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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 20 July 2023

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Fri 21 July	Close for Summer at 2.30pm – All children. CASUAL DAY BRING £1
Mon 4 Sept	TRAINING DAY - Children not in school today with the exception of our new EYFS
	Starters who will be joining us 12 – 1pm for a Teddy Bear's Picnic.
Tues 5 Sept	School opens at the usual time.
Tues 5 Sept	EYFS Play and Stay sessions 9am – 10am and 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Wed 6, Thurs 7	20 EYFS children will join us each day - Please bring your child to school on the day
and Fri 8 Sept	that has been allocated to you by our EYFS team.
Tues 12 Sept	East Barnby Parent Information Meeting (for Y5 children and parents)
Wed 13 Sept	No Outsiders Parent Info Evening – information to follow
Mon 18 – Fri 22	Y6 East Barnby Residential
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21 Sept	EYFS Phonics/Curriculum meeting 6pm
Fri 13 Oct	TRAINING DAY – Children not in school today
Tue 17 Oct	Open Classrooms 9am – 9.30am
Wed 18 Oct	Harvest Festival
Thurs 19 Oct	Open Day for September 2024 starters
Fri 27 Oct	Close for half term holiday at the normal school time
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In assembly on Monday, I asked the children to think about all the things that they had enjoyed in school this year. I think assembly could have lasted an hour judging by all the hands that were up, however, alas, it is fifteen minutes – however the children got a lot packed in and were excited to tell me all the different things they had enjoyed. A sample of the answers were: East Barnby, Nell Bank, Science Club, Temple Newsam visit, Eden Camp, The naughty elves that visited at Christmas, Learning more – especially in relation to writing, lots of history topics, Forest School, Outdoor learning, Sports Clubs, Music, Seeing the teachers each day, Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit, Spy training, Circus skills, animal visit – and the list went on!



I am so pleased that the children have enjoyed the activities and learning we have provided this year and we all left assembly on a very positive note to start the week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.' (Helen Keller – Author, educator and disability rights advocate).

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



I read the Little People, Big Dreams book all about Nelson Mandela this week for our book assembly. This links to Nelson Mandela International Day which was on Tuesday this week.

The music played was: Free Nelson Mandela by Special AKA

If you would like to hear this book for yourself, you can do so here: <u>Arrow's Story</u> <u>Corner - Nelson Mandela (Little People, BIG DREAMS, Volume 73) - YouTube</u>

Attendance for the week Friday 14 July to Thursday 20 July 2023

95.17%

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Amelia P, Wilf T (AC), Blaise T, Violet W-K (CN/SK), Margot C (EM), Rosie C (ER), Harry W (JW), Matilda W (CR/JJ), George N (PA/EH), George P (KM), Whole class (AI/LS), Whole class (AW), Oscar G (MW/CH), Martha W (EM), Jacob L (TM), All Y6 (CD).

HT AWARDS:

Congratulations this week to Ava S in Y6 who was a awarded a HT Award for this stunning piece of mindfulness art work, giving a brief story outline. Amazing!



The story behind my art work.

Long ago there was balance and peace, there was no war, no plague, no pollution and best of all no humans to wage wars, spread plague or pollute the precious Earth. With great forests, clean oceans and nobody to hunt or catch them, the animals were

thriving, living happily in an oasis of green and blue, with eco systems untouched by humans. Humans came into existence, thrived, progressed and began their destructive journey to destroy the planet. Building cities, inventing cars and technology, they began polluting the Earth and enslaving animals, even hunting some to extinction. The mighty creature seeks to fight back and save the Earth, destroy the cities that have taken over what was once forests and to put a halt to the pollution that is causing the ozone layer to deteriorate. He is trying to save the Earth before humans go too far.

Eco Committee's Weekly Top Tip:

Borrow books from a library or swap with a friend instead of buying a new copy

WELCOMES AND GOODBYES

For the last two Fridays, Mrs Littlefair has joined us in school taking part in induction activities. Mrs Littlefair will be joining us in September as part of our Nurture Team and we are looking forward to her becoming part of the Rossett Acre team.

We say farewell tomorrow to Mrs Harris. Mrs Harris has worked with us for 10 years in a range of roles, more recently as a Y5 class teacher and will be leaving us to move onto new ventures in the future. A huge thank you to Mrs Harris for all her hard work; we are going to miss her and wish her every success in the future.

YEAR 6 DISCO

On Tuesday night we held the Year 6 Leavers' Disco. The children had lots of fun, dancing and having their photos taken in the photo booth.

The Year 6 parents who organised and decorated the hall did an amazing job and the children were also grateful for the food and drinks provided. It was great to see the children joining in with dancing competitions and singing very loudly to their favourite songs. There was a tearful end to the disco as several children became emotional, realising it was their last disco at Rossett Acre and they would be moving on soon. Thank you so much to the Year 6 team and Miss Woodcock for staying and supervising at the disco and to all the fabulous Year 6 parents who worked so hard organising the disco and making it such a special event for the children. It was lovely to see.

