

# Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

9th March 2018

It has been a very busy couple of weeks. World Book Day was fantastic and I want to thank Mrs Moody for organising such an engaging day which the children got so much out of. And a big thank you to all of you that encouraged your children to bring in their decorated wooden spoons and organised their outfits. The children looked amazing.

This week, I was proud to attend the Rotary Club quiz with 4 Year 6 children. They represented the school brilliantly, and demonstrated a real enthusiasm when taking part. There were some tough questions, which did not phase them at all. Well done Toby, Charlotte, Sean and Jorja!

I have had the privilege to visit most classes this week during their English lessons. I was impressed by the children's vocabulary development and the opportunities provided to expand it even further.

Some of you were able to attend the information session with Manor Learning Trust at the beginning of the week. You should all have since received a copy of the questionnaire that was provided. An online version is available at <https://kwiksurveys.com/s/2fOBo4N9>. I would encourage you to share your views so that we can act on the information you provide.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns. It is our working in partnership that brings the most success for your child/ren.

## **Attendance**

Our current whole school attendance week ending Friday 9th March 2018 was 95.12% and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year. This week's results were:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Dragonflies with 100.00%

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Owls with 98.21%

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ants with 97.86%

We are working hard to encourage everyone to arrive at school on time. As a reminder, the doors open at 8.40 and children are recorded late if they arrive after 8.50. We shut the gates at 8.55, which is why you will be directed to the office after that time to ensure your child is safely recorded as having arrived at school. If you are having any issues regarding punctuality and attendance please contact our Parent Support Advisor, Lynn Butler who will be happy to help.

## **Foundation Stage**

'Whatever Next!' has been our Literacy focus this week, we have written about what happened in the story and have even written lists of what we would take to the moon. The children came up with some very interesting lists! In mathematics we have learnt about distance and have measured distance using our footsteps and also metre sticks. The children were also very enthusiastic about investigating different methods of powering rockets.

## **Year 1/2**

We have had a fun week learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood, we have enjoyed describing the woods and the wolf. The children have tried so hard in their literacy and numeracy tests this week and have learnt so much and have made a great effort to remember everything they have done. We are designing habitats and looking forward to making jungle animals. Remember we have our trip to Hamerton Zoo on 19th March. Thank you for paying and sending in your consent forms. If you have not done so, please could we have consent forms and money as soon as possible.

## **Year 3/4**

Year 3/4 have had a super busy week completing assessments this week and have worked really hard to show off what they have been learning. Alongside this, we have been completing diary entries and it has been fantastic to see our children working independently and together to help each other improve their writing. Our work on fractions has continued and we are now finding fractions of amounts. We are continuing our journey of Rushden and have produced some super leaflets about Rushden Lakes and what it has to offer.

### Year 5/6

It has been a busy week with Year 5 doing assessments and Year 6 working on ratio. Also they are drafting their diary entries in preparation for next weeks English lessons. On a slightly different note, It has been a pleasure to see most of the children out at break and lunchtimes being good buddies to our younger children, this gives them a good sense of responsibility, shows great pride and demonstrates what fantastic children they are.

### School Gateway

Please see the separate letter sent out today regarding the School Gateway. We would like all parents/carers to download the School Gateway app by the end of this term. As the letter explains we are trying to make communication easier, faster and more effective and save the school money. If you have any problems downloading the app, please contact the school office.

### Key Notices and Reminders

**PE KITS:** Please remember PE Kits should be in school for the whole term! Can we also remind you that earrings must be removed for PE.

**PACKED LUNCHES:** Please remember that if you send your child's lunch to school in a carrier bag it is important to name it.

**OUTDOOR COATS:** With the unpredictability of the British weather, we politely ask parents to make sure that their child has a coat in school everyday as we would like the children to be outside at playtime and lunchtime as much as possible. Without the correct clothing this is not always feasible. Please remember to label all items.

**PARKING:** Please can we politely ask that when dropping off and collecting your child/children you are not parked illegally and are mindful of where you are parking. Please do not park which would cause a hazard for our school children, residents, other road users and pedestrians. Thank you.

### Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 4

<b>Monday 12th March</b> - Sponsored Circuit Event Please ensure PE kits are in school	<b>Monday 12th March</b> - Closing date for the 'Design a Pin Badge Poppy Competition'
<b>Monday 19th March</b> -Year 1&2 Hamerton Zoo Trip	<b>Thursday 22nd March</b> - Foundation 'Rocket Race' junk modelling afternoon
<b>Monday 26th March</b> - KS1 Choir performing at Barwick House	<b>Thursday 29th March</b> - 2.15pm Foundation Easter performance for parents
<b>Thursday 29th March</b> - Last day of term	<b>Monday 16th April</b> - School re-opens
<b>Wednesday 18th April</b> - Class Photographs	<b>Monday 7th May</b> - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
<b>Friday 25th May</b> - Last day of term	<b>Monday 4th June</b> - School re-opens
<b>Thursday 7th June</b> -Year 3&4 Warwick Castle Trip  (Please could payment be made by Friday 29th March)	<b>Wednesday 18th July</b> - Last day of term