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## NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 19 December 2024

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 20 Dec	Close for Christmas <b>2.30pm</b> It is Casual Day too – Children can wear their own clothes for a donation of a £1.
Mon 6 Jan	Training Day
Tues 7 Jan	School opens
Tues 14 Jan	<b>*NEW*</b> Mrs Wood's Class assembly 9.10am
Weds 15 Jan	<b>*NEW*</b> Miss Illingsworth Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 16 Jan	Y6 SATS Parents' Meeting – Time TBC
Thurs 6 Feb	<b>*NEW*</b> Parent afternoon tea 2-3pm Open Classrooms 3-3.30pm

Well, we've made it to the end of term, and it certainly has been a very busy and full term! This week the children have been enjoying their Christmas parties and there has been lots of festivities and fun in school.



Just a quick reminder that it is Casual Day tomorrow. Children can wear their own clothes for a £1 donation. Please ensure that the children dress appropriately for the weather and have a coat in school. Thank you.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Christmas is a together sort of holiday.' (Pooh, Winnie the Pooh)

### PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday, Mrs Jones read 'Taking Flight: How the Wright Brothers Conquered the Skies' written by author Adam Hancher to celebrate 'The Wright Brothers Day'. (December 17<sup>th</sup>)

This coincides with the anniversary of the Wright brothers' (pioneering aviators) historic flight and pays tribute to their innovative spirit and determination.

The music this week was: Refugee – Steve Bell.

If you would like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8VwDYNGkX8>

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Whole class (AC), Arthur N (SK/CN) Robyn M-B (RB), Matthew C (HH), Whole class (ZM), Wilf T (KM/BS), Hannah J (JJ/CR), Lissy P-W (EW), Mason S (AI/LS), Louie W (PA/EH), Ed F (JW), Teddy S (RI), Tilly D (CD), Orla D (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on Top Table for the last 2 weeks: Isaac K, Daisy F (Y1), Sofia O (Y2), Bella B, Katie C (Y3), Archer K (Y4), Oliver P, Lennon G (Y5), Cora E, Evie T (Y6)

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

On Thursday last week, we held a Christmas Music Concert arranged and led by Mrs Stott. We have very musically talented children at Rossett Acre, and this was a celebration of their hard work and achievements. The children played so incredibly well. We had an electric guitar, drums, piano and wind and string instruments and I was so impressed with the standard of playing. It was such a lovely concert, which made me smile. Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us on the day and also for all the support and encouragement you give to your children. Thanks to Mrs Stott for leading and arranging the event and to Mrs Johns, peripatetic teacher, who also came to the concert to support the children she teaches in school. A huge well done to all the children who were so brave getting up on stage and sharing their musical skills – it is not easy and can be quite nerve-racking; you were all stars!

### KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

On Monday evening, this week, we held our KS2 Carol Concert at St Marks Church. It was a fabulous evening, and I was so proud of all the children who sang, acted and spoke clearly throughout the concert. Our orchestra also played, which was a real treat. A huge thank you to the following people: Mrs Illingworth, our Music Leader in school who organised the concert, Lesley Stott who played the piano and supported our orchestra, Mrs Bednall who sorted out the technical features of the concert, to Rev Liz Resch and those at St Marks Church who welcomed us so warmly and allowed us to hold our concert at the church, all KS2 teachers/TAs who supported the children to learn their words and create their performance piece, parents/carers who made a fabulous audience and supported our event and of course to our wonderfully, talented children who were amazing! What a Christmassy extravaganza! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the end of the night. All monies received have been given to St Marks Church.

### **KS1 CHOIR VISIT TO HARCOURT GARDEN NURSING HOME**

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 visited Harcourt Garden Nursing Home last week and entertained the residents with some festive Christmas songs. It was lovely to spread some Christmas cheer with the residents and we hope to come back again. Thank you so much to Mrs Stott and Mrs Rant for organising the visit and to all the parents and grandparents who took the children and stayed with them throughout the performance.



### **YEAR 2 PIZZA MAKING**

Year 2's DT topic is 'making healthy pizzas'. Today they were finishing off the unit of work by evaluating the tastes of different pizzas. They tried a chicken, vegetarian, margarita and mushroom pizza. They compared their nutritional value, aroma, texture, appearance and taste. They thought about why the different ingredients were healthy or not, and why certain food types are important to our bodies. Some even discovered new pizza flavours they hadn't tried before!



### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property bins are overflowing. Please check for lost items before the end of term. Any named items will be returned to children, but all unnamed items will be given to charity or added to our 2nd hand uniform supplies.

## ECO INFORMATION

### Recycle wrapping paper

Scrunch it up: if the paper stays scrunched recycle it, if it bounces back it cannot be recycled.

## ATTENDANCE



Attendance: Friday 13 December 2024 to 19 December 2024  
94.43%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 7

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



## PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have been handing out prizes from the PTA Christmas Raffle this week. There are still a few to collect so dust those tickets off and check if you are a winner! If you are a winner, please bring your raffle ticket into the school office as soon as possible.

Please find attached December's edition of The PTA Times.

## CHRISTMASSY SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS TO TRY OUT FROM SCIENCE SPARKS

If you need something for the children to do over the Christmas break, then why not try out some Christmas Science experiments. I'd love to receive some emails and photos showing me what the children have made/tried out. I might even include some in the newsletter after the holiday!

