Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 27.01.23

A message from Miss Richards...

This week, Mrs Powley—a school improvement lead in Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust—has been gathering pupil voice around personal development and, in particular, our PSHCE (personal, social, health & citizenship education) curriculum, our school values and Modern British Values.

She has spoken to children from Years 1-6 and was blown away by how they could articulate their learning and understanding. The children described how PSHCE helps them learn how to be safe, build positive relationships and stay healthy.

Here are some examples of what the children fed back to Mrs Powley:

Year 1: (to become a school councillor) *Everyone who wanted to be chosen had to say what they would do to help school. I said I would help people who were hurt and take them to the teacher.*

Year 2: *You learn how to look after yourself, things that happen in the world and if you are unhappy, how it could be sorted.*

Year 3: (PSHCE is) *about what you do to get healthy and fit and how people behave and which people help you.*

Year 4: *Inspire is about what we learn and what we want to get better at. Care is about caring for each other and our work. Grow - we're all growing in different ways.*

Year 5: *Our trip to London helped us learn more about democracy and the Modern British Values.*

Year 6: *We learn a lot about diversity—how everyone is different but how everyone should be treated fairly and with respect.*

It is always lovely to chat to children about their learning and their experiences in school. It is key to reflecting on our next steps and to continuous improvement. I am very proud of all of the children who spoke so confidently to Mrs Powley and I will be following this up with a pupil survey before half term so that all children can share their views about personal development at Rufforth.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *GROW* **Niahla** for her growing confidence and for sharing super ideas in class discussions.

Class 2: *GROW/INSPIRE* **Jude** for using WOW vocabulary in his story retell .

Class 3: *GROW* **Rhona** for demonstrating greater resilience, particularly in writing and maths leading to pleasing progress,

Class 4: *GROW* **Paige** for growth in confidence since joining class 4.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Tabitha Savage (Y1)** for always being an excellent role model—in lessons, at playtime and as a school councillor.

This week's whole school attendance is 96.70%

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Friday 3rd February—Young Voices concert, Sheffield Arena

Tuesday 7th February—Seeing is Believing— open classroom session- writing , 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 8th February—Class 4 parent meeting—residential, 6pm

Friday 10th February— school closes for half term.

Tuesday 28th February—PTA Film Night—details to follow

8th—10th March—Class 4 residential trip to Kingswood

13th- 17th March—Science Week!

Friday 31st March— Seeing is Believing— topic showcase, 1.45- 2.30pm

Friday 31st March—Easter assembly, 2.45pm

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Rufforth's Rock Stars!

Every Friday, we celebrate children's progress in learning their multiplication and division facts during our celebration assembly.

This week's Rock Stars:

Class 2: Shay for wonderful times tables and an impressive 15th position in the school leaderboard.

Class 3: Joseph for getting full marks within the time limit for the first time! Great progress.

Class 4: Joseph B for the most correct answers in the time given.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4 - Friday 24th February

Class 3 - Friday 3rd March

Class 2 - Friday 10th March

Class 1 - Friday 17th March

Easter Assembly — Friday 31st March, 2.45pm

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All parents and carers are welcome at every assembly.

Science Week is back!

Mrs Pollock, our Science Lead, has begun planning this year's Science Week (13th—17th March). The theme is 'Connections' and the children will spend the week exploring and discovering the different ways connections appear across all areas of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

Last year, the children enjoyed hearing from parents and carers who worked within the field of STEM. The theme was 'Grow' and we enjoyed visits from parents working as doctors, radiographers, vets and midwives but also within the field of sustainability.

This year, we would love to work with you again! If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to come into classes to talk about your work, we would be most grateful. 'Connections' is a very wide theme - the children could hear about jobs in IT, how parts of the body are connected, how what we do impacts the environment, how builders and engineers connect ideas into real buildings and structures… the list could go on!

Please speak to Mrs Pollock, your child's teacher or the school office if you are interested and available to help.

We can find examples of connections within all subjects and all around us, making it an excellent starting point for a celebration of science!

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January is York's Residents' Festival. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and be a tourist for the weekend – for free!

Please click on the link for further details of the events and attractions available.

A reminder that you can still give your views on your child's experience at Rufforth Primary School through Ofsted's Parent View survey: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views

Keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of a child at school please contact Miss Richards or Mr Woolford-Mullen, our Safeguarding Leads.

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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code

Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request.
Closes	N/A

Job	Business Admin Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice national minimum wage 37 hours per week - Term time only 1 day per week release time to attend college.
Closes	N/A

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