

Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting half term. The children have made a great start to their learning this week as each year group has launched into their new Imaginative Learning Projects. They really enjoyed the Engage activities that included minibeast hunts, visits from different animals and online workshops. Details about the projects along with Knowledge Organisers have been sent home and are also on the school website. We have also celebrated World Book Day which created a lot of excitement with competitions, teacher swaps and dressing up as our favourite book characters.

As Covid rates have dramatically reduced we are returning to some of the activities that we have had to do differently over the last few weeks. It was great to hold whole school assemblies this week and we are hoping to invite parents into school over the coming weeks if levels of illness remain low.

Staffing

Mrs Mayhew will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term so we are really pleased to have appointed Mrs Cornock to work alongside Mrs Howe for the period of time that Mrs Mayhew is absent. We hope that Mrs Cornock will be able to visit school before the end of term and start to get to know the children that she will be working with. While Mrs Mayhew is on maternity leave, Mrs Allen will take on the role of acting Deputy Headteacher.

This week we also say goodbye and good luck to Ms Berry who is leaving her role as an Advanced Teaching Assistant in Y3/4. During her time working in school Ms Berry has worked across many different age groups and got to know lots of children. We wish her good luck in the future.

Healthy Packed lunch leaflet

Attached with this newsletter, you will find a new leaflet about Healthy Packed lunches produced by the North Yorkshire Healthy Schools Team. The idea of the leaflet is to help families with ideas and information about what to include in a healthy packed lunch.

Dress for Dinner Day



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Hambleton Foodshare as part of our Dress for Dinner Day at the end of last half term. We were able to send a large quantity of food to support this local cause. We also had a visit from some of their staff who had lunch with our Rights Respecting Ambassadors and answered lots of

questions about their work. This week the ambassadors received a thank you letter for arranging the event.



Over the last few weeks we have been working with the children in Key Stage 2 on a questionnaire about their views on anti-bullying. The anonymous online survey has given us a baseline on which we are planning some work around over the rest of the school year. It

covered areas such as name calling, online safety, friendships, worries, anger and kindness. The outcomes were positive overall but it has given us some ideas to work on to make things even better. We will share more of this work in the coming weeks.

World Book Day



We have had a fabulous World Book Day and it has been great to see everyone dressed as their favourite book characters! We enjoyed a day of celebrating our love of reading and we even had a 'teacher swap' in the morning to share our favourite stories.



We have launched an 'Extreme Reading' competition where we would like the children to take a photograph reading in an unusual place and send their entries into the school office by Tuesday 15th March. We have also set a challenge for each of the children to guess the 'Romanby Masked Reader'-please follow the link <u>https://youtu.be/EX8VjfjqT4o</u> to view at home and ensure that entries are submitted to your class teacher by Tuesday 8th March. Book tokens have been given out to enable children to purchase a specific book or get £1 off any book <u>2021s-1-books (worldbookday.com).</u>

Thanks to Mrs Clarke for organising the activities to help celebrate World Book Day.

FoRS Fundraising

Year 5/6 cake sale! Please can we ask parents of Year 5/6 pupils to contribute some baked treats to sell on Monday 7th February after school. All monies raised will be for the children in these classes. Please can all contributions be brought into school on Monday with a list of ingredients used.

Cake sale for Years 3/4 on 4th April and for EYFS/ KS1 on 3rd May.

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day



Calling all superheroes! Red Nose Day is coming. And whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border.

We will be joining schools across the UK in a dressing-up day to remember – whether it's a superman, Wonder Women, a superhero of your own creations, or a local hero in your community.

TOP TIP: Keep it simple, design your own superhero eye mask and use something rectangular to create a cape – KABOOM! You're a super-smart superhero!

If you are able, please donate to Comic Relief through our JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday22-romanby-primary-s

Thank you!

Governor Election

A reminder that the voting deadline for the parent governor election is 9.30am on 8th March. Please see the details sent out last half term.

Marvellous Me

Yesterday we had a message from the team at Marvellous Me to say that they are working to correct a fault in the software. Please see below the message from Marvellous Me.

Just a quick update as we are aware that parents may be having an issue clearing their notification counter on MarvellousMe. This is related to a recent improvement we made with the Memory Book feature.

We are working hard to fix this and hope to have an update out imminently. Everything else is working as normal, we are just aware the tally might cause some confusion.

In the meantime, if you have an issue please can you:

- have the latest version of the Parent app installed
- check that in their **app settings** the 'device alerts' toggle is on and
- switch on email alerts as a backup.

To clear your notifications counter, as a workaround you need to tap on the **next notification pop-up they receive** from MarvellousMe. This will open the app and automatically clear your counter. NB The counter will not clear if they open the app through the normal app icon.

As always, parents can contact us via the help centre at <u>www.marvellousme.com</u> and we'll be pleased to help them.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for an Advanced Teaching Assistant and a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Please see the links below;

Advanced Teaching Assistant - Romanby Primary School | North Yorkshire County Council Midday Supervisory Assistant - Romanby Primary School | North Yorkshire County Council

Stars of the Week

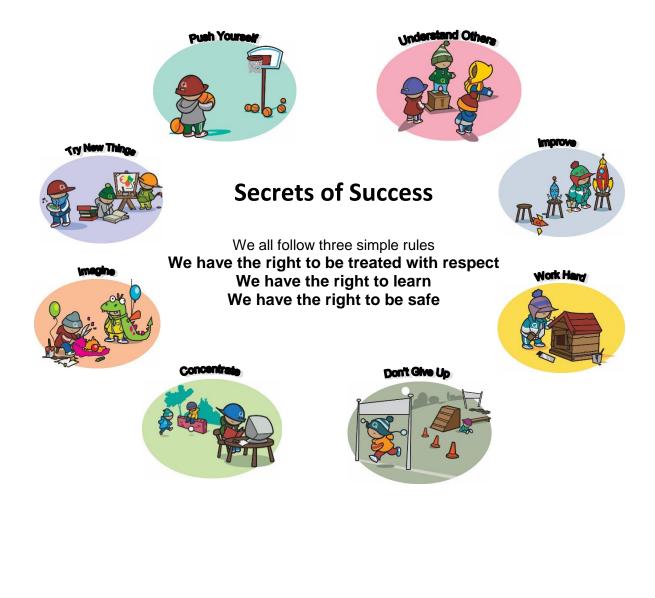
Every Friday we have a special celebration assembly when staff give out awards that link to our "Secrets of Success". Congratulations to the following children who received the "Star of the Week" award in our last two celebration assemblies:

Mrs. Allen's class	Lincoln, Dylan, Esme, Owen	
Mrs. Hugill's class	William O, Mila, Dominic, Charlie, Luca	
Miss. Hillary's class	Aoife, Hayden, Charlie, Tabitha, La'Vaiyah	
Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class	Annabel, Charlotte, Oliver, Rex	
Miss Lewis' class	Isla, Harbour, Isabel, Alex	
Miss Payne's class	Georgia, Alyssa, Lucas, Maxim	
Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class	Seth, Florence, Emelia, Thomas,	
Mrs. Seal's class	Anna, Hannah, Owen, Mylo, Molly	
Mrs. Howe's and Mrs. Mayhew's class	Aloka, Emilia, Charlie, Thomas	
Mrs. Clarke's class	James M, Jack, Willow, Sam, Eva, George, Ali, Harry	

Team Point Scores

Congratulations to the Blue Sharks who were the winners of the Team Point Award last half-term.

Team	Total this school year	Total this half-term
Blue Sharks	1581	24
Green Geckos	1407	31
Red Dragons	1437	26
Yellow Lions	1426	31





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