



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

26th January 2024

It is not every day that Mrs Mayhew or Mr Foxwell get invited for afternoon tea but thanks to some great work by the children in Reception linked to the story of the Tiger Who Came for Tea that's what happened this week. The cake the children made was fantastic! Every Friday it is always great to see the range of certificates given out by teachers for the work that has gone on that week that links to our “Secrets of Success”. We have seen awards linked to Science, where the children found out about states of matter in lots of different ways. They melted chocolate buttons, pretended to be solids or liquids, then applied what they had learned with a sorting activity. We have had awards for Computing where children have been transferring hand written data into pictograms - using Sketchpad software, while in DT, the learning has been about the British Designer, Cath Kidston. Lastly, some of the children who have kept up their reading earn themselves a hot chocolate on a Friday!

## Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Attached to this newsletter email is some information regarding the Parent/Teacher meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February. We are trialling a new system so the online booking will look different to previously. We will also send an email with the details on it.

## Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Our computing scheme has online safety running through it as a continuous thread but we will be spending some time on this day reminding everyone about staying safe online. A useful link for parents is [Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternetday.org)

## Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. We have been asked to share the following link with parents.

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/26/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/)

## KS2 Swimming Gala

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January we competed in a Northallerton Swimming Gala representing Romanby. In the squad was;

For the boys: Nathan L, Seb H, Dan B and Grayson

For the girls: Alyssa, Summer N, Eva B, and Millie H

We all did the freestyle 25m and then it was Breaststroke. The people who did the breaststroke were Seb, Nathan, Summer and Eva. Next it was the mixed relay. The people who did that were (Group 1) Seb, Grayson, Millie and Alyssa. In Group 2 was Dan, Nathan Summer and Eva. After that was the backstroke. The people who did this were Dan, Grayson, Alyssa and Millie. The last event was the girls and boys relay. For the girls it was Summer, Alyssa Millie and Eva. For the boys it was Dan, Seb, Grayson and Nathan.

When we were on the start line the nerves kicked in. As soon as you started swimming, everyone would cheer for you. The atmosphere was amazing, as was the experience. Everyone tried their best but the

best part was the fact that we all enjoyed it. We all had a great competitive attitude and it was very exciting. We all made an amazing effort at our races and as a team we got gold! We all had lots of fun!

By Alyssa

### **KS2 Cross Country**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January we competed in a cross-country event. We all had a good competitive attitude. Before we ran everyone was nervous and after everyone was exhausted. In one corner it was sticky and people lost their shoes and got wet! The team was:

Y3 – Annie, Emilia, Evie, Lucy, Lleyton, Joshua, Benjamin and Harry

Y4 – Sophie, Jess B, Daisy, Jess D, Elliot S, Elliott W, Omar and Charlie

Y5 – Alyssa, Amelia D, Georgia, Sadie, Gabe, Sebastian, Tom and Matthew

Y6 – Sofia, Rosie, Lola, Florence, Seb, Alex, Noah and Maxim

Well done to the following children who won medals

Gold – Lleyton, Alyssa and Sofia

Silver – Rosie and Noah

Bronze – Omar, Georgia and Gabe

By Seb and Alex

### **The importance of reading**

We know there are few things that are as powerful as reading for children. It has astonishing benefits for their confidence, vocabulary, imagination, happiness, ability and longer-term prospects.

As a school, we expect that all of the children read at least five times per week. This should be written into your child's reading record and signed to evidence they have read. As a new initiative to further raise the profile of reading, the names of children who have read the expected five times per week will be put into a raffle which will be drawn every Friday during our Celebration Assembly. These children will then enjoy a special Storytime and hot chocolate with Mrs Mayhew during a Friday afternoon!

### **Writing expectations**

To help you support your child's writing and develop your understanding of what expected writing looks like at each year group level, please find attached some help sheets.

### **Could you walk, cycle or scoot to school?**

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, are you driving short distances where walking is a real option? Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. Many children also now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community.

If you do need to drive please can we ask that you do not:

- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.

## Music in Schools

Music in Schools (York) provides instrumental tuition in cornet, trumpet, mini clarinet, clarinet, flute, curved headed flute and saxophone. If you are interested in your child playing any of these instruments please contact them directly via their website: [www.misyork.org.uk](http://www.misyork.org.uk) or e mail: [info@misyork.org.uk](mailto:info@misyork.org.uk)

## Menu change

There will be a change to the menu on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, it will now be:

- Chicken Burger
- Pizza
- Potato Wedges and Salad
- Fruit sorbet

Jacket potatoes will also be available.

## Diary Dates

- 26<sup>th</sup> January KS2 Pantomime trip, 6.15pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> January STEM Natural Inks workshop, KS1
- 5<sup>th</sup> February Virtual Reality Experience for Y3/4 and Y5/6 projects
- 6<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> February Y3/4 Tchoukball Competition
- 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 9<sup>th</sup> February Reception Parents “Stay and Play”, 2.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> February Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February Reception farm visit Memorable Experience (TBC)
- 28<sup>th</sup> February Wellbeing in Mind Parent session – ADHD, 3.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> February Author visit as part of World Book day celebrations
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> March Y5 East Barnby Residential Visit
- 6<sup>th</sup> March Key Steps Gymnastics
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Y3/4 Project Open Afternoon for parents, 2.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Y3/4 Performance, 6.00pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Y3/4 Performance, 9.20am
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Y1/2 Innovate afternoon with parents, 2.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Y5/6 Project Open Afternoon for parents, 2.45pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Reception Parents “Stay and Play”, 2.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Last day 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:

<b>Miss Jenkins’ class</b>	Charlie, Thomas, Isla, Lucy, Xander, Zayn
<b>Mrs. Whittaker’s class</b>	Francesca, Caspar, Owen, Zuzanna
<b>Miss. Turner’s class</b>	Felix, Leo, Esme, James
<b>Mrs. Seal’s class</b>	Gigi, Matthew, Athena-Rose, Thomas, Alfie

<b>Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class</b>	Edie, Elliott, Tyler, Rex
<b>Mrs. Holme's class</b>	Izabella, Ella, Pippa, Omra
<b>Mrs. Hugill's class</b>	Ellouise, William, Jessica, Emily
<b>Mrs. Slaney's class</b>	Ivy, Joshua, Oscar, Jessica
<b>Mrs. Howe's and Mrs. Cornock's class</b>	Reggie, Daniel, Lucas, Alyssa
<b>Miss Irving's class</b>	Lola, Imogen, Jacob, River

### 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	<b>366</b>	<b>1770</b>
Earth	<b>310</b>	<b>1512</b>
Fire	<b>302</b>	<b>1543</b>
Water	<b>298</b>	<b>1443</b>

### 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.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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



**“THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!”**

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 HM Government  
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

