

Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

10th November 2017

Attendance

Our current whole School Attendance is 96.24%. Our target is to be at 96.5% or higher at the end of year. In a Monday assembly, we celebrate the class with the highest attendance. This week's results were:
1st Place—Dragonflies with 98.18%
2nd Place—Eagles with 98%
3rd Place—Bees with 97.5%

Forest Points

In a Monday assembly we also celebrate our hard work in lessons and the forest points we have been earning for our 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—Theftord 847 2nd Place—Salcey 765
3rd Place—Sherwood 674 4th Place - Rockingham 583

Foundation Stage

We are very proud of how the children have settled into the new morning routine of entering school independently! Once they are in school they complete their morning task which is linked to mathematics or literacy. Thank you to all the parents who have made it to our parent reading session on Wednesday afternoons. We hope to see you there next time. The reading sessions will continue each week on Wednesday at 2.45pm.

Year1/2

This week in year1/2 we have been looking at Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. We have been having great fun acting out the story and the children have been fantastic with their speaking in front of the class when they performed their acting skills. We are all so proud of them and how well they can remember a story. In maths we have continued with subtraction using lots of different equipment and different ways we can work out the correct answer. During our afternoons we have created Diwali lamps that look great with all the different colours used and of course some sprinkles of glitter. We have also been looking at properties of materials in science sorting into different groups and learning new scientific language.

Year 3/4

Did you know in the middle ages they used hedgehog grease to cure sore throats? Year 3 and 4 do as they have been learning about the grisly past of medicines and potions. Ask us what we have learnt and we will tell you some more gruesome facts! Thank you to everyone for the amazing costumes and outfits for our wow day. Our wizards, witches and wacky scientists had a brilliant day completing investigations and getting crafty.



Year 5/6

The Year 5 and 6 classrooms were filled in abundance with recycled materials last week. You may be mistaken to think that we were learning about recycling. However, this was not the case. The children were transported to the Second World War in which they used their imaginations to create 'Make Do and Mend' toys and games. Making forms of entertainment from scratch, writing the instructions on how to use them and then spending time playing, sharing and enjoying their games was a brilliant way to show how resourceful we can all be. The children thoroughly enjoyed making, playing and talking about their toys. They will be bringing them home for you to see and also have the opportunity to talk about and play with them together.

Sporting Update

Our fabulous Phase 1 Sports hall athletics team attended their first competition this week at the Pemberton Centre. It was a fantastic afternoon and the children were a credit to us. They showed great team work and resilience. There were some outstanding performances and they should be really proud of themselves.

Pupil Leadership

On Thursday 9th November interviews were held for our School Ambassadors by our Chair and Vice Chair of our Academy Advisory Board. The Ambassadors from Year 6 will take visitors around the school sharing as much information as they can about our learning community. They meet and greet visitors to the classrooms, explaining and providing a valuable context for the learning in that room. The calibre of the candidates was amazing and they had a really tough decision deciding on our 10 Ambassadors. All of the children were a credit to the school and all deserved a leadership role in so as a result we have also developed a lunchtime buddies role for those not selected as Ambassadors. Our lunchtime buddies will ensure the children are aware of our high expectations during lunchtimes as well as providing support and encouragement of our younger pupils during lunchtimes. They also award a special lunchtime buddy certificate each week in assembly. Congratulations to all of our pupils that took part in the interview process.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, a member of the British Legion came in to hold an assembly about Remembrance Day. The focus was on a local man, Bernard William Van who received medals for his bravery during World War 1. A street has been named after him and a stone will be placed in Rushden next year to commemorate his sacrifices and heroism. As a school we observed the two minutes silence today and each class took part in various activities to remember those who gave up their lives. Some children made a mosaic of a poppy which then became part of a poppy field. Others made a stained glass window or their own poppy.



Key Dates for Your Diary for Term 2

Friday 10th November -Remembrance Day	15th and 16th November -Parents Evening
Friday 17th November -KS1 School Choir performing at Cordwainers	Friday 17th November -Children in Need
<p>Monday 20th November-</p> <p>Individual School Photos</p> <p>AM-KS2 Choir rehearsals at Castle Theatre (School photos for Choir members will be taken around the rehearsal)</p> <p>7pm-KS2 Choir performance at the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th November-KS1 Film Night</p> <p>Thursday 30th November-KS2 Film Night</p>
Wednesday 29th November -KS1 School Choir performing at Barwick House	Monday 4th December - Winning Forest Assembly for invited parents
Tuesday 5th December -KS1 Choir performing at 'Sing for Serve' Park Road Baptist Church	Wednesday 6th December -Panto 'Sleeping Beauty' in school
<p>Thursday 7th December-</p> <p>Winning Forest receive their prize-AM</p> <p>Christmas Fayre-PM</p>	Monday 11th December -Flu Vaccinations for Foundation-Year 4(Consent letters to be sent out nearer the time)
Thursday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Performance (Details to follow)	Friday 15th December - Foundation Christmas Sing a long (Details to follow)
Monday 18th December -Carol Concert (Details to follow)	Wednesday 20th December -Last day of term
Thursday 4th January 2018 -School re-opens	