

Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2018

It's been a busy first week as Acting Principal and very enjoyable. I try to be out on the playground as many mornings as possible, so please do approach me with any comments or concerns. I've seen so much fantastic work being completed across all classrooms this week – the children have been excited to show me what they have been proud of.

Our current whole school attendance is 94.97% and our target is 96.5% or higher at the end of the year.

This week's results were:

1st place - Red Kites with 96.40%

2nd place - Owls with 96.21%

3rd place - Wolves with 96.07%

Attendance rewards take place next week. These are organised for the end of every half term, so if your child has not had 100% this term, we look forward to them aiming for it just before Easter.

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, Lynne Butler who will be happy to help.

Forest Points

Everyone has been working hard work in lessons this week and have earned lots of forest points for their teams. Forest points are given out for a range of reasons including use of manners, positive behaviour choices and learning behaviour choices. This week's results were:

1st Place — Salcey with 1327, 2nd Place — Thetford with 1195, 3rd Place — Sherwood with 1159 and 4th Place— Rockingham with 997

Foundation Stage

We have had another busy week in Foundation Stage learning to use language related to position and direction in mathematics and using our phonic knowledge for writing in literacy, focusing on using our 'Fred Fingers' for spelling. The children have also been very excited to find out who our 'mystery reader' will be. So far we have been visited by one of our Mummy's, a nurse and our school site supervisor Mr Barfoot. Who will our next 'mystery reader' be?

Year 1/2

During this week Year 1 and 2 have had great fun engaging in some active maths activities. We have also been multiplying numbers and moving into looking at dividing numbers into equal groups. The children have really enjoyed using practical resources to help understand this. In English the children have been writing from the view of the animals in our learning journey book 'The Journey Home'. The children have really enjoyed our singing assembly and it has been great to listen to them sing with a smile on their face. We learnt a rap version of '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed'. We have all looked at animals and their habitats in science and the children have been really good at asking questions to extend their own knowledge.

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have had an exciting week looking at the story of Robin Hood and discussing if he was a good or bad character. We have been writing amazing newspaper reports on our text this term called Tuesday. The children have created some exciting quotes to add to their writing and have enjoyed producing their reports. The children have also been looking at perimeter and area in maths and talking about how these are calculated. They have been active in their lessons, looking for different shapes to measure using cm and mm and working out their perimeters and areas.

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have had a very busy few weeks, we have been focusing on percentages and decimals in maths, using rhetorical questions and relative clauses in English. In Science we investigated the micro organism yeast and Year 5 have enjoyed Active Maths whilst Year 6 have ventured out to enjoy swimming.

Sporting Success:

I have been really enthused by the start all the pupils have made within P.E. in 2018, from Foundation to Year 6. Attitudes in lessons and attendance for all clubs has been really positive. In Foundation to Year 4 they are developing their social and communication skills whilst Year 5 and 6 are being introduced to playing sit down volleyball to progress their creative and lateral thinking skills in a physical environment. This week the school had it's first competition of 2018 where a group of year 3 and 4 children attended a boccia competition and came 5th. We have a few more competitions planned this term and it's set to be an exciting start to 2018 for Risdene Academy!

Key Notices and Reminders

PE KITS: Please remember PE Kits should be in school for the whole term!

OUTDOOR COATS: With the unpredictability of the British weather, we politely ask parents to make sure that their child has have 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.

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 3

Thursday 8th February - School Disco Foundation, Years 1-2 5-6pm Years 3-6 6.15-7.30pm	Friday 9th February - Last day of term
Monday 19th February - School re-opens	21st and 22nd February -Parents Evening
Thursday 1st March - World Book Day (More details to follow)	6th and 7th March - Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 19th March -Year 1 &2 Hamerton Zoo Trip	Thursday 29th March - Last day of term
Monday 16th April - School re-opens	Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 25th May - Last day of term	Monday 4th June - School re-opens
Thursday 7th June -Year 3&4 Warwick Castle Trip (Please could payment be made by Friday 29th March)	Wednesday 18th July - Last day of term