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Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

School Newsletter

04.10.24

A message from Miss Richards...

Although only the start of this school year, we have already planned our open afternoon for prospective new starters for September 2025! Please see the information below and share with family and friends who have children starting school next year.

We would like to invite our current parents into school too! Parents and carers are welcome to join us for a 'Seeing is Believing' session from **9am—9:45am on Friday 18th October.** There is no particular lesson focus, we are simply opening our doors for you to see a 'typical ' Friday morning in school. Teas and coffees will be available in the hall at drop off. We also have our Harvest assembly at **2:45pm on Thursday 24th October.**

This week, we had our first Local Governing Committee of the school year. Governors play a vital role in the running of our school. We are currently seeking two co-opted governors to join or committee.

Co-opted governors are not parents of children in our school, but are opted in based on skills and the important contributions that they can make to the committee e.g. finance, HR. Further information regarding the role of governors has been shared with families today. If you know anyone who would be interested in fulfilling this valuable volunteering role, please contact the school office. Our parent governors are currently Anna Datta (Class 2 and 3 parent) and Neil Archibald (Class 1 and 2 parent) and our Chair continues to be Liz Raspa. If you would like any further information, they would be happy to chat with you.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Miss Richards

Class Star Awards

This week's stars (04.10.24):

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Ruairi** for a fantastic attitude to learning and always trying his best.

Class 2: *CARE* **Austin** for always thinking of others while being thoughtful and kind.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Olivia** for her thoughtful, mature attitude to learning.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Ben** for enthusiasm in reading

Head Teacher's Award

CARE **Gerogie (Class 1)** for being a kind and caring friend to others.

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Last week's stars (27.09.24):

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Ted** for always trying his best and being a great role model.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Erin** for wonderful work in Geography when learning about extreme weathers.

Class 3: *GROW/INSPIRE* **Edith** for her increasing confidence and 'can do' attitude.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **Bertie** for constantly challenging himself to do well.

Rufforth's Rock Stars!

This week's Rock Stars (04.10.24):

Class 2: Eleanor for using her timetables knowledge and applying it in her maths.

Class 3: Shay for his excellent speed of recall and accuracy for all times tables.

Class 4: Ronnie for using and applying his knowledge.

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Last week's Rock Stars (27.09.24):

Class 2: *Ruairidh* for a wonderful recall of timetables with consistency, speed and accuracy.

Class 3: Andrew D for his determination to keep improving and excellent

Dates for your diary

Changes/additions will be highlighted in yellow each week

Friday 18th October— Seeing is Believing, open classroom, 9—9.45am

Thursday 24th October - Harvest assembly, 2:45pm

Friday 25th October—Halloween Fun Day (PTA event)

Monday 4th November—1pm—6.30pm, Parent consultation meetings

Friday 8th November Class 3 & 4 trip to Vue Cinema (details to follow)

Thursday 21st November—New starter open afternoon, 1:30—2:30pm

Wednesday 27th November—Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 10th December (2pm) & Wednesday11th December (6pm) - Class 1 & 2 nativity

Tuesday 17th December—KS2 Christmas Carol Service in church, 6.30—7.15pm

Pathfinder School Sports

This year, Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust is delivering a sports offer to enrich the PE experience for all children across the trust. There will be a range of competitions, activities, festivals and training (staff and children!) throughout the year. Some events will include all schools; for other events, we are organised into zones—mostly organised based on location.

On Wednesday 18th September, all of our KS2 children took part in the football tournament at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School. This was a fantastic day of competition, skills training and supporting one another. We are very proud of all of our children who participated and very pleased to share that our Class 4 boys won their tournament! They will go on to play in the final at Archbishop Holgate School early next half term. Their victory is testament to the skill and sportsmanship of our Y5/6 team, given they were playing against schools much bigger than Rufforth!

Next Wednesday, we have our Play Leaders attending training to support them to lead games and activities for children at playtime.

On Wednesday 23rd October, all Pathfinder schools will take part in a virtual dance festival—all children dancing to the same routine at the same time!

We are also excited to continue working closely with **Total Sports** as part of our curriculum offer as well as participating in their competitions, events and clubs.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4—15th November

Class 3—22nd November

Class 2—29th November

Class 1— 6th December

Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

This week's whole school attendance is 97.8%

Keeping our children safe

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

Contact us

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PTA Update 4th October 2024

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM last week. During the meeting, we voted in and confirmed new roles. We're pleased to announce that Lewis Hutchinson will be our new treasurer; a big thank you to Lewis for stepping forward.

Our previous treasurer, Gareth Fenton gave us a budget update and confirmed that we have contributed **over £4,000 of enrichment opportunities** to our children during the 2023-24 academic year! We're hopeful that with the ongoing support and fundraising efforts of parents, carers and teachers, we will be able to provide the same level of contribution this year.

