



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

9th February 2024

Another busy half term has come to an end and although it has been short it has been packed with some fantastic learning. Each week is great to see the photos on our Facebook and X pages that give a glimpse of the work going on in school. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback at our parent/teacher meetings this week. We will look at the comments and see what we can do to make further improvements. We hope that everyone enjoys the half term break!

Tchoukball

Well done to the children in Y3/4 who took part in a Tchoukball competition at the leisure centre this week. This is what Elliott and Seth reported back about the event:

“Tchoukball is a game about speed, arm strength and accuracy. To score you have to hit the net and when the ball bounces off you have to make sure no one catches the ball or else the goal doesn't count. There are two teams in one match. If you get the ball you can't move and you can't intercept or else the other team get the ball. You can score in your goal and the other team's goal. If you score in the green circle your goal doesn't count. The competition was at Northallerton Leisure Centre. There were Year 9's being referees. Most of the people there were Year 3's. Some people got special medals for being polite or being a good defender. We all enjoyed it. Romanby came first and we all got a medal!”



If you want to know more about this game have a look at <https://www.tchoukball.org.uk/>

Art Competition

We would like to invite all of our pupils to put forward entries for this fantastic exhibition. Teachers will be considering work done in school but we would also welcome work that has been completed at home. Our final submission date will be Wednesday 20th March 2024. To find out more visit <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>



Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March, Romanby will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day and we are asking children to go 'red-to-toe'. So, dust off the ruby slippers, pop on a lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you!

We will be fundraising for Comic Relief through our JustGiving page. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please do so via the following link: www.justgiving.com/page/romanby-rnd-2024

Virtual Reality Expeditions

The children in Y3/4 and Y5/6 took part in a virtual reality expedition this week. For many of them this was their first experience of a virtual environment. The children in Y3/4 visited Mount Everest and said; “It was great to see what it is actually like. I'll never go because I definitely don't want to die!”

“I liked the Arctic fox. I really wanted to pet him.”

“It was really good, I definitely thought I was going to fall!”

“I will probably go when I am older. I would love to take a selfie at the top!”

“I loved the whole experience. The colours were so good. There was lots of blue and white which made you feel really cold.”

The children in Year 5/6 followed up their visit from a scientist who had visited Antarctica by exploring the polar regions. It was interesting to use the headsets to look around these environments and discover things about the Northern Lights, frozen lakes and polar bears.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.1%. This is currently above the national average for primary schools. Persistent absence is classed as any child with attendance below 90%. The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children nationally in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.



“From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts”

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals and you do not need to fill in any forms. However, if you do qualify for any financial support, we would encourage you to complete the NYCC online form as this could enable your child's school to claim the Pupil Premium Funding to further support them. [Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

**Apply for Free School Meals
by scanning here**



Diary Dates

- 12th February Half Term Week
- 21st February Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition
- 23rd February Reception farm visit Memorable Experience
- 23rd February Y3/4 Bake Sale
- 28th February Wellbeing in Mind Parent session – ADHD, 3.30pm
- 29th February Author visit and special dinner menu as part of World Book day celebrations
- 4th- 8th March Y5 East Barnby Residential Visit
- 6th March Key Steps Gymnastics
- 13th March Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball
- 13th March Y3/4 Project Open Afternoon for parents, 2.45pm
- 14th March Disco
- 15th March Red Nose Day
- 15th March Y5/6 Bake sale
- 20th March Y3/4 Performance, 6.00pm
- 21st March Y3/4 Performance, 9.20am
- 21st March Y1/2 Innovate afternoon with parents, 2.30pm
- 21st March Y5/6 Project Open Afternoon for parents, 2.45pm
- 22nd March Reception Parents “Stay and Play”, 2.30pm
- 22nd March Last day of term

- 8th April Professional Development Day – school closed
- 9th April School reopens
- 9th April Reception visit from Aquatic Fanatic
- 15th April Y1/2 visit to Whitby
- 18th April Y3/4 Girls Football competition
- 9th May Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket
- 13th – 16th May Y6 SAT week
- 23rd May Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket
- 24th May Reception Parents Stay and Play session, 2.30pm
- 4th June Reception in school beach day
- 5th June Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics event
- 12th June Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics event
- 25th June Y5/6 Performance, 6.00pm
- 26th June Y5/6 Performance, 9.20am
- 26th June Y3/4 Mini Tennis
- 1st-3rd July Y6 London residential visit
- 3rd July Y1/2 Multi skills event
- 5th July Reception visit to Saltburn
- 19th July End of term

Dates are also on our website [Calendar < Romanby Primary School](#)

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:

Miss Jenkins’ class	Luca, Lucy, Mohamed, Jasmine
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Max, Wren, Rosie, Olivia
Miss. Turner’s class	Toby, Olivia, Kai, Daisy
Mrs. Seal’s class	Nancy, Billy, Ezra, Eric
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Lincoln, Daniel, Oliver, Benjamin
Mrs. Holme’s class	Emily, Charlie, Aria, Pippa
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Isabelle, Daisy, Amelia-Rose, Thomas
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Ethan, Sadie, Harbour, Nathan
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Chloe, Cameron, Summer, Ashton
Miss Irving’s class	William, Effie, Freddie, Issa

Team Points

Individual team points are added to the team scores each week. The scores so far this half term are below.

Team	Total for this half term	Total for the year
Air	571	1975
Earth	551	1753
Fire	564	1811
Water	523	1668

National Measles Incident

We have been asked to share the following information.

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

Symptoms of Measles

- Usually starts with cold-like symptoms
- High fever
- Sore red watery eyes
- Cough and/or runny nose

Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth

- A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.

You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.

Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.

'THINK' Measles

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- DO NOT bring your child to school or nursery.
- DO NOT visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- CALL ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect promptly.

Vaccination

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or checking your 'red book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that does not contain pork products from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment.

MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should not go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed.

The information provided by UKHSA, should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant over the half term holiday and if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school unwell, we would appreciate you considering keeping them at home.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.services.gov.uk)

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child at our school, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Foxwell and the Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Miss Jenkins.



RRSA: Article 28 – We have the right to a good quality education.

If you would like this information in another language or format please let us know.