

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2025



News From The Office...

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to see the nights becoming lighter and the spring bulbs starting to appear around school. The children have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum and you may have seen on X the many activities they have been taking part in. Please keep an eye on the diary dates below.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening whereby you had the opportunity to look at your child's work and ask any questions about your child's progress. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher at all throughout this half term if you have any queries at all.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this half term

Yours sincerely

Natasha Kelly



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World Book Day...

Mr Husband writes...

This Thursday 6th March, we welcome World Book Day 2025 to Rise Park. This year's theme is 'Read Your Way', so we are encouraging our children (and staff!) across our whole school to dress up as either their favourite book characters, or in their favourite clothes to read in (As year 1 are on a trip this day, they can dress up on Friday 7th March). There is nothing to pay in order to dress up; we are just looking forward to seeing lots of happy readers in school on this day!

We will also be hosting a special Key Stage 2 Reading Event on World Book Day, where parents of children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to come in and read with their children between 3.00pm and 3.15pm. All you need

to do is enter through your child's outside classroom door and, if you have more than one child in Key Stage 2, feel free to nip in and out of our external classroom doors to see each one.

Every parent that attends will put their child's name into a class raffle to win a reading goodie bag, and two lucky children will be going home with signed copies of the third Skandar book. We have also had a library clear-out, and children are invited to take home free books with them during this event. And yes, parents, of course you can come dressed up as your favourite characters too!

You might also want to check out our Twitter / X feed on World Book Day for two special messages from two rather famous authors...

Happy World Book Day!

Parental Events...

Mrs Lamb writes...

What an incredibly busy year we have had so far! We still have lots more on offer for parents to get involved in school life with their children. Our family cooking sessions have started and are being enjoyed by everyone! We still have a couple of spaces if you would like to join us this half term. The sessions are held on a Monday 3:30-4:30 and cost just £2 per family.

Our Mother's Day events will begin the week beginning 24th March. The booking system will be out very soon so please look out for it. Please ensure you book onto the event if you would like to take part with your child.

We have a wonderful new workshop for parents all about the early years. If you have a child in nursery or a toddler at home, why not join us for lots of fun activities. The workshop will start on Thursday 13th March at 9:15-10:45am and cover the following topics:

Week 1 (13/3) - Nursery Rhymes and early maths

Week 2 (20/3) - PSED

Week 3 (27/3) - music session from Rainbow Stripes

Week 4 (3/4) - phonics

Week 5 (24/4) - football session from Owen McDaid football coaching

Week 6 (1/5) - painting

Week 7 (8/5) - library visit to Southglade library.

Week 8 (15/5) - cooking session

This is a fabulous opportunity for your children to meet and socialise with other children and learn lots of new things.

Our coffee mornings which include a free hot and cold breakfast for parents will continue however, they will no longer be held every month. They will be held once every half term and the next one will be on Friday 25th April. It would be lovely to see you there.

If you would like any support for your family regarding your child's behaviour, sleep, eating or any other difficulties, please call in for a chat.

Online Safety...

Across the school, children have marked Safer Internet Day by learning about healthy screen habits and the impact too much screentime can have on physical and mental wellbeing. In Key Stage 1, children devised rules to use the internet safely, like always asking for permission and using devices with adult supervision. In KS2, children explored the pros and cons of screentime, carefully considering how to build healthy habits that allow for hobbies, family time, school and a *sensible* dose of screen time. This year's Safer Internet Day work is linked to the **Smartphone Free Childhood** initiative. If you are

concerned about your child's screentime/phone use or would like to learn more about the initiative, please consider signing up to the **Parent Pact** using the following links:

www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk



THE PARENT PACT

Sign the Pact here or find out more on our website

Easter Competition...

Mrs Mee writes...

This year's annual Easter competition will take place on Thursday 4th April. You should have already received a letter explaining the competition for your child's year group. Nursery children have been asked to decorate a hard boiled egg, Reception children have been asked to create an Easter Bonnet, KS1 (years 1 and 2) have been asked to create an Easter garden and KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been set the challenge of creating an Easter extravaganza! If you need any ideas, please speak to the staff in your child's year group or have a look at the photos of previous entries on the letter.

Due to the brilliant fundraising success we had last year, we will also be holding an Easter Egg raffle. Raffle tickets are £1.00 per strip and all money raised will go back into the school to buy lovely

things for our children. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle (any size) it would be hugely appreciated. Last year we had over 50 eggs! If you would like any additional tickers, please see the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.



School Council....

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the support we received in our very special valentines themed litter picking date. As usual, this excellent idea that was all planned and delivered by the School Council has had a positive impact on our local community. Our hardwork and dedication resulted in an entire wheelie bin and 6 bin bags crammed full of litter that we collected and removed from the immediate school grounds. Both the team and our parents were clearly proud of their efforts on the day and enjoyed showing our environment a little TLC alongside spending some quality time together in the fresh air with their loved ones. One parent commented that 'they think teaching children to care for their environment is so important and that they were so glad we do such things in school.' Another parent stated that 'perhaps we could plan this more often to ensure that the area looks like this all of the time after we had done such a great job cleaning up.'. As we move into the next term

we are busy planning away other ways in which we can help to improve our community. We are currently busy designing a book donation box which will be gifted to the children's ward at the QMC hospital. Keep your eyes on our Twitter page to see what we get up to @Riseparkschool



Community Theme Week....

We held our second theme week linked to the community last week across years 1-6 with lots of exciting projects happening throughout the local area. Year 1 and 2 thought about our Rise Parker community and made positivity jars with positive messages to go into the wellbeing areas in each classroom and at amenities in the local area. They also took part in a competition to create positive postcards to be posted home for when children have completed an exceptional piece of work. The winning designs will be placed digitally onto postcards so keep a look out for your child maybe receiving something exciting in the post in the near future!

Key Stage Two continued their work on the community from the Autumn Term. Year 3 have completed the next part of their design brief and have been busy painting colourful paintings of the local area on some slabs outside of Year 3. Year 4 discovered they have been successful in their bid for a bin to be placed outside of the Key Stage Two entrance. We are currently waiting for it to be delivered so they have

created some eye-catching posters, linked to their art topic, to encourage people to use the bin. Year 5 have continued their links with the local community by visiting Bestwood Country Park and creating games for children to play when they visit the café. Year 6 researched and costed different fundraising events to raise money for our supported charity, B52. After a close vote, the winning event of a scavenger hunt was decided. Details for this will be shared after Easter. Thank you to all of the children and staff for their hard work in improving different aspects of our local community and further details of our theme week can be found on the school website from Tuesday 11th March.



Dates For Your Diary....

4th March - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

6th March - World Book Day

6th March - Year 1 Wollaton Park Trip

21st March - Comic Relief

24th March - Year 3 and 4 Mother's Day Event 3.30pm

25th March - Nursery Mother's Day Event 8.15am

25th March - Year 5 and 6 Mother's Day Event 3.30pm

26th March - Year 1 and 2 Mother's Day Event 3.30pm

26th March - Reception Mother's Day Breakfast 8.15am

26th March - Year 4 Great Orchestra Trip

27th March - Reception Tiny Town Trip

31st March - Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Showcase

1st April - Year 6 Eyam Trip

1st April - Year 1 and 5 Curriculum Showcase

2nd April - Year 2 and 6 Curriculum Showcase

4th April - Easter Competition

4th April - Last Day of Term (School Open)

21st April - Bank Holiday

22nd April - School Re-opens