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Our school:
'Excellence and happiness for all'

Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 28 November 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Sat 30 Nov	PTA Christmas Fair – 1-4pm THIS SATURDAY
Thurs 5 Dec	*NEW* Mrs Ingle/Mrs Sims' class assembly – Time TBC *NEW* Mrs Aslam/Mrs Haslam's class assembly – 2.45pm
Tues 10 Dec	EYFS Nativity (9.45am) KS1 Production (2.15pm)
Wed 11 Dec	KS1 Production (9.30am) EYFS Nativity (2.30pm)
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 16 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm. Rehearsal in morning.
Mon 16 Dec	EYFS Christmas party
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas parties – Y5 am & Y3 pm
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas parties – Y6 am & Y2 pm
Thurs 19 Dec	Christmas parties – Y1 am & Y4 pm
Fri 20 Dec	Close for Christmas 2.30pm
Mon 6 Jan	Training Day
Tues 7 Jan	School opens

Thank you to everyone who walked, cycled or scooted to school last Friday. You are amazing!

We have had the most exciting week; it has been Science week! The children have experienced the Planetarium where they have travelled to different planets, we have had a visit from Energy Sparks with our Eco-committee using thermal imaging equipment to identify hot and cold spots in school, and I saw EYFS learning about the Moon and how it appears to change shape in the night sky. There has been so much awe and wonder in school, and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





I also observed Mrs Lamb showing her class a surprise in a box that she had – inside was something very precious to Mrs Lamb and each child in her class took it in turns to look inside. How lovely when the children peeked into the box to see themselves staring back at them – there was a mirror inside!!

Each and every child realised that they were so precious to Mrs Lamb. It was lovely to witness.



Additionally, children have been busy learning their lines for the nativities/productions which will soon be upon us for Christmas, and Mrs Ingle/Mrs Sims class are busy putting their class assembly together, which they will be performing next week. Even the Christmas tree has arrived which will be decorated shortly and take pride of place in our Timeline Hall. Do you hear those sleigh bells ringing yet!

On Monday, I led our Celebration Assembly (due to having a special Science Week assembly on Friday last week led by Mrs Reddish.) I always love our Celebration Assemblies, seeing all the children expectant as to whether they will receive a certificate and seeing the smiling faces of those whose names are called out. Well done to everyone who received a certificate this week.

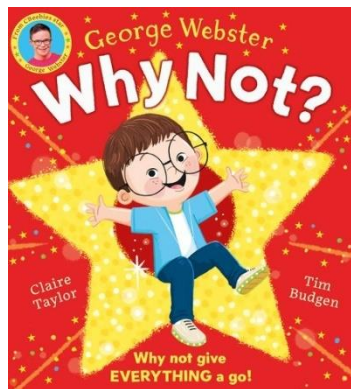
Miss Whiteley's class won the award for tidy cloakroom last week – well done!

Mrs Lamb's class won the week previously and Mrs Aslam/Mrs Haslam won in the first week. Super job! The cloakroom monitors are doing a great job, most of the time; I wonder who will win on Friday?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'A grateful perspective brings happiness and abundance into a person's life.' (Andy Andrews – Author)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



October was Down Syndrome Awareness Month and on Wednesday, Miss Whiteley read, 'Why not?' by authors, George Webster with Claire Taylor and illustrated by Tim Budgen.

Amazon describes the book as: **'If you reach for the stars, you can do anything!'** People are like story books, there's joy to find within. So, turn a page, come inside and let the fun begin.

Perfect for every child and every family, Why Not? is an energetic, heartfelt and positive story, with bright illustrations that are guaranteed to make you smile.

Why Not? is sure to inspire everyone to give things a try - after all, why not?!

The music this week was: The Greatest Showman Cast – This Is Me.

