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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 6 March 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 7 Mar	Miss Murray's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 13 Mar	Miss Whiteley's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 14 Mar	*NEW* Last day to bring in Easter hamper donations.
Mon 17 Mar	EYFS & Y6 NHS Height and Weight Check
Weds 19 Mar	*NEW* KS2 Games Night 3.30-4.45pm
Thurs 20 Mar	Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 21 Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 21 Mar	PTA Quiz Night 7pm
Thurs 27 Mar	Miss Dodgson's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 27 Mar	Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Tues 1 Apr	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Thurs 3 Apr	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC - PM)
Fri 4 Apr	Close for Easter at 2.30pm

There has been so much happening in school this week!

On Monday, Miss Dodgson led a 'book assembly' to kick start World Book Week; she was ably assisted by some of our Reading Ambassadors in school who enthusiastically shared some of their favourite books with the children. Well done and thank you to Miss Dodgson, and to the following Reading Ambassadors, for leading a thoroughly bookish and enjoyable assembly: (Y6) Eva, Louisa, Lois, Robyn, Henry, Nancy and Beth, (Y5) Claudia, Felicity, Lara, James and Samuel.

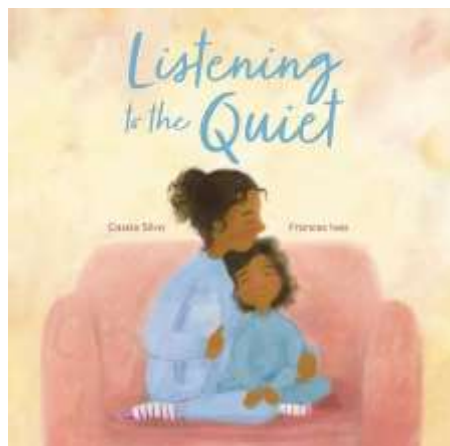


This morning, Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Shaw's class performed their class assembly. Mrs Ingle was impressed with the children's gym skills, circus skills, projection of their voices and DT work. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the assembly, well done to them all. Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support the children.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems.' (Gever Tulley, founder of Tinkering School)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Miss Dodgson read 'The Listening to the Quiet' written by Cassie Silva and illustrated by Frances Ives.

This is a touching story about how a mother starts to lose her hearing and how her and her daughter discover different ways of doing things, including learning to sign.

This story links to World Hearing Day, which was on 3rd March. The Music played this week was Evelynne Glennie performs Corelli's La Folia.

If you would like to listen to the story yourself, you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMU7ksmKsU>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Jasmine M (AC), Zara S (SK/CN), (RB), Emily O (HH), Maiya S (ZM), Sophie T (KM/BS), Thomas P (JJ/CR), Emily C (EW), Rajana H (AI/LS), Lara F (PA/EH), Elise H (JW), Amita G (RI), Bethany C (CD), Whole class (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week: Sofija M (Yr 1) Daisy A (Yr 2) Lara K (Yr 3), Toby S (Yr 4), Ava H (Yr 5) and Aston W (Yr 6)

I thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the children on Top Table last week, finding out about their learning in class and what their plans for the weekend were. As always, after the usual pets conversation and the excitement of parties and activities the children would be attending, the conversation turned to football – last week the teams we chatted about were Leeds and Harrogate Town. I do love having these chats with the children and finding out more about their interests.

MUSICAL MAGIC AT THE ROYAL HALL WITH KIDS ALOUD

On Saturday, I had the greatest pleasure of accompanying and supervising 51 children from Y3 – Y6 at The Royal Hall. The children were rehearsing and then performing a concert: Musical Magic with Kids Aloud and other primary schools.

The performance was amazing, and all the children were fabulous! Our children behaved excellently throughout what was a long day for them: 1.30-8.30pm! I am so incredibly proud of them - they sang with all their hearts!

A huge thank you to the children – you were magnificent and to Mrs Stott, Miss Illingworth, Mrs Jones, Miss Smith and Mrs Kilner who gave up their own time at the weekend to ensure our children could be involved in this fabulous community event. It was a great team effort, and we all had a wonderful time.

A special mention and thank you to Mrs Stott who has been practising the songs for weeks with the children and organised our school involvement in the event. As always, we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Stott for her unwavering commitment and dedication to our school and for providing magical musical experiences for our children.

Thank you to the parents/carers who came along and watched the performance in the evening. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Rossett Acre children at The Royal Hall

We had a fabulous time!

SCREEN-SAFE PARENT/CARER'S EVENT

On Monday evening, we held a Staying Safe Online/when using Smartphones, Social Media Event led by Anna Sarjantson the founder of Screen-Safe. <https://www.screen-safe-resources.co.uk/blog> We were delighted by how many parents/carers came along, (70+) and from the hugely positive feedback we received from those attending, it was obviously well received. Anna was engaging and knowledgeable and clearly communicated the information that parents/carers needed to know about keeping their children safe online and when using smartphones. The facts, figures and information shared was shocking and eye opening for all – who knew the dangers and risks of children using apps such as SnapChat and online gaming platforms such as Roblox, which I know many of our children use.

