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Headteacher's Message



Good afternoon

Again today, Ralph Butterfield Primary School children have shown their genuine care for others, enjoying a break from school uniform to support fund raising for the Comic Relief Charity. It can sometimes feel, particularly in recent times, that there isn't always a lot to laugh about. Children are brilliant for reminding everyone to laugh – and laughter is great for supporting positive mental health. 'Red Nose Day' raises money to help end child poverty; Comic Relief also gives support to a number of organisations helping those affected by the situation in Ukraine.

On Monday of this week, our school assembly raised awareness of the nine protected characteristics. As in our [equality objectives statement](#) (also on our website), we also recognise in school that social mobility and socio-economic status can be a factor in discrimination and prejudice. It is a joy how respectful, knowledgeable and understanding the children are around diversity themes and the importance of equality in society.

Next week, the 21st March, you may already be aware, is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The children will have further opportunity to explore the importance of equality and celebrating the numerous differences that make us all unique and special, whilst sharing the commonality of all being a human being.

Our Year 5 children enjoyed an assembly with Matt Messias this week, our visiting wellbeing coach; we are looking forward to Year 5 establishing a team of wellbeing ambassadors in the summer term and the ideas they may have about how this could have a positive impact for our younger children.

We are apparently due some more sunshine this weekend. If that is the case, I do hope you are able to enjoy some of it.



EYFS

A big thank you for all the pots you have been sending in. We planted our cress heads yesterday and will continue with more planting next week. We look forward to our 'hair' growing.

In literacy this week, the children made some fantastic minibeast books, writing facts about different garden creatures.

In phonics this week, the children went over previously learnt sounds and tricky words and used them in their reading and writing.



In our creative session this week, we read the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and chatted about the vegetables in the story. We then looked at a radish, carrot, broccoli, butternut squash, aubergine, white potato, red potato and beetroot. The children then drew the vegetables and coloured them in using a selection of chalk pastels. It was very exciting to see how the colours smudged together! The pictures were really good and lovely observational skills used.

We have been comparing numbers to 10. In our outdoor maths session this week we sorted the dominoes. Which domino has the most spots? Which has the fewest? Can you find two dominoes that have the same number of spots? Then we sorted the dominoes into those that had 6 spots and those that had more than or fewer than 6 spots.



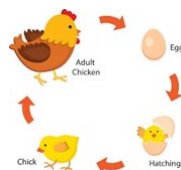
For our Red Nose Day maths, we compared amounts of red noses, it was lots of fun looking at the different red noses from over the years.

Miss Griffiths, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood, and the EYFS team.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



What a fantastic Science Week we have had! First, we had a trip to Mars... We researched information about the planet and then used question sentences to find out more detail. We then designed our own alien that could be found on Mars and wrote a character description, using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and conjunctions... as well using the scientific vocabulary we had learnt.



We then participated in a live lesson to learn about the life cycle of a chicken! As a class, the children worked together to make notes in preparation for writing an explanation to describe the life cycle.

During the week, in PSHE lessons, we have been learning about different career paths and jobs which adults choose to do. For example, the children thought about the skills they would need to be able to be a vet, paramedic or a social media influencer.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Mr Crundwell, who spoke to them all about his job as a telecommunications engineer. They learnt about his career path, the skills he needs and played games to see how elements within telecommunications work. A HUGE thank you to Mr Crundwell for supporting our PSHE theme this week.



Please do come and speak to us if you need anything.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Reeves.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



It has been a very science orientated week in Lower Key Stage two with lots of fun and exciting activities.

As part of our science topic about rocks, the children made their own dinosaur fossils by using plaster of paris and creating a mould from clay. We were all very excited and couldn't wait to reveal the fossils once they had dried. This was then continued within our English lessons. The children wrote their own set of amazing instructions about how to make a fossil. Their instructions were brilliantly written and really showed off their understanding of the writing features included as well as the technical vocabulary we have been learning about.



Our science week activity was all about 'Growth'. The children learnt lots of facts about Mars and what is needed for an animal to live and grow. They were then set the challenge of designing and making their own animal from plasticine that would survive the harsh conditions on Mars. We had many weird and wonderful creations!

In computing, we have been looking at email safety using 2Email on Purple Mash. This has included why we need rules, the advantages and disadvantages of using email, and why we shouldn't share personal information, photos or videos with unknown people online.



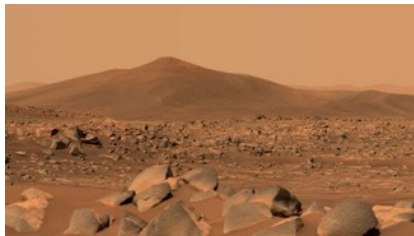
It was lovely to see the sea of red that the children dressed in to support Red Nose Day. The children also loved sharing their jokes. What a great way to end the week!

