Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 03.03.23

A message from Miss Richards...

This week we have had our annual peer preview. This involved head teachers from schools within Pathfinder Multi-Academy Trust and a head from Tadcaster Primary Academy (part of Ebor Trust) spending the day at Rufforth validating our judgements on our quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, and early years education. This process mirrors many elements of an Ofsted inspection.

It was an extremely positive experience and I am very proud of the feedback we have received. We are a school with many strengths and this has been recognised and celebrated by the visiting heads.

A huge thank you to parents who gave feedback at drop off on Wednesday—your comments were wonderful. The skills of our teachers, teaching assistants and governors have received high praise and I would like to extend my thanks to staff who also gave feedback on the uniqueness of our school; sharing what a special place it is to work.

Finally, thank you to your children for being so amazing. There was no disruptive behaviour observed and the head teachers were extremely impressed by how children could articulate their learning and demonstrate their personal, social and emotional skills. What a credit they are to our school.

Of course, we have one or two areas to develop, which are already on our school development plan and are next steps we have already planned for.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *GROW* **Bella** for showing great perseverance with her writing.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Arthur P** for inspiring other children with his extensive knowledge of the Arctic.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Leo** for his thoughtful contributions to whole class discussions.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Florence** for her positive attitude to improving her work.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE & GROW **Flo (Y5)** for pushing herself to be the very best she can be in school and in her sports clubs out of school.

This week's whole school attendance is 96.87%

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: Sebastian for always trying really hard with his times tables. Shows great determination and an impressive 2,918 correct answers! Super!

Class 3: Isla for excellent speed and accuracy with the 8 times tables.

Class 4: Harry F for the successful way he's used his times tables

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Tues8th—10th March—Class 4 residential trip to Kingswood

13th- 17th March—Science Week

Friday 17th March— Family event for Science Week (see below), 9.30am. Refreshments from 8:45am.

Friday 17th March—Red Nose Day—details from School Council to follow

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

Friday 31st March—Easter assembly, 2.45pm

A reminder that **Monday 8th May** is an additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation.

This affects Y6 SATs which will now take place from **Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May**.

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Friendship Ambassadors' Sponsored Event

In today's assembly, Romilly and Macie shared details of the Friendship Ambassador's Screen-Free Challenge taking place throughout March.

The letter attached with the newsletter explains what, when and how the ambassadors would like you to help raise money for The Retreat, a York-based mental health charity that offers a wide range of bespoke therapies for children and young people up to the age of 18.

The Friendship Ambassadors will be visiting classes to promote their fundraising event. They will share further information about the need for screen-free time and the importance of looking after your mental health.

Please take time to read the attached information in order to support this very worthwhile fundraising initiative.

The Retreat Clinics

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 2 - Friday 10th March

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO SCIENCE WEEK EVENTS:

Class 1 - Friday 24th March

Easter Assembly — Friday 31st March, 2.45pm

Families are welcome at every assembly.

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

Join us for Science Week!

Following the success of our family event at the end of last year's Science Week, we are inviting parents and carers to join us on Friday 17th March for another challenge!

The children will be in mixed age groups, with siblings, to complete a building challenge. They will find out more information at the beginning of Science Week and will be able to work in teams to plan.

The event will take place from 9:30am for approximately an hour to an hour and a half. We will be serving teas and coffees from 8.45am so if you would like to stay after drop off and see some of the work children have done throughout Science Week, you are more than welcome.

Crossing Patrol

We are still in need of a crossing patrol to work at the beginning and end of the school day. During the recent roadworks in the village, it became very clear just how dangerous crossing outside of school can be.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in working with our school to keep our children safe, please contact the school office.

World Book Day

WORLD BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023

It was wonderful to get the children together to celebrate reading as part of World Book Day yesterday.

They snuggled up in their pjs with their teddies (and an interesting range of other cuddly friends!) to listen to a bedtime story from Mrs Kite before enjoying a hot chocolate and a biscuit whilst reading to a buddy in another class. We always enjoy getting our 'Rufforth family' together—what a lovely way to spend the morning.

Don't forget that your child has a book token to spend in participating stores—this can be exchanged for one of the books available for this year's World Book Day. For further information, please use the following

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.

Contact us

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Train to Teach

Pathfinder Teaching School Hub is responsible for teacher training and development across a network of 153 schools covering Ryedale, Scarborough and York. They work with all of the universities and teacher training providers in the region to recruit and train new teachers. On Saturday 13th May, there will be a "Get into Teaching" event held at the central York Library 10am - 1pm.

Please spread the word. Those hosting the event would love to talk to you or anyone who you think may be interested in kick-starting their career as a teacher. It's the best job in the world!

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Teaching Assistant (SEN)
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£21,120 to 22,268 per annum) reduced pro-rata to £9,791 to £10,323 Part time
Closes	Friday 17 March at Midnight

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant
School	Badger Hill Primary School
Details	Grade 2 , Level 1- £20,253 per annum reduced pro rata. Actual rate of pay is £10.50 per hour Permanent, Part time: 6.25 hours per week (term time only).
Closes	Tuesday 14 March at midnight

Job	Midday Supervisory Assistant
School	St Lawrence's Primary School
Details	Grade 2 , Level 1- £20,253 per annum reduced pro rata. Actual rate of pay is £10.50 per hour Permanent, Part time: 5 hours per week Monday - Friday 12 midday to 1pm
Closes	Tuesday 14 March at midnight

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	Science Technician
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Salary: Grade 5 Permanent, Part Time (6 hpw) Term Time/Full Year—negotiable 2 hpd during afternoon Mon, Wed, Fri—negotiable
Closes	Wednesday 6 March at 8am

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