[20 Christmas Science Experiments for Kids - Science Sparks](#)

## COMMUNITY

### Reminder - Rotary Young Artist Competition 2024-2025

Children - you could win money for yourself and for school and be entered for the District Heats and hopefully the National final!

#### Introduction

The Rotary Young Artist Competition is organised and promoted by Rotary.

There are three stages to the competition:

1 **First stage** 'Local Heat'

2 **Second stage** 'District Finals' For the winners of the Local Heats

3 **Third stage** 'National Final'

#### Who can take part?

Junior - up to and including 10 year olds

Intermediate -11 to 13 years old

Senior - 14 to 17 years old

#### Task

To produce one finished 2-dimensional, up to a maximum size of A2, unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, 'Wonderful Water'. Artwork in any medium is welcomed e.g. pen & ink, paint, collage, print making or digital formats.

#### THEME – 'Wonderful Water'

The 'Wonderful Water' theme can be interpreted as broadly as you wish and does not need to conform to the dictionary definition.

Share your creative talents in showing what this theme means to you!

Entrants: **MUST** provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. This sentence must be entered on the separate entry form.

#### Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage you to: • be creative • develop skills in using traditional, contemporary or digital media • demonstrate interpretation of the topic • express personal ideas through a selected medium

#### Judges

The judges will be people with appropriate skills appointed by the organisers at the club and district levels for the Local Heats and District Finals. At the National level the judges will be appointed by Rotary GB&I and will not be Rotarians. The Judges will consider: • technical merit • content and composition • imagination and style • relevance to the Theme.

#### Recognition

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a Certificate of Participation. Prizes of £75, £50 and £25 for the winner, runner up and third placed participant of each of the age groups for the National Final are kindly supplied by artist Lucy Pittaway and the Fine Art Trade Guild. The 3 winners will together, also have the opportunity to have a one-hour online meeting with Lucy, and fellow member of the Fine Art Group of the Guild and artist, Caroline Evans.

#### Deadline

For entry into the First Stage of District Heats: Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

A promotional graphic for the TV show 'Mini Movies'. The title 'MINI MOVIES' is written in large, metallic, 3D block letters. Above the letters are various movie-related icons: a dinosaur, a robot, a clapperboard, a film camera, and a person in a costume. The background is a blue gradient with a fiery, orange and yellow glow behind the title. Below the title, there is a red text box with white text that reads: 'HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES? IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!'. Below this, there is a white text box with black text that reads: 'ITV's hit kids' show, Mini Movies, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part. You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills! If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email... casting@thechancercollective.com'. Below this, there is a white text box with black text that reads: 'After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!'. At the bottom, there is a white text box with black text that reads: 'CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON ITVX TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!'.

### **Smartphone Free Childhood**

A group of Harrogate parents has organised an event - Parenting in the Digital Age - to be held at Brackenfield School at 7pm on Thursday January 16th. The focus of the event is supporting parents & carers navigating the digital age with their young people, with or without a smartphone. If you are interested, please do attend; I know they would love to see you.

The group who have organised this event are driving the Smartphone Free Childhood movement in Harrogate. If you'd like to know more: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

If you'd like to sign the Parent Pact, you can do so here: [Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

There was a recent Channel 4 Documentary 'Swiped', which followed a class of Year 8 students who went without their smartphones for 3 weeks and, in conjunction with the University of York, measured the impact on sleep and symptoms linked to anxiety & depression. A link to the programme is here: [Watch Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones | Stream free on Channel 4d: The School That Banned Smartphones](#)

David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, is asking for the public's views before he sets the amount that goes to our police and fire services in York and North Yorkshire from your council tax bill. Please have your say at [www.YourPoliceAndFire.com](http://www.YourPoliceAndFire.com)



# Have your say on local police and fire and rescue funding

We're setting the funding for both the North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for 2025/2026.

Before we make decisions, we want to hear your views first.

Consultation closes 20 January 2025.



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# DanceEd Timetable



11th January 2025 - 30th March 2025  
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**Saturday**

9:00am - 9:45am	Ballet & Tap 3-5yrs - 5yrs
9:45am - 10:45am	Mini Musical Theatre 4yrs - 7yrs
10:45am - 12:45pm	Junior Musical Theatre 8yrs - 13yrs
10:45am-12:45pm	Musical Theatre 11+
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Mini Street Dance 5yrs - 8yrs
3:00pm - 4:15pm	Acrobatic Arts - Acro + Contemporary Danco 9yrs+
4:15pm - 5:15pm	DE Youth Dance Company & Competition Team 10yrs+

**Monday**

3:45pm - 4:30pm	Acting for Stage & Screen 10yrs +
3:45pm - 4:30pm	Contemporary / Jazz Dance 6yrs - 9yrs
4:40pm - 5:40pm	Ballet & Tap 10yrs - 14yrs
4:45pm - 5:30pm	Acting 6yrs - 9yrs
5:45pm - 6:30pm	Contemporary / Jazz Dance 10+
6:30pm - 7:15pm	Street Dance 8yrs+

**Thursday**

5:15pm - 6pm	Ballet & Tap 6yrs+
6pm - 6:45pm	Acrobatic Arts - Acro 6yrs+

I hope you all have the most wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2025! Have fun!

Corrine Penhale  
Headteacher