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

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Hodgson, Mr Taylor, Mr Bennett and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



As part of Science Week, the children learnt the necessary features of living organisms. 'MRS GREN' is an acronym often used to help remember all the necessary features of living organisms: Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition. The children then applied this understanding in order to design their own life form that could survive in the harsh conditions on Mars.

We have started to learn about Islam and this week considered how life could be perceived to be a journey. This knowledge was then applied to the children's learning around the sharaiah and they then began an in depth study of the 5 pillars of Islam.



As part of our computing lessons, we are creating our own spreadsheets in order to manage a household's monthly outgoings and incomings. The children will have to apply their prior knowledge and understanding of spreadsheets, that they have learnt over the course of this computing unit, in order to complete the task.

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

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



Visitors to School



This week Ralph Butterfield Primary School welcomed Suki, who was happy to talk to the children about her Sikh faith. The pupils listened attentively and asked some incredible questions. They handled some fascinating resources and were particularly excited to see just how far a turban could unravel!



Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



17th March 1976 – Number of children on roll still rising - 366. Wrote to request an extra member of staff.



Additional classroom approved, planning officer came to discuss details.



Mothers Day Secret Room



Don't forget our Secret Gift Room will take place on **Friday 25th March** in the school day. This is an opportunity for children to pick a small gift for the special lady or loved one in their life. Gifts are priced at £1-£5 and we place them in a gift bag to take home. Please bring any money in a sealed envelope detailing on the front - your child's name, class and amount of money inside. We will have some gifts that don't say Mother/ Mum etc

The children love this event so we are really looking forward to the day!

Parvin Night



Please don't forget to get your **Quiz Night tickets** for the Parvin. Ticket sales are going well!

It's on **Monday 4th April** at 7pm. It will cost £20 per person and all profits will go to School. This will include a Quiz and a delicious three course meal. There will also be a small raffle and stand up-sit down bingo.

It will be great social evening with friends or family or to meet other parents at school.

Please get a table together and email Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com for tickets and details of how to pay.

Disco

This will take place on **Thursday 31st March**, with a letter coming out shortly

It will cost **£3 per child**, which includes a bag of tuck shop sweets and a drink for all years. Discos will take place at the following times:



Reception, Year 1 & 2	4.30 - 5.30pm
Years 3 & 4	5.45 - 6.45pm
Years 5 & 6	7.00 - 8.00pm

There will be a small selection of glow bands (20p each) at the ticket desk, which can be purchased as children arrive.

Please see the Disco letter for full details

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Monday evenings
4 sessions

Starting 25th April
7:15 to 9:00pm
Online via Zoom



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This course, led by trained facilitators, will help you to better understand, recognise and manage anger in your family and give you the chance to share your own thoughts and ideas. You will quickly see you're not alone! For more info contact Helen Atkinson
Tel: 07393 147259
Email: helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

4 Tuesday sessions
Starting 3rd May
9:30-11:30
St Edwards Church
Tadcaster Road
YO24 1QG



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The 14th Scarecrow Festival



30th April - 2nd May 2022

Do you live or work in Haxby or Wigginton?

We would love you to enter our Scarecrow Festival!

You're invited to make and display a scarecrow in your garden or shopfront. Register online to enter, or complete and return a paper registration form!

hwmc.org.uk/scarecrows



Email: scarecrows@hwmc.org.uk

Register online at our website

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- The Methodist Church

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PROGRAMMES

OUR TEAM KNOW HOW TO HELP CHILDREN HAVE THE BEST TIME EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY. ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE TEAMWORK AND DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, BUT THE REAL EMPHASIS IS ON FUN! THINK OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES CHILDREN LIKE TO DO... YOU NAME IT, WE'VE GOT IT. A WEEK INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM PARTY DAYS, PAINTS & PARACHUTES, TO DODGEBALL & SNIPER. WE CALL THE PROGRAMME "TOTAL ENERGY" AND THE NAME CERTAINLY FITS THE BILL! WITH AGE SPECIFIC SESSIONS AND WHOLE CAMP FAVOURITES SUCH AS CAPTURE THE FLAG, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. FOOTBALL SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES RUN AT SOME OF OUR VENUES TOO.

BOOKINGS

WE ARE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US. WITH FLEXIBLE BOOKING, YOU CAN CHOOSE INDIVIDUAL DAYS, OR FULL WEEKS. CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ARE ACCEPTED.

STAFF

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SAFER RECRUITMENT AND EVERY CAMP IS MANAGED BY ONE OF OUR FULL TIME TEACHING STAFF. ALL STAFF ARE FULLY TRAINED AND DBS CLEARED.

WOW WEEKS

- ASSAULT COURSES
- ARCHERY
- NERF DAYS
- GO KARTS
- SCOOTERS
- INFLATABLES

YOU

OUR DEDICATED TEAM ARE HERE TO HELP. PLEASE CALL 03444 14 13 13 OR CONTACT US VIA THE WEBSITE. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN THE TOTAL SPORTS FAMILY.



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