




Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Update



Hello

Well what an amazing week all of our Year 6 children have had on their residential to Robinwood! All staff who attended with the children were so proud of their conduct, behaviour and manners; their behaviour was praised when they disembarked from the coach and then again within 15 minutes of receiving their first meal from the chefs and staff on site. It was also fantastic to hear from the night staff that the children's behaviour had been exemplary whilst in the dormitories with their friends. They are a credit to yourselves and the school.

It was really lovely to see how the children worked together developing their team building skills to solve problems, overcome challenges and, most importantly, support each other to overcome their own personal challenges and fears. It was also lovely to hear individuals say that their confidence has grown and they personally cannot believe what they achieved. As a staff, we could see how the activities helped to develop a range of different skills and build resilience in knowing how to approach and tackle the difficult and challenging situations they were faced with.

For any child who can be selective over what they eat at home, we can promise you that your child ate exceptionally well and no one left the dining room hungry. Apologies if you are being asked to make a full cooked breakfast after cereals and toast!

I would like to echo the sentiments from Mrs Clark and thank all the staff who attended Robinwood with myself for giving up their own time to support the children. We are already planning next year's residential trip and our current Year 5 pupils will receive information about this later in the academic year.

Remember, we are all really approachable here at school and we are passionate about being supportive for our children and their families; please don't ever think twice about contacting us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Helen Stephenson

Deputy Headteacher



Upcoming Events

20/11/2021	Dance Festival
26/11/2021	PTA Film Night
01/12/2021	Open Event for prospective parents





The children have come back full of enthusiasm and sparkle, ready to begin learning about our new topic; **'Let's celebrate!'**

This week we learnt all about Diwali – the festival of light. Children enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita and making a huge story map as a class together. The children made beautiful salt dough diva lamps that we hope you can enjoy putting a candle in and lighting together at home. Finally the outside classroom was filled with colour when the children designed chalk rangoli patterns all over the walls and floors. It has been a wonderful week!



P.E. – This half term we have a visiting P.E. specialist and so our sessions have moved to a Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school at all times, they will be sent home each holiday for sizes to be checked and garments to be washed.

Library books – We have begun library sessions in school on Mondays. The children have already started to really look forward to them! In each library session the children will have the opportunity to choose a new book to take home. If for any reason your child forgets their book on a Monday or timetabling issues cause the session to move to another day we will still change your child's book on the next given opportunity. We would recommend that your child keeps their library book in their book bag each day if possible. If you have any questions, please ask any of the team.



You may have found your child's name card and tracing paper in their bag on Thursday. We have been practising our name writing at school and thought you may like a go at tracing at home too. We will put a new piece of tracing paper in each week, please swap the paper around to have a second go. We hope you enjoy doing this activity together.



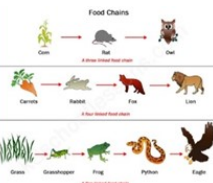
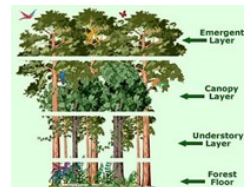
We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Miss Knowles, Mrs Greenwood & the EYFS team.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

A super week in Key Stage One with lots of different learning skills shown throughout each lesson. Although people around them have been slightly different, everyone has worked together and shown support, which is lovely to see. Well done everyone!

We have enjoyed learning even more about the Amazon Rainforest this week. Throughout the week, we have dived deeper into the Amazon to learn about the layers of the rainforest, the animals that live in them as well as other elements including the weather and temperature. Everyone has done an amazing job of turning the facts into written sections, full of information and super vocabulary ready for their booklets.



We continued learning more about 'Animals including Humans' during our science sessions. This week we focused on the eating habits of animals and learnt about food chains and how energy is passed through the chain. Then we all enjoyed making our own paper chains that represented the different food chains. Super Scientific work everyone!

Next week, we are all looking forward to making our very own Amazon Rainforest... in a shoebox! We can't wait to start crafting, painting and seeing our rainforests come to life. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you have a shoebox in school on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Miss Keith.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Another week has flown by and the children in Year 3 and 4 have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm. Last week, the children mummified apples to try and preserve them as part of their learning about the Ancient Egyptian mummification process. They were fascinated when they uncovered them this week, because they didn't look how they thought they would. The apples had shrunk as the natron (baking soda and salt) had absorbed all the liquid from the covered apple and dried them out.



In PSHE, we have continued to learn about how to stay safe on the internet and how to keep our private information private. To demonstrate how to be safe online, the children played an online game called Interland. The children worked their way through various levels which challenged their thinking on how to protect their data and how to respond to unknown people online.

Classes 6 and 8 have started practising for the tri- golf competition this week, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Over the next few weeks we will continue to practise our skills by completing the four different challenges, before we enter our final scores for the virtual competition. It's looking like we have some very promising golfers amongst them, so fingers crossed for some good results! From next week, class 7 will be working with our REAL PE specialist, Ms Topliss, to continue to develop their all round skills through the core elements of the REAL PE scheme.



Well done Year 3 and 4 for a great week!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Clapham.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5)

This week in maths, we learnt about Roman numerals and prime numbers. When learning Roman numerals, we learnt how to convert between Roman numerals and Arabic numbers and performed a variety of calculations. By the end of the lesson, we were able to both read and write the numbers.



