



Ryders Green
Primary School
Newsletter
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School Update

THE TERM SO FAR AT RYDERS GREEN



Sandwell Library and Information Service

Year 5 enjoyed their visit to West Bromwich Central Library. All of Year 5 had the opportunity to meet the librarians and explore the wonderful books on offer. We hope that lots of you visit the library over half term - remember it is free for all to access!



All the pupils in school have had the chance to take part in the very exciting water workshops delivered by our visitor from South Staffs Water. A Year 4 pupil commented, 'I learnt so much, and it was good to be able to ask the specialist questions'. All of the information shared will help support the pupils in their Geography, Science lessons in KS1 and KS2 and Understanding of the World in Reception.

The representative was very impressed with the knowledge and behaviour of the children in school - well done everyone!



South Staffs Water

On Friday 26th January, Year 3 were transported back in time, to an age around 5000 years ago! The Stone Age came to Ryders Green. The pupils were able to apply and further extend their historical knowledge and vocabulary in a fantastic workshop that took place across the day in school. 'I got to see lots of items that were used in the Stone Age, it really helped me to understand what life would have been like', exclaimed one pupil.



This week, we were able to take part in the 'Bikeability' program in school, improving our pupils' cycling proficiency. Across three days, specialist instructors were able to work with 18 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils. 'We had the chance to think about how to stay safe when cycling on the roads and how to signal to other people which way we are going', said one group upon completion of the course. Thank you to the Bikeability staff for your superb coaching across the sessions.

Bikeability
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century



attendance matters

AT RGPS



Department
for Education

**“THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A RUNNY
NOSE... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Please remember to contact school if your child is unwell and you are unsure if they are able to attend. In line with NHS guidance, they can still attend school if they have a cough, runny nose or a sore throat.

If you would like some advice, please call 0121 553 0658 and someone will be able to assist you.

Diary DATES

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - TRAINING DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - RETURN TO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - 'LITTLE KID TOWN' VISITORS FOR RECEPTION & NURSERY

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH - WORLD BOOK DAY

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY - RECEPTION

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH - COMIC RELIEF

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH - EASTER BONNET PARADES (RECEPTION/NURSERY)

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH - WOW OF THE TERM

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH - EASTER ASSEMBLY - YEAR 2

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH - EASTER EGG COMPETITION

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH - END OF SPRING TERM

MONDAY 8TH APRIL - RETURN TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY 2ND MAY - SCHOOL CLOSED, POLLING DAY

MONDAY 6TH MAY - SCHOOL CLOSED, BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 13TH MAY - THURSDAY 16TH MAY - YEAR 6 SATS

THURSDAY 23RD MAY - SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM

MONDAY 3RD JUNE - BACK TO SCHOOL

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT



On the 1st February across school, we took part in 'Time to Talk Day' in conjunction with the charity Mind. The more conversations we have, the better it is for everyone. Talking about mental health isn't always easy, its even harder to say how we really feel. But a conversation has the power to change lives. If you ever need help or support with your mental health, then please speak to someone - your GP, charities like 'Mind ' or even pop into school.



Online Safety forms a constant thread within our Computing Curriculum in school. As part of the learning in school we take time to discuss how we can stay safe online.

On Tuesday 6th February we were able to further raise the profile of Online Safety through celebrating 'Safer Internet Day'. All pupils have been part of assemblies around online safety led by Miss Jordan and all recieved a special flyer home with lots of tips on staying safe in the virtual world. For more information please visit www.saferinternetday.org

SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



HALF TERM

OAK HOUSE at HALF TERM

Plant for the Planet! Enjoy half term week at Oak House on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February.

11am-3pm. Plant sunflowers or beans to take home for your garden and make a beautiful paper flower.



WEDNESBURY MUSEUM at HALF TERM

Valentine crafts and trails, 14th February 10am-2pm. Small charge for crafts.

Chinese New Year, 15th February, 11am-2pm. Enjoy craft activities and try your hand at Chinese writing. Small charge for crafts.

TOTS AT MUSEUMS, 12-20th Feb, 10.30am and 1.30pm - just drop in!