We already have some dates in the diary; the first of which is the Halloween Party on Friday 25th October *(note the change of date from the one originally published). A letter has been sent via Parent Pay detailing what we have in store. We will need parent volunteers to help run the party, so please let us know via ParentPay or message one of us if you are able to help.*

We also have a number of fundraising ideas in the pipeline. Look out for personalised Lego keyrings, tea towels, tote bags and coasters in the next few weeks.

easyfundraising

We've been members of easyfundraising for a few years now and have raised £1,062.45 for our school. However, many families will not be familiar with it, so if you're not aware, please read on!

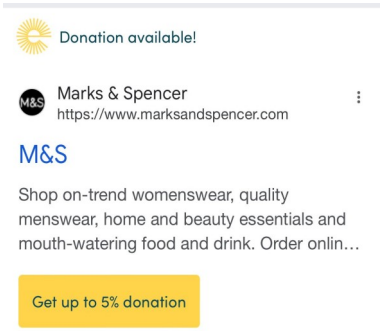
AT A GLANCE

Supermarket donations

	Home delivery	
	New customer	Existing customer
WAITROSE	Up to £7.50	Up to £1.50
TESCO	£3	£1
Sainsbury's	£7.50	£0.56
Morrisons	£3.50	£2
ASDA	Up to £2.50	£0.50
ocado	10%	Up to 2.5%
Iceland	Up to 5%	Up to 1%

How it works: easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. You simply sign up and choose Rufforth Primary School as your cause.

Brands include Amazon, Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis, Booking.com, Sainsbury's, New Look, Tesco, Very, B&Q, Etsy, Boots, Morrisons, Ocado, Asda and TicketMaster.



Once you have an account set up on easyfundraising, you will have the option to install a browser extension, called a Donation Reminder. It will pop up on every retailer site on your phone or PC where a donation is available.

We're going to be sending some leaflets out to parents and carers as well as doing a leaflet drop in Rufforth and Knapton soon. We'll also be sending out some information electronically so you can share with your family and friends.

As well as raising a donation, every shop will earn you a stamp. Get 5 stamps to fill your Stamp card so you can enter the monthly prize draw to win up to £1,000 for our school!

Sign up using the link or QR code below:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rufforthprimary/

Flying Ducks Trampolining and Gymnastics Club

Look out for FREE taster sessions from qualified instructors as part of our enrichment club offer next half term.

Each class will have the opportunity for two free sessions after school and a third free lesson at Flying Ducks centre in Clifton Moor.

Further details to follow!

JOIN FLYING DUCKS!

What we offer...

- Classes from ages 4 up
- Flexible use credits meaning you can make up lessons if you miss one.
- Trampolining and Gymnastics lessons available.

- Dedicated SEN lessons
- Small classes with a fun family ethos
- Dedicated gymnastics site

Find out more...

Scan the QR code to view our current class timetable and locations or email hello@flyingduckstgc.co.uk

What parents say...

"Excellent club. Let's children learn at their own pace whilst they're constantly encouraged to stretch themselves. The team are fab, really friendly and know what works for each child"

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York Foodbank
Together with Trussell

We will be collecting for York Food Bank for harvest this year. Please leave any donations in the main entrance.

Many thanks.

Food Items Most Needed

Our stock is relatively low.

We urgently need Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding and Custard, UHT Milk, Instant Noodles, Mug Shots, Pot Noodles

We are also short of Teabags, Jars of Coffee, Jars of Jam, Tinned Meat (anything apart from Corned Beef), Sponge Puddings (not out of the Fridge), Powdered Milk, Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Soup

We are already well stocked in... Pasta, Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Cleaning Assistants
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Required as soon as possible. Currently £11.52 per hour Term Time only Hours of work: Mon-Fri, 3.30-7.30pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments.
Closes	N/A

Job	After School Club Manager
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 5 Level 1 Monday to Friday – 3pm – 6.15pm term time only plus 8 hours per year for training requirements. There could be flexibility regarding working hours.
Closes	N/A

Job	Children and Families Worker
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA3 Grade 6, level 1 –4 (£26,224 – £28,725 per annum, reduced pro rata) 32.5 hours per week Monday – Friday 8.15am to 3.15pm (including some lunch and break duties) Required from 4th November 2024.
Closes	Tuesday 24th September at Midnight

Job	Learning Manager
School	Malton School
Details	Grade F, Scale Points 9-13 Full Time (37 hours per week), Term-time only (incl. training days) £25,119—£26,873 per annum Full Time Equivalent £21,061—£22,532 per annum Actual.
Closes	Friday 11th Ocober at 9am

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