EYFS DISCO

On Wednesday afternoon we had planned to have a water splash session for our youngest children, alas the weather was not on our side, so the event turned into a disco! The children were very excited and had fabulous painted (and glittered) shapes on their faces, giving a festival vibe. They had a great time dancing to the songs they had requested and I thoroughly enjoyed dancing with the children and seeing how thrilled they all were. Thank you to our Early Years team for organising this for the children.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Results from the Y3-6 Sports Day combined scores were announced in Friday assembly: 4^{th} Place - 472 points = Tigers 3^{rd} Place - 488 points = Lions 2^{nd} Place - 489 points = Jaguars 1^{st} Place - 531 points = Panthers

FEAST ON THE FIELD

On Friday we held our 'Feast On The Field' event, however the weather at lunchtime did get the better of us and it ended up being a 'Feast in the Classroom' event! However, the children did get outside at certain points in the day to participate in a number of activities e.g. rounders, using the parachute, making bubbles, playing on the Trim Trail etc and a fun time was had by all.



ROSSETT'S GOT TALENT

On Friday, we also held the finals of our Rossett's Got Talent event. We have such talented children at Rossett Acre and I was so proud of every single child who put themselves forward and took part, there were more than 150 all together. It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of a hall full of people. We are very proud! The finals were amazing and we were treated to an array of different talents e.g. gymnastics, singing/acting, animation reels, football skills and even pogo stick skills! Well done to everyone who stepped outside of their comfort zone to share their skills with us. You were all wonderful! A huge thank you too, to Mrs Vlack who organised the event.



Y5 DODGEBALL

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Wood and Miss MacGillivray took a team of 10 Year 5 pupils to a Dodgeball competition at Rossett High School. It was brilliant to see the boys and girls work as a team and using their attacking and defending skills to beat teams from both Western and St Peter's to become the Dodgeball champions. Special mention goes to Zumra for winning a communication wrist band, awarded to those who demonstrated an ability to praise teammates and be a good team player through their use of communcation. Congratulations for the well-deserved win to: Charlie H, Tyree B, Ray M, Ted B, Emily A, Zurma K, Josh S, Leo C, Holly G and Jessica M.



BEAST BOOKS

The Y6 children all invented a Beast to write about after their SATS. This may have been a Woodland Pixie, Frost Dragon, Fire Phoenix or Demonic Wyvern - the list was endless. The children used their best writing techniques combined with their imagination to write high quality texts. More recently, the children have spent the past few weeks creating their own books using their text, decorated with illustrations, miniature books, lift-the-flap facts and so on. Today the Y6 children shared their books with the younger children from Y2. Tom from Y6 said, "They were amazing listeners and asked lots of questions." Allegra said, "They really liked the drawings" and William reported that a child in Mrs Wood's class said, "It was his favourite book." Nicolas said that a child said that he was really pleased that he now knew how to defeat an ogre! A great time was had by all and the Y6 children should be proud of their fantastic Beast Books.



ART THERAPY DAY

Such fun was had on Tuesday when we held our whole school Art Therapy day. Mr Allan, Art teacher from Harrogate Grammar School planned some fabulous activities for us including: blind drawing, abstract sculpture, doodling, drawing to music and mood painting. He and his colleague Mrs Johnston kindly supported us and shared their expertise. We hope we can work together again soon and thank them for providing such a wonderful experience for our children.



LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property (a lot of which is unnamed) in our bins in the sports hall foyer. Anything that is named will be returned to the children. Any other items will be sorted and washed and kept in our second hand supplies or sent to charity. Please call into the sports hall foyer tomorrow if you think you have lost anything.

SCHOOL CATERERS

As you know, we are delighted to have new caterers starting in September and their menu is attached. Due the rising costs of food and energy we are having to increase the cost of our school meals to £2.75 per day. We are sure you will agree that this increase still means very good value for money for a two course meal.

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS – COLLECT YOUR PRIZE

There are still a large amount of raffle prizes that haven't been collected from the Summer Fair. If you have one of the winning tickets, please bring it in and collect your prize.

- 1. £225 Phillip Anthony photography voucher 702
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- 3. Cooper King gin 736
- 4. Prosecco 555
- 5. Campo Viejo Rioja 735
- 6. Jam Shed Shiraz 615
- 7. Incanta Pinot Noir 502
- 8. M&S £20 vouchers (in two envelopes) 549
- 9. Azendi bracelet 805
- 10. Cards against Humanity (board game for adults) 794
- 11. Beat the Parents board game 681
- 12. Box of shortbread 656
- 13. Notebook & pen set 792
- 14. Alphabet lotto 9
- 15. Shimmer & sparkle travel set 507

COMMUNITY NEWS

Every ticket holder who ticks our school upon booking will raise funds direct for us.





(Click to enlarge)

Don't forget it's casual day tomorrow. Bring £1 and wear your own clothes. And another academic year is over. That went fast!

Good luck to our Y6 children moving on to high school. Welcome to our new starters who will be joining us in September and I look forward to seeing all of our children who will be coming back to Rossett Acre in September after the summer break.

Take care, have fun and I wish you all a brilliant summer.

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