'Roblox is a popular online game-creating platform where children can create and publish games and play other users' games. Although it can be a fun way for children to be creative and work together, there are some potential risks you should be aware of too.' The following link, from National Online Safety gives you more information: <https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NOS-Parental-guide-ROBLOX.pdf>

Other information to keep your children safe can be found on The National Cyber Security Centre's website; they suggest using three random words to create a password that's difficult to crack. You can find out more information using the following link.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-words>

Anna has informed me that a number of parents have contacted her directly since the meeting, which is fantastic, and have shared their thanks for her leading the meeting on Monday and for sharing such important safety information with them to help protect their children. One of the comments I received when collecting feedback from parents attending was that 'every parent should attend this meeting!', I must admit, I absolutely agree; there are so many things that you will be unaware of, as a parent/carers, and technology, especially with the rising use and speed of AI, (Artificial Intelligence) is changing so quickly. I urge you all to make yourselves aware of the risks and dangers of some online games and smartphone apps and use parental settings as a step towards keeping your child/children safe.

A huge thank you to Anna for providing such informative and important information with us all and for being such an amazing speaker.

Huge thanks also to Devinia and Anna, who represent a core of parents in Harrogate who are in agreement with, and spreading the word about, the movement Smartphone Free Childhood. If parents would like to join the pact and/or find out more about the national movement, they can do so here:

<https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Ingle and I had the great pleasure of attending an awards ceremony at Mercer Art Gallery, Harrogate, to witness three of our Rossett Acre children receiving an award after entering the Harrogate's Rotary Young Artist Competition this year based on 'Wonderful Water'.

It was a lovely ceremony, and I am pleased to inform you that Ben (EYFS) and Alice (Y6) both had artwork that was highly commended by the judges. Well done!

Brilliantly, Varsha (Y4) was one of the winners of the local heat and her artwork has been put forward for the district heat. (Fingers crossed, Varsha!)

Varsha received £50 as a prize and school received £100 which will be put towards buying art resources.

Congratulations to all three children, your artwork is stunning!

Ben's reaction to receiving his certificate was a joy to behold, he literally bunny hopped back to his parents and put a smile on everyone's faces.



Ben's wonderful artwork – highly commended



Varsha's wonderful artwork – winner of local heat



Alice's wonderful artwork – highly commended

MILITARY WORKSHOPS

Yesterday, we were delighted to have a visit from the Army who carried out some Military workshops for our Year 4 & 5 children. Major Chris Miles (a parent in school), Staff Sergeant Erica Wells and Corporal Lauryn Geldart kindly came in to explain their jobs in the army, which linked fabulously to our work on Careers Education this year. The children learned about the kit worn in the field, how to carry out first aid and how important camouflage is. The children learned about how a job in the Army can lead to you travelling the world and some of the dangers attached to being in the field, including a deployment to Kenya where Corporal Geldart, a medic, returned to the medical tent to find a lion standing outside it! Our teachers also got involved and tried out wearing the kit. Below you can see Mrs Ingle and Mrs Wood wearing the military attire – Mrs Ingle, Miss Woodcock and Miss Blyde even applied the camouflage paint to their faces, much to the children's delight.

A huge thank to our visitors, it was fascinating to hear about your roles in the Army and we really appreciate how you and your colleagues keep us all safe.





YEAR 5 SCIENCE

This week, Y5 pupils had a very 'hands-on' Science lesson, dissecting tulips to discover a flower's anatomy as part of our 'Living Things' unit of work. The pupils were shocked to find some super tiny ovules inside the plant's ovary and used accurate vocabulary to name each part successfully.



YEAR 2 RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Yesterday, Year 2 had some visitors from the North Yorkshire Waste and Recycling Centre. They spoke to the children about the importance of recycling and the different options of recycling, reusing and composting of common household items.



BOOK SHARING (celebrating World Book Day)

It was lovely to see all the children so engaged with one another and discussing texts in an animated and excitable manner. We will have more about World Book Day in next week's newsletter.





Friday 21 March is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to come to school wearing something red if they wish to. Please bring £1 which will be donated to the charity. Please ensure their clothing is suitable for school and for the weather. Thank you.

PARKING

Could I remind you that if you use Rossett Sport's Centre's car park, please do so responsibly and considerately. Please do not park on double yellow lines or park in such a way that other cars cannot get past. Cars should not be parked on the "access only" road or in the staff car park. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a disabled badge. Be respectful to each other and treat others how you would wish to be treated. Thank you for your support.

ECO INFORMATION

Reduce the impact of used uniforms on the environment, prevent waste and save money – we have many used/secondhand jumpers and cardigans in school, in various sizes, that are looking for a home. Contact Mrs Vlack at school if you'd like spares or additional uniform.

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance 28 February 2025 to 6 March February 2025
97.2%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 6

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

How do we monitor your child's attendance?

If your child is absent from school, first we will phone you. If we have no response, we will complete a home visit.

