



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Every Friday we award certificates in our celebration assembly for some of the great work that has gone on in school over the week. These awards are focussed around our Secrets of Success. It has been lovely to see the range of things these awards have been given for over the last few weeks covering all areas of the curriculum. We have had a big focus on “push yourself” and the children have really responded well. In terms of “push yourself”, well done to the children who represented school at the Northallerton Schools cross country competition on Wednesday this week. Below is a report from some of the children who took part in the event.

## Educational Visits

Unfortunately, we recently had to cancel a proposed educational visit and wanted to update everyone on the context we are currently working in.

We firmly believe in the importance of extending learning beyond the classroom through educational visits which offer the children invaluable experiences. However, as you will probably be aware like many schools we find ourselves in a challenging situation in terms of financial funding. We also recognise that many families are also facing financial difficulties.

Due to increasing cost pressures and a shortfall in voluntary contributions, we have reached a point where we can no longer subsidise school trips as we previously did. In the last twelve months this has been just under £1000. While we have been fortunate to receive support from the Friends of Romanby School, stretching our already limited budget has become untenable. This budget pays for all our costs from staffing, pens and paper to grounds and building maintenance. We have already had to make cuts to staffing over the past couple of years to try and improve our financial position.

We understand and acknowledge that these visits can be expensive. In the past, we have done our best to keep them accessible by covering a portion of the costs. However, given the current financial constraints, we are now exploring alternative ways to fund these valuable trips and considering different types of visits that could be more financially feasible.

We fully appreciate how important these educational visits are for the children’s learning and enjoyment. They provide opportunities to grasp new skills, engage with real-world settings, and ignite curiosity in ways that classroom learning alone cannot achieve. Therefore, we remain committed to finding creative solutions to ensure the children continue to benefit from such enriching experiences.

Your support and understanding during this time is greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas for fundraising or other suggestions, please feel free to contact us on [admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Key Stage 2 Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday 22nd January, multiple pupils took part in a cross-country competition at the Leisure Centre, Northallerton. Ranging from year 3s to year 6s, everyone participated with an amazing attitude!

Year 3 Esme, Heather- Grace, Harper, Francesca, Max, Flynn, Ollie and Felix

Year 4 Annie, Sophia, Evie, Harriet, Josh, Benjamin, Lleyton and Arlo

Year 5 Zoe, Sophie, Edie K, Pippa, Elliot S, Omar, Elliott W and Jayden

Year 6 Alyssa, Amelia, Georgia, Jessica, Grayson, Gabriel, Sebastian and Seth

Even though the weather was on the colder side, the atmosphere was warm and we all powered through with such great enthusiasm and positivity! Thank you to Mrs Etherington, Mrs Jones and Mr Foxwell, the incredible teachers who looked after the participants and supported us all the way.

By the Y6 cross country team



## **Jewellery, Uniform and Toys**

Thank you to everyone who has sent their children to school with appropriate PE kit for the recent cold weather. We try to get outside as much as we can each week. Please can we remind everyone that for health and safety reasons children should not be wearing necklaces and bracelets at school and any PE items should be plain and unbranded e.g. no football shirts etc. Please can we also ask that unless requested children do not bring toys into school.

## **Parent/Teacher meetings**

Our parent/teacher meetings this term will be on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Details of how to book appointment times will be sent home in the next few days.



## **Diary Dates**

- 28<sup>th</sup> January Y5 Space STEM challenge
- 10<sup>th</sup> February EYFS Stay and Play for parents 9am – 10am
- 11<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 12<sup>th</sup> February Young Voices Singing Event
- 13<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 17<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Glider STEM challenge
- 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 1
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 2
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Y3/4 Tchoukball Competition
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 2
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 3
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 3
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Y5 Residential Visit to Marrick Priory Outdoor Centre
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Y5/6 Hi5 Netball Competition
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Last day of term before the Easter holiday

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 celebration assembly:

<b>Miss Jenkins’ class</b>	
<b>Reception</b>	Alaia, Ellie, Arlo, Robin, Penelope
<b>Mrs. Seal’s class</b>	Cici, Thomas, Imogen, Archer
<b>Mrs. Whittaker’s class</b>	Omar, Evie, Layla, Lukas, Ralphie
<b>Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class</b>	Rex, Annabel, Elliott, Leo
<b>Mrs. Holme’s class</b>	Dominic, Felix, Sophia, Ethan
<b>Mrs. Hugill’s class</b>	Luca, Charlotte, Jimi, Emily
<b>Mrs. Slaney’s class</b>	Noah, Ellouise, Aoife, Sadie
<b>Mrs. Howe’s class</b>	Reggie, Georgia, Millie, Thomas
<b>Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Webster’s class</b>	Amelia, Hetty, Sophie, Charlie

## 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 or email [dsl@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk). Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Foxwell and Miss Jenkins.



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