If you would like to hear some of the book for yourself, read by George Webster himself, then you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpsZ4aOLxb4>

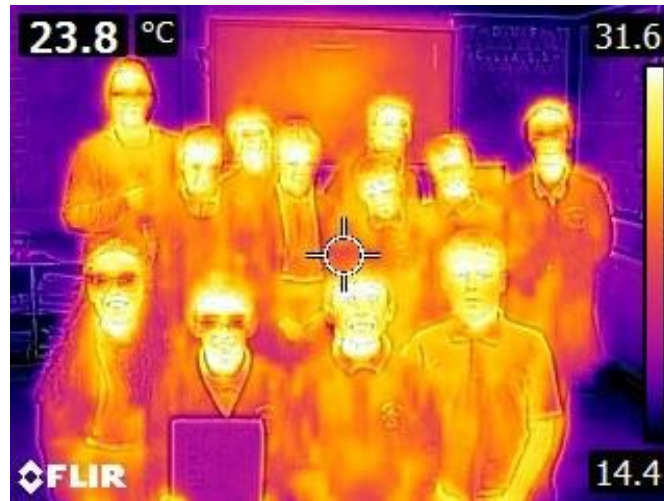
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: James K (RB), Alfie R (HH), Sophie P (ZM), Ted G (KM/BS), Emilia H (JJ/CR), Annabella S (AI/LS), Lucie-Mai K (JW), Archie L (PA/EH), Oscar B (RI), Martha C (TM), Lois S (CD).

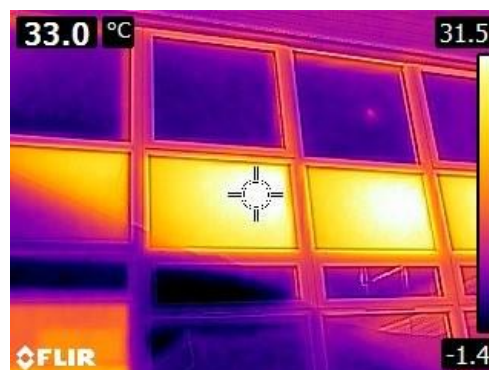
ECO INFORMATION

Don't leave your car idling. Turn it off whilst you are waiting.

ENERGY SPARKS ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP/ECO-COMMITTEE



On Tuesday, James from Energy Sparks visited school to talk about our school's energy use and how we can save money on our energy costs. The morning began with a whole school assembly which was informative and quite shocking to see how much money it costs to keep school warm and the electricity we use. The next part of the morning was spent with the Eco Committee, and we took part in an Energy Sparks workshop. We looked at our school data in more depth and discussed ways in which we can support our school community in being even more energy efficient. The main event, however, was getting to use the Thermal Camera; we became energy detectives and ventured round school to see where we were losing heat. There was lots of discussion when it came to the staffroom. We are going to be working on some more challenges to increase our score in the school league table - we are currently beating other local Harrogate schools.



FOREST SCHOOL

On Tuesday, I visited Forest School, where Year 2 were extremely busy. They had made Christmas wreaths, were building dens and shelters, laying in the hammock, learning how to use a flint to make fire, cooking and eating noodles and basically having the most wonderful time. There was so much learning going on and lots of experimentation. It made my heart sing. Here are some photos:





Y6 VISIT TO HARROGATE GRAMMAR – JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

On Wednesday, Y6 visited Harrogate Grammar School to watch their production of James and the Giant Peach. It was lovely to be asked to watch this event and we'd like to say a massive well done to all the pupils at HGS who performed. They were amazing! We were thrilled to see so many alumni from Rossett Acre playing roles in the production, and it was lovely to have a chat with them at the end to offer them our thanks and congratulations. Watch this space for the next generation of performers who will no doubt be showing their acting skills in the Year 6 performance during the summer.

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**Attendance: Friday 22 November 2024 to Thursday 28 November 2024
96.19%**

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 5

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

Stay on Track

It is difficult to "catch up" when time is missed. Starting the day late can impact your child's entire day and affects the whole classroom



Reduce Anxiety

Your child will feel connected academically and socially when they have good attendance



Build Confidence

Good school attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public school



Our attendance percentage went up over the last week. Well done everyone.

Thank you to all of you who ensure your children are in school regularly and on time. It really is appreciated.