HAYDEN HILL HOUSE at HALF TERM

14th, 15th and 16th February, 11am-3pm. Free entry, small charge for some activities.



COMING UP!



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character or book. Take a look on the page later in this newsletter for some ideas about costumes you could make at home.

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief and we will be supporting this fundraising event in school. Children are invited to wear something red or their own clothes to school on the day and bring in a donation to the charity. There will also be the chance to take part in Children's University pop-ups during the day.



Our Easter Egg Decorating Competition will be taking place next half term. All children from Nursery - Year 6 can enter, with chocolatey prizes available for the winners. To be entered into the competition you need to use a REAL egg in your design and bring your entry into school on Thursday 20th March.

During March, our School Council will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Chocolate Raffle. Tickets will be available in school, 25p for one ticket or 5 for £1.



LittleKidTown
Play.Learn.Grow

We have some very exciting visitors coming into school for our Reception and Nursery children. Our school hall will be transformed into a whole town ready for you to explore!



Our Early Help Police officer, PC Begum will be coming into school to carry on our Safeguarding work with Year 6. This time the focus will be on County Lines.



After half term, our School Nursing team will be visiting school to talk to Year 5. Please look out for a separate letter containing more information.



SWIMMING

Year 3
Year 4
Year 5

Every Monday until
Easter



Mrs Begum and Mrs Jarrett leave us this half term to start their maternity leave. We wish them all the best as they start this exciting journey.

Mrs Dempsey will continue to work with the children in 1B. We also welcome Miss Adams back to school following her maternity leave.

PARKING

When dropping off/collecting children from school, can we please be mindful of where we are parking and how long for. Please ensure that no drives or pavements are blocked. Also, we would request that wherever possible you walk to school as this reduces the number of cars parked but also it is highly beneficial to the environment. Thank you for your support with this.

HOME LEARNING

- Reading books
 - Spellings
 - TTRS
 - Projects
 - Century Tech (KS2)
- See school website for further information.

PC Begum

Please remember that PC Begum is available in school most Monday mornings. If you would like to speak with her, please visit the school office to arrange an appointment.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence request should be submitted **AT LEAST** two weeks before leave is requested.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 7th March. There will be lots of celebrations taking place in school and we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Look at some of the ideas below...

Thursday
7th March

Grab some left over cardboard or paper and colour and paint it like your favourite character from the Mr Men and Little Miss stories.



How about some beautiful butterfly wings? Take some paper and design away. Attach to a t-shirt and you are good to go!



Are you a new character in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory? Wear your own clothes and design and decorate your own golden ticket and you can be off to the factory too!



Which crayon would you be? Wear clothes all the same colour and make a paper cone hat to match and you will be all ready to quit just like the crayons!



Create a long tail from some old tights, team with an all black outfit, add some cat ears and you are transformed!



Do you have some brown clothes? Borrow some rubber gloves and make a mask out of some black paper.



Grab a striped top, any bag and add a "SWAG" sign and create a mask from some black paper and you can be the star from your favourite book!



Stay in your pyjamas for the day and join the Midnight Gang!

How about using some leftover card and painting it red? Add on some black spots and you have some fantastic ladybird wings!



Do you have a witches hat left over from Halloween? Wear with some of your own clothes you could be a witch from lots of different stories. Which witch is your favourite?



Get all the spare cardboard you can find and turn yourself into Stick Man! Just beware of the dog on your way to school!

attendance matters

AT RGPS

**SEE WHAT THEY COULD BECOME
MISS SCHOOL, MISS OUT**



Attend school for the best start in life

www.sandwell.gov.uk/attendance

 Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council



MMR Pop-up Clinics in Sandwell

February Half Term Dates

Anyone who is eligible for MMR can book (pre school, school age & adults)

Saturday 10 February 2024	Tuesday 13 February 2024	Thursday 15 February
9:30am - 2:30pm	9pm – 3pm	9am – 3pm
West Bromwich Central Family Hub Off Claypit Lane West Bromwich, B70 9EZ	Tesco Cradley Heath Fox Oak Street Cradley Heath B64 5DF	Tesco West Bromwich 46 New Square West Bromwich B70 7PR

Booked appointments only – call 0121 592 1110



NHS

9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

**Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations**