Rufforth Primary School

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

Excellence in a Family Atmosphere 10.03.23

A message from Miss Richards...

Variety is the spice of life for a headteacher and this week has certainly given me that!

Following our peer review this week, I had the pleasure of spending the day at Heworth Primary School, conducting their review. It is always wonderful to visit other schools within and outside of our Trust. Being outward facing enables us to share good practice and to reflect on the strengths within our own setting.

I have also been working on the strategic leadership of SEND provision through Pathfinder's SEND Champion course; reviewing the systems we have in place and ensuring that our policies, provision and practice offer the best for all children. As Mrs Cobb has returned to her role as SENDCO, the review has been well timed to recognise excellent practice at Rufforth and to establish next steps for continuous improvement.

Of course, the highlight of the week had to be visiting the Year 5 and 6 pupils on their residential visit to Kingswood. Being away from home—some for the very first time— can be challenging enough, but add into the mix zip wires, a leap of faith and team challenges, the children face a lot in terms of their personal development. Not to mention how the snow and freezing conditions tested their resilience! The children have had an amazing time and I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Woolford-Mullen for organising the visit. Mrs Benson and Mrs Otter also attended and were on hand for everything any child needed—even doing the zip wire in the snow to show how much fun it was! I say this a lot, but children at Rufforth are very lucky to have such fantastic adults who care for them.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Miss Richards

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: John for working hard with his times tables and moving up the leader board so quickly, keep up the good work!

Class 3: Penelope for her perseverance this week with her 9 times tables. Well done!

Class Star Awards

Class 1: *GROW* **Elsie** for a determined and enthusiastic attitude to all areas of learning.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Phoebe** for always working hard and showing amazing resilience

Class 3: *GROW* **Henry** for an excellent contribution in maths.

Class 4: *INSPIRE, CARE & GROW* **All of Class 4** for being the embodiment of our values during their residential visit to Kingswood—great attitudes, great friendships, great adventures.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Shay (Y2)** for an enthusiastic attitude towards all areas of his learning.

This week's whole school attendance is 96.26%

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

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 below.

Friday 17th March—no Celebration Assembly due to a Science Week visitor.

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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Operation Encompass

Rufforth Primary School is an Operation Encompass school—this means that we work in partnership with North Yorkshire Police as an early intervention for domestic abuse.

If a child is victim (which involves witnessing or hearing) an incident of domestic abuse that has resulted the police becoming involved, Miss Richards will be informed. This enables us to support the child sensitively and appropriately.

If you have any questions or would like support in this matter, please speak to Miss Richards who can help. There are posters around school sharing this information for parents and carers and further details about Operation Encompass can be found on the following page.

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.

Friendship Ambassadors' Screen-Free Challenge

With Class 4 out of school for most of this week, Friendship Ambassadors have not had a chance to visit classes to discuss their sponsored event. Next week, they will share further information about the need for screen-free time and the importance of looking after your mental health.

The letter shared last week and this week 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.

To find out more and to donate to The Retreat, please click on the link below:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/Rufforthprimaryschoolscreenfreeday

The Retreat Clinics

Red Nose Day

To raise money for Comic Relief, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. As we are already holding events for Science Week that day, and have another fundraising initiative on the go, we want to keep things simple but still raise what we can.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

School Council met earlier this week and agreed that Friday will be a non-uniform day, where children wear as much red as possible for a donation of at least £1.

As always, please do not buy anything new for non-uniform day. The red item could be socks or a hairband, but equally could be every item of clothing! All gestures towards raising money for Comic Relief are welcome and appreciated. We ask that children do not bring red noses into school as these cause a lot of distraction and they can be easily lost or mistaken as someone else's.

As has become a tradition at Rufforth, Red Nose Day will also include a 'Best Joke' competition in each class. The winning jokes will be shared in the newsletter next week.

Donations can be made in cash or via ParentPay.

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.

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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OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

"Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience."

"Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right[1]."

"We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care."

"Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident"

"This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want."

"We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this."

[1] Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

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Easter Holiday workshops

A programme of free events, for children eligible for free school meals. All sessions are 10:00-12:00 and children will a get a choice of meal in the library cafe afterwards.

Circus Skills for ages 8+

Lively and creative circus skills session. Scarf juggling, plate spinning, diabolo flipping, balloon balancing fun!

Acomb Explore	Monday 3 April
Tang Hall Explore	Tuesday 11 April
York Explore	Wednesday 12 April

Hoglets Workshop for ages 5+

We will be using drama, puppetry, craft, movement, storytelling and fun to explore how we think and feel.
Workshop 1 will be investigating how our feelings look to those around us with the use of craft, music and movement.
Workshop 2 will be exploring how our feelings affect our bodies using drama, puppetry and storytelling.

York Explore	Session 1 Mon 3 April, Session 2 Thurs 6 April
Acomb Explore	Session 1 Tues 4 April, Session 2 Thurs 13 April
Tang Hall Explore	Session 1 Weds 5 April, Session 2 Weds 12 April

Children can attend one or both sessions.
All children aged 8 and under must be supervised by an adult

Craft & Create for ages 5+

Get creative and enjoy making some spring themed crafts. Have hands on fun and choose from seasonal activities such as sock bunnies and Easter garlands.

Tang Hall Explore	Tuesday 4 April
Acomb Explore	Friday 14 April

All children aged 8 and under must be supervised by an adult

Comic Illustration for ages 11+

Whether your head is already filled with ideas, or you have a passing interest in comics, learn tips and tricks to tell your story! No prior knowledge is required, only an interest in drawing and telling stories

Acomb Explore	Saturday 1 April
York Explore	Monday 3 April
Tang Hall Explore	Saturday 15 April

Booking essential.
Please email lyndsay.glover@exploreyork.gov.uk to secure your place.

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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	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	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	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

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Enhanced DBS check required.

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