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR IS THIS SATURDAY!



Just two sleeps to go until our Christmas Fair, which makes its return this Saturday (30th November!) Open from 1-4pm - please bring cash if you can.

Entry is just £1 per person, cash and prize cards will be available on the day.

There are still a few tickets to see Santa - don't miss out! Book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/>

Also, there's always time to sign up to volunteer on the day! Each class has its own volunteer sign up list (online), these have been circulated by class reps - please do help if you can, it's just a half hour slot!

Don't forget to bring in your tombola donations and homemade crackers! There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most crackers! TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY

Finally, we've been lucky enough to have some brilliant prizes donated for our raffle, and as we recognise not everyone can attend the Christmas Fair, raffle tickets have been sent home to give everyone a chance to take part. The raffle will be drawn 14th December and prizes available for collection during the final week of term.

GET CRACKING

We need your crackers please!

We are asking children to bring in homemade Christmas crackers to be sold at the Christmas Fair.

These are made using a kitchen roll (Please do not use toilet rolls) Fill them with wrapped sweets (no nuts) / small toys and cover them in Christmas paper to resemble a cracker.

They will be sold for £1, please use this as a guide when deciding what to fill them with.

The finished crackers need to be handed to your class teacher by 28th November.

There will be a prize for the class that makes the most!



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A festive afternoon with Santa, crafts, hot chocolate, mulled wine, mice pies, games and much more

NOVEMBER 30TH

1400 - 1600

QUIET HOUR FROM 1300 FOR THOSE THAT DON'T LIKE IT TOO BUSY!



DONATIONS NEEDED

The Rossett Acre Christmas Fair is back!

Please help us make this another fabulous event for all! We cannot do this without the support of families, teachers and friends. Please support us in any way you can.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

WE NEED DONATIONS!

- Christmas decorations
- Craft supplies
- Tombola prizes
- Mince pies
- Financial contributions towards the entertainment on the day

ON THE DAY HELP AND SUPPORT

If you can help please call 0740211322 or email rossettacrepta@gmail.com

Thank you.



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We also need:

- Christmas decorations
- Mince pies
- Craft supplies
- Raffle prizes
- Fairy lights
- Mulled wine

Anything you are able to donate, and/or time you are able to give will be greatly appreciated and goes such a long way towards making these events possible.

If you do have any questions about any PTA events or would like to be more involved please email rossettacrepta@gmail.com