- 95.5%** Your child's attendance target
- Below 95%** Child's attendance monitored by school
- Below 90%** Child is considered a persistent absentee

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE	19 DAYS ABSENCE	29 DAYS ABSENCE	38 DAYS ABSENCE	47 DAYS ABSENCE
	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	A MONTH MISSED OF EDUCATION	A WHOLE HALF TERM MISSED	2 MONTHS OF SCHOOL MISSED	NEARLY 1/4 OF SCHOOL YEAR MISSED
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success!!		Worrying 30 hours of maths missed 45 hours of English missed 15 hours of playing with friends missed 12 hours of PE missed		Serious concern—possible court action 50 hours of maths missed 75 hours of English missed 25 hours of playing with friends missed 20 hours of PE missed	

School attendance on Thursday last week was 97.6 % which was fabulous.

Today's attendance is: 98.1%

Well done everyone.

PTA NEWS

Quiz Night - Friday 21st March - 7pm

Preparations are well underway for our annual quiz night. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of entertainment - and all for a good cause.

Seats are limited so, please book your tickets now:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93672>

Easter Hamper Donations

To round off the Spring term we will be raffling some hampers, lovingly created by the entire school community. That being said, please could you send your child to school with at least one hamper item. This can be anything from some chocolate and sweets to candles, craft kits, wine and fizz. Think about what you might like to receive in a hamper and that will probably be perfect! Please don't donate anything perishable or out of date.

Please take all donations to your child's classroom by Friday 14th March. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



The poster features a white background with a pink vertical sidebar on the right. At the top, a cartoon rabbit's head peeks over the title. The title 'EASTER HAMPER DONATIONS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the question 'WHICH CLASS WILL HAVE THE BEST HAMPER?' is written in pink. A paragraph of text explains the donation process. A pink box contains the deadline 'DONATIONS NEEDED BY 14TH MARCH'. The bottom of the poster shows a basket of colorful Easter eggs and a hamper. The sidebar contains text about the raffle and a list of donation ideas.

EASTER HAMPER DONATIONS

WHICH CLASS WILL HAVE THE BEST HAMPER?

Please send your child to school with one hamper item. This can be anything from a single chocolate bar or bag of sweets to a candle, craft kit or bottle of champs!

DONATIONS NEEDED BY 14TH MARCH

Donations from each class will be gathered to create a lovely Easter hamper.

These hampers will then be raffled, and the lucky winner will be announced at the end of term.

Donation ideas:

- Chocolate
- Sweet treats
- Candles
- Beauty products
- Craft kits
- Booze

COMMUNITY

Harrogate Ladies College - Inspirational Woman Essay Writing Competition

To coincide with International Women's Day, we are excited to announce the launch of our annual 'Inspirational Woman Essay Competition', which aims to celebrate the success of women who have become role models in our children's lives.

It is a great opportunity for young writers to hone their craft. The competition's focus on developing writing and reading comprehension skills directly supports the Key Stage 2 curriculum and lays strong foundations for future learning. It's also a really creative project to do at home!

The competition is open to pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 and finalists will be invited to a special luncheon at Harrogate Ladies' College. Winners will also hear their entries read aloud by inspirational women!

Pupils in Year 3 & 4 must write a maximum of 500 words and Year 5 pupils have a 750-word limit. The winner in each age category will receive £50 of book vouchers and a further £50 in vouchers for their school.

To find out more information and how to enter, please visit www.hlc.org.uk/essay.

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HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE	5-13	✓	✗	✓
ROSBETT SPORTS CENTRE, HARROGATE	5-13	✓	✓	✗
ASPIN PARK ACADEMY, KNARESBOROUGH	5-13	✓	✗	✗

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THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH OUR CHOICE!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY OUR DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF!! WE PROMISE A HIGH ENERGY, VARIED DAY, FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!

FOOTBALL CAMPS!!

OUR DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS WILL ALSO RUN AT ROSBETT SPORTS CENTRE; YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEIR FOOTBALL DAYS WITH OUR FA QUALIFIED COACHES!!

OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE PERFECT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES AND CLUBS WITH A VARIETY OF SKILL DRILLS, CHALLENGES, GAMES AND PLENTY OF TOURNAMENTS!!

DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS FOR FOOTBALL MAD CHILDREN RUNNING EVERY HALF TERM, EASTER & SUMMER!!

SWIMMING

SWIM WITH OUR QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD TEAM!!!

YOUR CHILDREN CAN ENJOY SWIMMING ACTIVITIES EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AS PART OF OUR ENERGY PROGRAMME AT HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE!

PRICES, CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & DROP OFF TIMES

STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM
EXTENDED DAY - 4PM-5:30PM
(CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PRICES)

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With the Easter holidays just a few weeks away, North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service has a range of experiences planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this Spring.

Family Activity Days are a great option for spending quality time together, taking on a challenge in the great outdoors and making memories that will last a lifetime. Join the team on a canoe journey at either Beverley Park in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby near Whitby and get 10% off your Family Activity Day booking using the code 'Hello10'.

Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. They will make new friends, challenge themselves and learn a whole range of different skills, all while having lots of fun!

There are also three exciting courses available for young people to try this Easter – rock skills, paddle sports and sailing. Find out more about what's on and when at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays and get ready for an unforgettable outdoor experience like no other!

Musical Theatre Classes



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