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

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 18 April 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
W/c 29 April	Book Fair – All week in the Sports Hall. Access from the playground.
Wed 1 May	*NEW* Visit from Harrogate Library – 9am - See further details below
Mon 6 May	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Tues 7 May	School re-opens.
Fri 10 May	Walk to School Day
Mon 13 May	KS2 SATs Week begins
Thurs 16 May	New Starters Information Evening 6pm
Tues 21 May	Open Classrooms 3pm
Thurs 23 May	Close for half term - normal school finishing time.
Fri 24 May	Training Day – Children not in school.
Mon 3 June	School Opens at the usual time

On Monday, we welcomed Rob Mason (Harrogate Town AFC) into school, who led an assembly with Mrs Wood, sharing the social justice project some of the children were involved in at Christmas, with the rest of the children in school. Elise H and William G also shared their experience of taking part in the project. Thank you to Helen Rant, one of our Parent Governors who also attended the assembly. It was lovely to have Rob back in school and we look forward to working with him and Harrogate Town AFC in the future.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB (BSL)

Last week, Miss Pearson and Miss MacGillivray led a new club at lunchtime in school for Y3//4 – BSL. The children began to learn the alphabet in sign language and even started to spell their own first names! The children attending really enjoyed the session and were looking forward to their second session today. I'm looking forward to finding out what words in sign language they have started to learn.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you're willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.' (Lou Holtz, American former football coach and television analyst.)



PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Yesterday, for our Picture Book Assembly, Miss Kirkwood read 'Greta and the Giants' written by Zoe Tucker, illustrated by Zoe Persico and inspired by Greta Thunberg. This linked to Earth Day which is on 22 April and our environmental and sustainability work, both as a school and a Trust. Earth Day's theme this year is Planet vs Plastic.

If you would like to hear this story for yourself, you can do so here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGccpeALqM>

The Music played this week was Rutter: For The Beauty Of The Earth

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly last week: Hugh J (AC), Charlie E (CN/SK), Jackson G (AB), Wilf T (ER), Jamie G (JW), Bram W (EM), Claudia P (JJ/CR), Toby M (KM), Bobby S (AI/LS), William G (PA/EH), Chloe W (MW), Jude C-C, Daniel W (SK), Charlie H (CD), Tiffany S (TM).

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Matilda in Y6 (CD) and Charlie H (CD) who received HT Awards this week.

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:
Choose fruit and vegetables for a snack

YEAR 4 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA COMPOSITION

Following our music unit to compose the ending to an operatic piece, our Year 4 classes have received some fabulous feedback and their work is now live on the ENO website.

Check them out here:

<https://www.eno.org/discover-opera/learning/finish-this/celebrating-finish-this-2023-24/>

This is our feedback from the ENO:

"Our team were really impressed with your submissions. Conrad Asman, ENO's Music Librarian listened to Green by Y4 AI/LS and wanted to share the following feedback: I love the sweet bells of the glockenspiel sound, your calls to nature! Your sounds make me think of the wilderness, and being so free and happy. Thank you and great job!

Conrad also listened to The Story Behind Purple by Y4 PA/EH and wanted to share the following feedback: Your piece sounds like a burst of flavour, just like when you have that first bite of chocolate or candy! I love the music's lovely brightness, wonder and sense of adventure. Congratulations."

HARROGATE LIBRARY VISIT – PARENTS WELCOME

We would like to invite you to a talk by Alison Wheat from Harrogate Library on Wednesday 1st May at 9am in the Sports Hall. This will coincide with our Book Fair which is running all of that week.

Alison is keen to explain the services the library can offer and will have activity packs to hand out for parents attending the event. Tea and coffee will be served and you are welcome to browse and buy books from the book fair.

We look forward to seeing you!

BOOK FAIR

Our school book fair will be taking place in the week beginning April 29th. It will be held in the Sports Hall from 3.15pm onwards and there is usually a fantastic range of books for all ages. There are quite a lot of special-priced books to help too. The Y5 and Y6 Reading Ambassadors will be helping Miss Dodgson run the fair and would be grateful if you can bring in cash as we are unable to accept cheques or card payments. If you have plenty of change, that would be wonderful as it will really help things run smoothly.

We have some £5 vouchers which could be won for use at the fair. All you have to do to be in with a chance is enter our competition: Early Years and KS1 have a colouring competition, whilst KS2 have a word search. These sheets will be sent out tomorrow alongside a book fair brochure which advertises a few of the books on offer. Please hand your completed competition entry to the office, making sure your full name is on the back, complete with details of which class you are in. Good luck!

For every book sold, school receives commission to purchase books for classes to use. In these times of budget cuts, this is a smaller commission than usual, so it is more important than ever to support our annual book fair. The Reading Ambassadors are looking forward to seeing which books we would like for school and so your purchases, however small, are all gratefully received.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone – our attendance figures have been much improved this week, which is great.

