



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

1st March 2024

It is officially the first meteorological day of spring and also St David’s Day, both things that we mentioned in our weekly celebration assembly today. Hopefully the Y5 children going to East Barnby Outdoor Centre next week will enjoy some good weather!

Before half term we had some helpful feedback at the parent/teacher meetings about some of the things that are going well in school and other areas we could make even better. One of the areas raised was around school meals. We have talked to our catering provider about the range of meals on offer and they are looking at some ideas to help us. We have also managed to recruit additional staff at lunchtime to help us ensure that the dinner sittings run effectively. For example, we have recently seen an increase in the amount of food being thrown away as children want to leave the hall quickly and be outside with their friends so are not eating all the food on their plate. We will be reinforcing the routines of having a set sitting time but still ensuring that there is plenty of time to play.

Another area we have looked at is Team Points. The Marvellous Me system logs all the badges that children are given. In some cases, teachers may award a Team Point badge and then award a badge for one of our Secrets of Success. All these badges are included in a child’s total for the year and contribute to certificates for 50, 75, 100 team points.



Since the start of the school year, we have been taking part in the United Against Bullying Project. We used the initial pupil baseline audit in September to identify things we could do better. We then used these ideas to create a focus for our Monday Mindset assemblies. We also acted in other areas such as simplifying our school rules to “Ready, Respectful, Safe”. The final pupil questionnaire was completed just before half term and we have seen some positive progress overall. We have also seen an improvement in the outcomes from similar work in 2021-2022. We are still working on things and look forward to seeing how we compare to other schools nationally who have been involved in the project.



Romanby’s World Book day celebrations

We had a wonderful day celebrating reading and writing yesterday for our own World Book Day! Thank you to parents for supporting us by donating to our author visit. There is still time to contribute to the costs of today’s activities, if you’re happy to. Voluntary contributions of £1.00 are gratefully accepted via Parent Pay. James Harris’ message that anyone can be an author was well received by all and the children very much enjoyed his fun and creative approach to writing! The children were sent home with the National

Book Token Competition sheets for which they can design their very own gift card to be in with a chance to win money to spend on books and a bookshop visit for their class. Please refer to the World Book Day letter that was sent on 22.02.24 for further information.

Rec/KS1 visit to Romanby Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone at Romanby Methodist Church who today helped the children in Y1/2 learn more about the features of a church and then also talked to the children in Reception about the build up to Easter in the Christian calendar. It was great to see what the children discovered.

Dodgeball

A group of children in Y5/6 represented school at the Northallerton dodgeball competition at the

Leisure Centre. We played four games against different schools. We won one game, lost two games and tied one game. We came joint fourth overall. We would definitely play again as it was incredibly good fun.

By Jess

Reception Farm Visit



Last week the children in Reception visited Baydale Farm as part of their current learning project. They learnt all about different grains and the food the farm produces. They also looked at the crops they grow and picked sugar beet to feed to the ewes. They saw lots of newborn lambs and had the chance to feed them and handle them; they also held some baby chicks! Overall, it was a fabulous visit! Please see our Facebook page for more pictures.

KS1 STEM workshop

This week the children in Y1/2 took part in an online Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths workshop. This involved making pop-up Laughing Automata Machines. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for this style of lesson. Thank you to Mrs Seal for arranging it.

Art Competition

Don't forget that there is still time to enter 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

A reminder that 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

Change of menu

Due to delivery issues there is menu change next Friday, it will Vegetarian Ravioli instead of Veggie Dog.

Diary Dates

- 4th- 8th March Y5 East Barnby Residential Visit
- 6th March Key Steps Gymnastics
- 13th March Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball
- 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
- 24th April Y3/4 Project Open Afternoon for parents, 2.45pm
- 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](#)

**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”

Attendance Ladder



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	Isabella, Cici, Thomas,
Mrs. Whittaker's class	Gracie, Zak, Inas, Theo
Miss. Turner's class	Elliott, Violet, Ember, Ella
Mrs. Seal's class	Gigi, Joshua, Marnie, Robert
Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class	Thea, Toby, Elliott, Riley
Mrs. Holme's class	Lleyton, Tabitha, Aoife, Rosie
Mrs. Hugill's class	Erica, Charlie, Edward, Harrison
Mrs. Slaney's class	Florence, Emilia, Eva, Jessica
Mrs. Howe's and Mrs. Cornock's class	Thomas, Emilie, Dan, Seth
Miss Irving's class	Hizbullah, Hetty, Millie, Isaac

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	211	2169
Earth	162	1945
Fire	190	2009
Water	164	1844

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.

Secrets of Success

We all follow three simple rules:

**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

Don't Give Up



Try New Things



Improve



Push Yourself



Work Hard



Understand Others



Concentrate



Imagine





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.