In art, we continued our work on Lowry. We drew the front of houses and buildings, being sure to include all the details. To our surprise, even the terrace houses in Lowry's work were often very detailed.

In PE, we played sitting volleyball. We enjoyed developing team tactics and creating our own rules. After some practise, we were able to work together to score points against our opponents.



Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 6)

For all parents whose children have not told you what they did whilst at Robinwood, here is a brief summary. All staff and pupils, thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities on offer: canoeing, archery, caving, trapeze, giant swing, zip wire, night line, Knight's quest, dungeon of doom, climbing, team challenge and the infamous piranha pool.



The activities varied across each day and challenged the children in a range of areas: mental, physical, overcoming fears and teamwork. All children completed every task to the best of their individual ability which at times took them out of their comfort zone.



We are very proud of all the children and what they achieved on an individual basis. Their approach to this whole experience was fantastic and the children were a pleasure to take and spend time with. We thoroughly enjoyed being able to spend time with the children outside of the normal school environment, which helped to deepen our relationship with each individual.



Thank you for all your kind messages and we wish all a restful weekend (apart from the washing).

Mrs Stephenson, Mr Daniel, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Schippers & Mr Keaney



Remembrance Day

On Thursday, the whole school came together outside in Remembrance. Over the past week, everyone has participated in activities and assemblies to learn more about Remembrance Day and the reasons behind it. One of the activities was to colour or craft a poppy, which then came together and made a beautiful 'Poppy Fall' at the front of the school.



Thank you to everyone for showing respect, kindness and understanding while learning about Remembrance Day and during the silence.

Mrs Reeves.



SCHOLASTIC



The autumn term Scholastic book club sales were superb! Thank you to everyone who ordered from this months catalogue, £200 worth of books were purchased which has added another £40 to our school rewards total. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy reading your new books.

The Scholastic book club will continue to run throughout the school year, so keep an eye out for the next catalogue to see what wonderful bargains are available.

Miss Clapham.





Christmas Film Night on Friday 26th November

To reduce mixing of year groups, we will run 2 showings.

The Grinch (U) - Year 3 and 4 at 4.15-5.45pm

The Rise of the Guardians (PG) Year 5 and 6 at 6.00-7.40pm

£3 per ticket (including a Christmas biscuit and hot chocolate with marshmallows)

£1 Hot Dogs available

Please bring a cushion or blanket to sit on. Christmas Dress up welcome!



We recognise our younger children will miss out but we have organised for a Magic Hatter show to be shown for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to enjoy in school time!

The BIG Christmas Raffle

Thank you everyone who has bought Raffle Tickets so far – they are going fast! The first prize being a Nintendo Switch Lite, plus the Animal Crossing game, with other wonderful prizes such as Harry Potter Lego, family days out, beauty treatments, haircuts, sweet boxes and goodies will continue to be added.



Online is new for us but we hope you will find it easier with no need for cash and please share the webpage with family and friends

This is the link: [RBs BIG Christmas Prize Draw](#) or this QR code

Christmas Eve Bags



We will be taking orders again for Christmas Eve Bags – the order form will be out shortly, but they will be **£5 each** and all money raised will go to school. The deadline for orders will be **Friday 3rd December**

We understand not everyone is in the position to be able to spend on something like this at the minute, so we encourage you to read the Order Form which suggests a method to access one confidentially. Also, all children who receive free school meals (but not those who automatically receive one because they are in Reception, Year 1-2) will receive one automatically (unless you let school know). Thank you

Joanne Barrow—Chair PTA

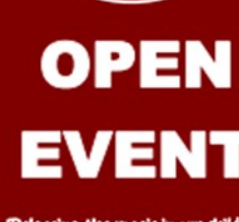




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For children starting school in September 2022,
we warmly invite families to come and visit us on

Wednesday 1st December 2021
4:15pm - 6:00pm



*'Releasing the magic in our children,
staff and school community'*

Accepting applications from both inside and
outside of our catchment area

Come and tour our welcoming school, whilst
also taking the opportunity to meet staff and
current pupils

Headteacher welcome talks are being held at
both **4:30pm & 5:45pm**

(come to whichever suits you best)

Please email us for more information and to
register your attendance

Ralphbutterfield.school@york.gov.uk



Open Event for Children Starting School in 2022

We are delighted, and so very excited, that we are able to offer an open event this term. We are inviting families, who are looking to choose a 'first school' for their child, to start in September 2022 (Reception), to come and learn more about Ralph Butterfield Primary School and our provision. Visitors will be able to take a tour of the school, meet staff members and have a lovely cup of tea with our wonderful PTA. We will be asking for some children to help us to showcase our school, whether that be as a Year 6 tour guide or by being in classrooms to engage in activities, showing some of the things their class enjoy doing. A letter will follow, at the start of next week, and we hope that we will have some eager volunteers. You can find out more information about the event by taking a look at the poster included in this newsletter.

Please help us to spread the word by mentioning this event to any families that you think may be interested. We are accepting applications from both inside and outside of our regular catchment area. Thank you.