COMMUNITY



Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Christmas

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

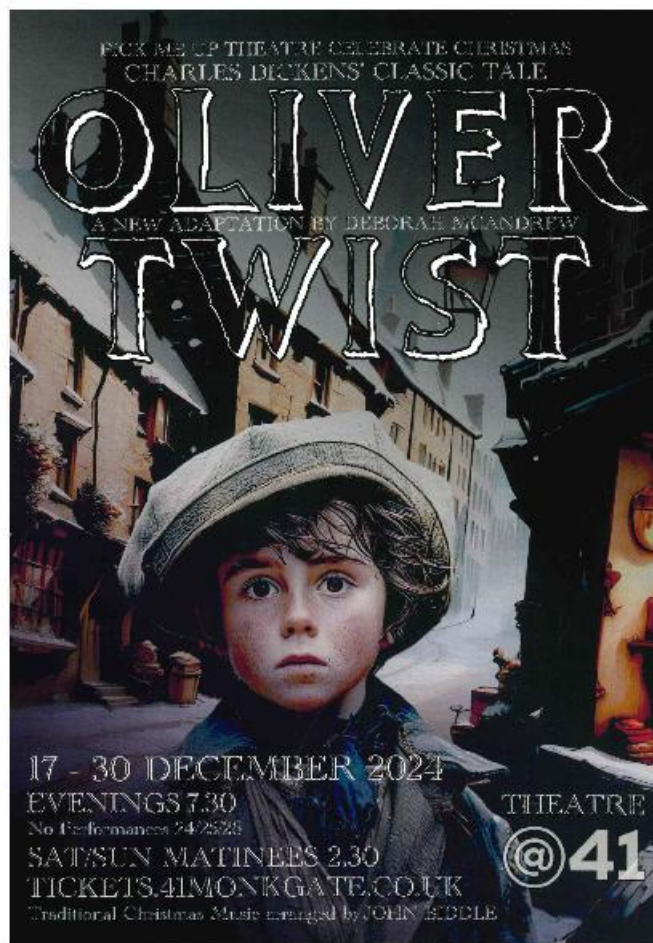
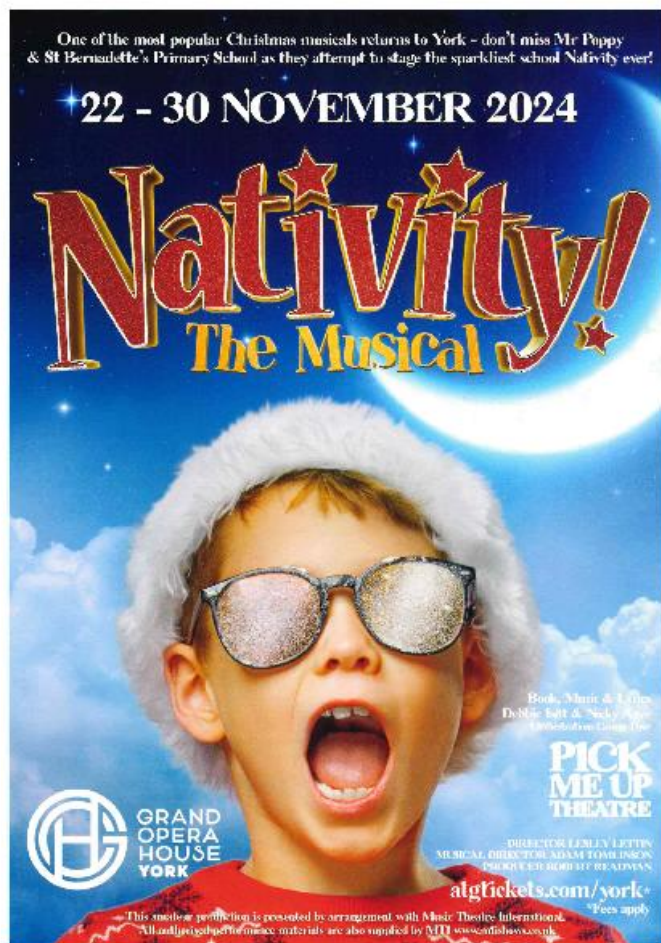
To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#)

Free Christmas Toys

<https://www.yourharrogate.co.uk/local-news/harrogate/free-christmas-toys-to-be-donated-to-harrogate-families-in-need/>

Christmas Musicals

One of our Y6 pupils, Logan W is starring in Oliver Twist and Nativity The Musical. See posters below. If you get chance, please show your support by booking a ticket.



www.netball4all.com

Christmas CAMP



- KING JAMES SCHOOL, KNARESBOROUGH
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY
- AGES 4 TO 6YRS - 10AM TIL 12PM
- AGES 7 TO 14YRS - 10AM TIL 3PM
- £10 MORNING / £25 DAY




Come & join us for a festive fun day of netball.
Prizes will be up for grabs as well as a christmas treat for everyone!



Be Bright. Be Seen.

FREE EVENT



Harrogate Fire Station
Monday 25 November 2025
3.30pm to 6.30pm
Reflective accessories available



York & North Yorkshire
Road Safety Partnership



Corn Close Care Farm

LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER



Witness the wonderful Christmas story brought to life with the help of our animals!

- 30 minute sessions available between 4pm and 6pm
- Please wear warm clothing and sturdy boots!
- Parking available at the Bridge Inn

Free entry, booking is essential!
 To reserve your place email Cath at cornclosecarefarm@btinternet.com

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend. I'm really looking forward to seeing those of you who can join us at our Christmas Fair on Saturday. I believe we have a special guest from the North Pole in attendance too!

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