs have seen great attendance across a variety of sports/activities. KS1 have taken part in multisport games for example dodgeball and bench ball. KS2 have thrown themselves into Dance, Football and Gymnastics.

Well done to all taking part, It has been amazing to see the commitment of both children and staff!



Year 2 enjoyed developing their space themed dance!



Year 6 loved applying their Basketball skills in games.



Dodgeball has been a popular activity at KS1 Afterschool club.



To find out more visit:  
[www.sportinginfluence.com](http://www.sportinginfluence.com)

# MEASLES OUTBREAK IN THE UK

**MEASLES**  
Don't let your child catch it  
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

**NHS**

European Immunization Week  
Prevent. Protect. Promote.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

**immunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)

# UK Health Security Agency Measles: How to Stay Safe

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months

If you have not had two doses, you can get them **free** from your GP surgery

Know the symptoms!  
Keep people with symptoms away from others

Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP

**Symptoms**

Rash

Temperature

Runny Nose

Red Eyes

Cough

UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2023004. Download only resource [www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

✂️🖍️🐰 Children's Easter craft morning on Saturday 23rd March. Pop down to Bilton and Woodfield community library and join the fun! 🐣

**FREE EASTER CRAFTS**

**SAT 23rd MARCH**  
10:00-12:00  
No booking required

Working in partnership with **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Bilton & Woodfield**  
Community Library

**National Autistic Society** | Harrogate and District Branch  
Supporter

**Autism and Neurodiversity Acceptance & Café**

- Information on what we do; Girls Group, Youth Group, newly started Ladies Group
- Discuss Pathways, Support, Individual concerns, North Yorkshire Autism Strategy
- Cakes and drinks (cash only)
- Book stall (donations welcome)
- Art work

**Easter Saturday 30th March 2024**  
10.00 am – 3.00 pm  
The Wesley Methodist Chapel, Oxford St, Harrogate, HG1 1PP

**Thank you**  
for helping to create a society that works for autistic people

**www.autism.org.uk**

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

The National Autistic Society is a charity registered in England and Wales (269425) and in Scotland (SC039427)

## Hollywood Bowl

There is a 50% off code for Hollywood Bowl and Puttstars York for bookings between 09:00am-11:00am from 25<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Simply use the code **EGG50** at checkout of your booking to receive 50% off. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AGED 11-18

**FIND OUT WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT AT OUR OPEN MORNING ON FRIDAY 26 APRIL**

Register at [www.hlc.org.uk/od](http://www.hlc.org.uk/od)  
Email [events@hlc.org.uk](mailto:events@hlc.org.uk)  
or call **01423 537045**





**THE ORIGINAL BABY SIGNING COURSE**

**FRIDAYS WESTCLIFFE HALL**

9.45AM STAGE 2: 13-24M  
10.45AM STAGE 1: 5-18M

ALSO IN RIPON AND KNARESBOROUGH



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**BABIES LOVE IT**  
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## Easter Fun!

Starting Saturday 23rd March, step into the pages of Beatrix Potter's magical tales on our family-friendly trail.



Come along and see if you can spot Mrs Tiggly-Winkle, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and other well-known characters surrounded by fun and imaginative scenes.

The trail will run from Saturday 23rd March to Monday 8th April.

Standard Entry applies. Trail sheets can be purchased on the day at an additional cost of £2.50 which includes a prize for all!

Just a kindly reminder that by pre-booking your day entry tickets via our website, you make a saving versus purchasing on the day [www.thorpperrow.com](http://www.thorpperrow.com) - trail sheets can be bought on the day

[Book tickets here.](#)

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## Woodland Wellbeing Forest School Sessions



For children aged 6-12yrs

Saturdays 9.30-11.30am beginning Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

In the Grounds of Moorside Primary School and Nursery,  
Ripon, HG4 1SU

Ratio- 1 leader: 4 children (total 8 places)

This is a programme of 6 sessions aimed at supporting children with their  
physical, social and emotional wellbeing

Forest School in a small group environment, where individuals can be supported  
and have the space to flourish in nature

Our leaders play and explore with the children; side by side using a therapeutic  
approach, to build their confidence, resilience, independence and self-esteem

Sessions include natural craft, tools, fire lighting, campfire cooking, den building,  
mud play, tree climbing, hammocks and more....

£25 per session including snacks

For more information or to book:

Email- [outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com](mailto:outdooradventuresbookings@gmail.com)

Call- 07739420136

Join our Facebook page- Outdoor Adventures Forest School

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I hope you all have the most wonderful Easter break. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

We'll see you back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C. Penhale'.

Corrine Penhale  
Headteacher