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School Newsletter

14.03.25

A message from Miss Richards (& our children!)

What a busy two weeks we have had! I have asked some of our wonderful Class 4 children to share some of the fantastic things we have been up to in and out of school...

Our residential trip to PGL was amazing! We did a wide range of activities and they were all extremely fun.

Our dormitories were fantastic: there were LED lights and each bed had one that could change to the colour of your choice.

Our favourite activity was the giant swing because we had to dangle from a metal bar, then pull a rope which made you swing so high! The raft building was extreme and almost all of our entire group fell in the water! It was freezing in the lake and one of us swam all across to get out.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner were some of the best meals we have ever had! You could get the main part of the meal from the hot food section and you could go to the salad bar to get as much salad as you want. At the hydration station-the flavoured water section-you could get as many cups of flavoured water as you want.

We would definitely recommend PGL as a fantastic place for a residential and can't wait to find out where we will be going next year...

Throughout this year's Science Week ,we have had great fun. The focus this year is 'change and adapt'. We have learned about adaptation; developed circus skills (we did some incredible tricks and it was amazing!) and created posters. We had a visitor from The Conservation Volunteers who led a change and adaptation lesson with us. We did some fun challenges with him in the morning linked with the importance of looking after our environment and how we can do this. This year's whole school challenge was based on paper aeroplanes - how do we make the plane travel further? It was great to work in our house teams for this.

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Class Star Awards

This week's stars (14.03.25):

Class 1: *INPSIRE* **Ted** for always being a kind and caring friend.

Class 2: *GROW* **Nelly** for using wonderful vocabulary in her writing.

Class 3: *GROW* **George C** for his increasing confidence leading to valuable contributions in class discussions.

Class 4: *GROW* **Arlo** for a fantastically mature attitude at PGL!

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Martha M (Class 4)** for a supportive attitude to others during Science week and at PGL.

Last week's stars (07.03.25):

Class 1: *INSPIRE* **Emma** for persevering in everything you do and having such a positive attitude to learning.

Class 2: *INSPIRE* **Rex** for a wonderful attitude to all of his learning.

Class 3: *INSPIRE* **Archie** for his positive, can do attitude and enthusiasm for learning.

Class 4: *INSPIRE* **ALL of Class 4** for amazing effort, resilience and team work on residential.

Head Teacher's Award

INSPIRE **Tabitha (Class 3)** for being a wonderfully cheerful and positive example of all our values.

Dates for your diary

Updates will be highlighted in yellow each week

Monday 17th March—Parent consultation meetings

Friday 4th April, 2:00pm—Topic Showcase—open classroom session

Friday 4th April, 2:45pm —Easter assembly. All welcome Break up for Easter holidays.

Saturday 19th April—Rufforth village Easter Egg Hunt (led by PTA—see below)

Monday 21st April—a reminder that this is Eater Monday so school will be closed.

Wednesday 7th May—Class 1 & 2 trip to Skelton Grange (further details to come)

Friday 9th May—Pig Racing Night (led by PTA - see below)

w/c Monday 12th May—Y6 SATS week

Rufforth's Rock Stars!

This week's Rock Stars (14.03.25):

Class 2: Isabella for a super TT battle and getting herself up the leader board.

Class 3: Arthur P for perseverance and determination which has led to impressive progress.

Class 4: Gilbert for rapid recall and application.

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Last week's Rock Stars (07.03.25):

Class 2: Austin for speed and accuracy with all his times tables.

Class 3: Edith for her speed and accuracy with all her times tables, and application in assessment.

Class 4: No star this week.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for making Rufforth's World Book Day celebrations another great success. In the midst of Science Week, this was a slightly more low-key event than usual; however, fun was still had! We are receiving wonderfully creative 'Extreme Reading' photos so please continue to share these either as print outs via email. The book swap was a huge success and I am sure you agree the doors around school are a fabulous celebration of reading!

Class Sharing Assemblies

Class 4— 14th March

Class 3—7th March

Class 2— 21st March

Class 1—28th March

Assemblies will begin Assemblies will begin at 2:50pm.

All families are welcome at every Celebration Assembly

Class 2 Plea:

If anyone has spare or preloved beanbags they no longer need, we would love donations to Class 2!

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.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

18 CENSORED

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by "preschool" (4 and under), "younger" (ages 5 to 8) and "older" (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

PTA Update

Wonderlicious Bars
Thank you for your generosity in purchasing our Wonderlicious Bars as part of our Rufforth World Book Day celebrations.

We hope the children enjoyed their sweet treats. Congratulations to those who won one of our 20 golden tickets. Golden ticket winners can collect their prizes from the office if they haven't already done so.

Label It, Don't Lose It: Stikins for School Gear!

Tired of lost jumpers and missing water bottles? Stikins are easy-to-use, multipurpose name labels that stick to clothes, shoes, lunchboxes, and more — with no sewing or ironing required! They're dishwasher, washing machine, and tumble dryer safe, making them perfect for busy school life. By labelling your child's belongings, you'll save time, money, and avoid the hassle of replacing lost items.

Support Our School PTA with Every Purchase
For every order placed, our school's PTA receives a **30% commission**, which goes directly toward funding resources and activities for the children. Just use our unique school code **17215** when ordering, and help us make a difference one label at a time!

For example, if 20 families each spend £20 on labels, the PTA would raise **£120** — a fantastic boost for school projects and events. Every purchase counts!
Feel free to share this code with any friends/family who may require labels too.

Easter Egg Hunt

A reminder that our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday 19th April** 11am – 3pm. Maps can be purchased from the school hall on the day. There will be a few stalls, refreshments and a quiet colouring area available on the day. We would love to see Rufforth Primary School parents, as well as friends and family too. Money raised from the event will fund enrichment opportunities for our children in the summer term.

If you are interested in decorating an egg for the trail, please speak to Neil Archibald or one of the PTA in the next week or so.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Job	Finance Director (Statutory CFO)
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	L14 – L17: £68,586 – £73,819 (Starting point negotiable dependent on skills and experience) Full Time, permanent. Preferred start date: 1 August 2025.
Closes	Monday 7th April 2025 at Midnight

Job	Reception Class Teacher (Maternity Cover)
School	Hempland Primary School
Details	Teachers Main Scale M1 – M6 Part time Maternity Cover (0.5) Wednesday pm Thursday and Friday - full day Required from: September 2025
Closes	Thursday 3rd April at 5pm

Job	Teacher of Social Sciences
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Permanent Full Time
Closes	Wednesday 26th March at Noon.

Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract
Closes	N/A

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Job	Teacher of English (2 Posts Available)
School	Malton School
Details	ECT/MPS/UPS 0.6 —1 FTE Required from September 2025 Interview Date: Wednesday 2nd April
Closes	Friday 28th March at 9am

Job	Teacher of Modern Foreign Language
School	Malton School
Details	ECT/MPS/UPS 0.6 —1 FTE Required from September 2025 Interview Date: Wednesday 2nd April
Closes	Friday 28th March at 9am

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £12.20 per hour Term Time or Full Year, Monday-Friday Working hours negotiable, between: 6.45-8.45am and 3.00-8.00pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Required as soon as possible
Closes	N/A

Job	Supply Teaching Assistant
School	Applefields School - External Vacancy
Details	NJC Grade 4 Level 1-4. Includes 5.65 weeks annual leave during school holidays. Full Time, Part Time, Supply
Closes	Sunday 6th April 2025

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