Monday – 97.17%

Tuesday – 98.11%

Wednesday – 97.88

Today – 98.3%



Attendance: 12 April 2024 – 18 April 2024
97.36%

Number of pupils late at least once this week – 18

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

Did you know that if your child is just 5 minutes late to school each day, this is equivalent to 3.4 whole school days in one year? That's 17 lessons!

PARKING

Yesterday we had an email from one of our neighbours, whose driveway on Arthurs Avenue had been blocked by a parent picking up from our school. The neighbour was due to collect her child from another school and was unable to get out of her drive. It is unacceptable and inconsiderate to block anyone's driveway. Please could everyone park considerately at pick up and drop off. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspection for North Yorkshire's Education, Health and Social Care Services. Have your say!

The following information was sent out to parents via Arbor earlier in the week but just in case you missed it, please see below.

North Yorkshire's education, health and social care services are being jointly inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to see how well they meet their responsibilities towards children and young people with SEN and disabilities (SEND).

They would like to hear your views about the support that your child/young person receives and how it has helped your child.

You can provide your views by completing an online survey. What you share will be treated in confidence:

- Children and Young People - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-CYP/10299835>
- Parent/Carer - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10299835>
- Parent/Carer easy read version – <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer-EasyRead/10299835>

Guidance, Easy Read and more information can be found [Area SEND inspections: information about ongoing inspections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Your views are important and will help Inspectors to understand your child/young person's experience of the SEND arrangements in North Yorkshire.

The survey links and guidance can also be found on the [SEND Local Offer | North Yorkshire Council](#) website.

The surveys will close at 9am on 23rd April 2024.

THE NHS SOLIHULL APPROACH

The NHS Solihull Approach have released a film for parents and families of older school-aged children that looks at how you can encourage a healthy move up to secondary school. You can view it here:

[Moving up to secondary school \(youtube.com\)](#)

Healthier Together is a new NHS website to help parents and carers make the best decisions about their children's health. Our advice is consistent and high-quality, developed by local health professionals.

You'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

[Visit the website today and whenever you're worried about your child.](#)



The Council is currently consulting on changes to the North Yorkshire (NY) Home to School Travel Policy. This is available via the NY website [Home to school travel policy - consultation | North Yorkshire Council](#)

The deadline for the consultation including any responses has been extended to 26th April 2024.

Cycling Training for Young Riders

Harrogate Nova Cycling Club are running a series of weekly youth training sessions on Tuesday evenings at the Harrogate Army Foundation College Hildebrand Barracks car park (just off Pennypot Lane).

The sessions start on April 23 and run through to July 16. There is a break over the summer holidays and then some final sessions in early autumn. All sessions are run by fully qualified [British Cycling](#) coaches. To cater for different abilities and ages there are two groups:

Group 1: entry level/younger riders (minimum age: 6). Tuesday evenings: 18.00-18.30. £50 for 17 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

Group 2: more experienced riders (typically age: 8+). Tuesday evenings: 18.30-19.15. £80 for 17 sessions (plus £11 Harrogate Nova membership fee)

If you are interested in the sessions and would like further information or would like to go along and attend a free trial session please complete the enquiry form on the Harrogate Nova website:
<https://www.harrogatenova.cc/juniormembers/>



BROWNLEE FOUNDATION EVENTS ARE BACK and we're on the lookout for VOLUNTEERS!

We'll be organising our mini triathlon events for primary school children and are looking for volunteers to join us for a fun day helping children complete their first triathlon.

The Brownlee Foundation events are fun, non-competitive and inclusive. They are designed to give primary school children an introduction to the sports of swimming, cycling, running and triathlon, enabling them to try something new and have fun being active in sport.

The events are a great opportunity for employee volunteer days.

The event will take place: Friday 14 June, Harrogate Wellness & Leisure Centre HG1 2RP

The volunteer role:

A one-day opportunity suitable for volunteers of all abilities, includes both indoor and outdoor roles.

Roles on the day, typically 8.30am until 3.00pm, can include assisting registration of participants, fitting bikes and helmets, marshalling around the course or handing out medals at the finish line.

You will be fully briefed on the day and allocated a team leader to work alongside.

All volunteers will be given a t-shirt and provided with a packed lunch and refreshments.

Want to see more? Take a look at the following video to see our events in action:

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

If you are interested in volunteering at our events, please sign up via our website completing the contact form: <https://www.thebrownleefoundation.org/volunteer>

Should you have any queries or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below.

We would love to have you volunteering with us!



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

May Half-Term:
27th May – 2nd June

Scan below to learn more
or contact: 01423 701560
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Golf Sessions for KS2 Children at Harrogate Golf Club

Harrogate Golf Club are running fun game based sessions to introduce KS2 children to golf. They are running a 6 weekly block of sessions on a Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm starting on 30th April, and also a half term holiday camp on Friday 31st May from 9am to 3:30pm. No equipment required. For further details of the programme and how to book please see the two links below.

<https://www.Englandgolf.org/get-into-golf-rookies>

<https://rocksandrookies.played.co/venues/the-harrogate-golf-club-ltd>

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Penhale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher