



**Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter**

**11-05-18**

# **SATS and Phonics**

One of the things that struck me at Ryefield is how engaged the children are in their learning. I have witnessed the children in Year 3 and Year 4 really push themselves to beat their previous GymRun times. Year 2 have a Friday 'Write off' whereby they try compete with adults to produce the best pieces of writing. The whole school has been enthralled by the mystery of the eggs and the visit of Sophie the dinosaur. The children in our Nursery are currently on 'FrogWatch': they are providing us with regular updates on the health and wellbeing of our tadpoles.

In the coming weeks Year 5 will have the opportunity to camp out overnight and some of our Year 6 children will be going to a PGL activity centre. When, as adults, we reminisce about our childhood these are the school memories we tap into. The joy, excitement, curiosity and wonder. These are the moments we cherish, yet another significant part of school life is testing and assessment.

Over the next few weeks children across the school participate in a range of assessments: Year 6 have their SATs next week; Year 2 are being tested in Reading and Mathematics; and Year 1 will undergo the phonics check in June. Testing is a part of life, and during the month of May it will have a more prominent part to play in the life of the school, but to quote B. B. King: 'The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you.'

There is no end to our learning - it never stops, but it is important to remember that regardless of the outcome, if you have done your absolute best then you have passed successfully.

**Year 2** have their assessments over a period of weeks and work in small groups to complete a reading paper and a mathematics paper.

The reading paper has already been administered and the mathematics paper will be sat across the week beginning 21 May.



# SATs

**Year 6** will have their end of Key Stage 2 tests administered over the week beginning 14 May. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 14 May                      English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

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Tuesday 15 May                    English reading

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Wednesday 16 May                Mathematics papers 1 and 2

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Thursday 17 May                   Mathematics paper 3

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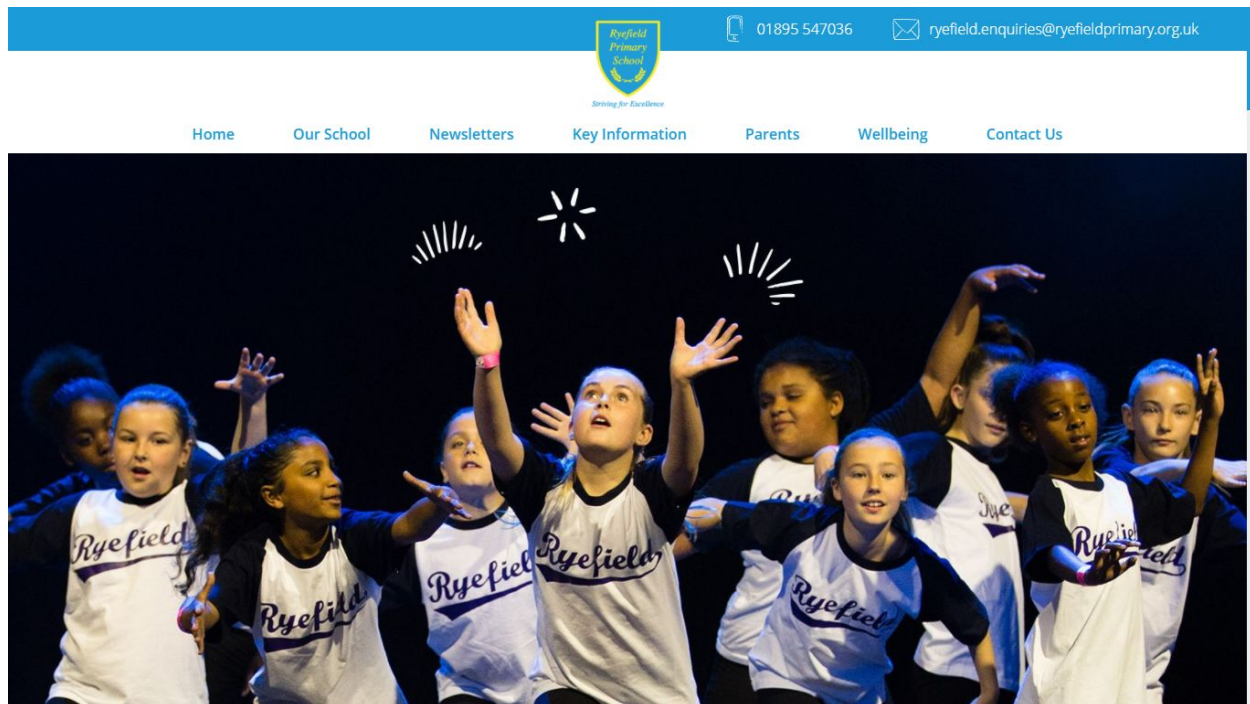
**Breakfasts will be provided to all Year 6 children before the tests - so make sure you get here in time for a bacon buttie, sausage sarnie, toast or cereal!**

## **11+ tuition - for the attention of Y4 and Y5.**

We are aware that some parents in **Year 4 and Year 5** may be considering entering their child for the 11-plus examination and past experience tells us that there are some skills that a child may find useful to learn.

Current costs for this specialised tuition can be very expensive and we at Ryefield are exploring a way to offer an additional service in which your child would benefit from teacher input at a fraction of the cost.

# The new website is here!



Over recent months the office have been working on updating the new school website. We felt that it was looking a bit tired, needed an update and would work on mobile devices - which is how most of us browse online now.

## MHFA training for Parents:

The school is pleased to say that, as of Monday, Mr Tucker was accredited as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor. Over the course of two days, we have trained 12 members of staff as Mental Health First Aiders, we hope that this will better equip us to support local children and families. We are currently creating a training schedule for later in the year so watch this space...

## Sports Update: **Respect!**



We were delighted to learn that our children have been the recipients of the 'Respect the Games' award. This award is voted for by all of the other competing schools. We were the proud winners at last weeks Tri-Golf Competition (as well as bronze medallists!) and we it again at Wednesday's Quadkids Athletics Competition! At both events our amazing young people were commended for their excellent teamwork, exemplary behaviour and the support they gave to **ALL** of the athletes taking part.

You continue to be excellent ambassadors for our school - we are very proud of you.

# Sports Update

## Tri-Golf

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Ryefield entered a team in the Borough Tri-Golf Tournament which was held at Cranford Community College.

The children were split into two teams and had to complete 8 activities, scoring as many points as possible on each.

At the end all the points were added up. The overall winners were St Helens, but Ryefield came away with bronze medals. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to parents for your support.

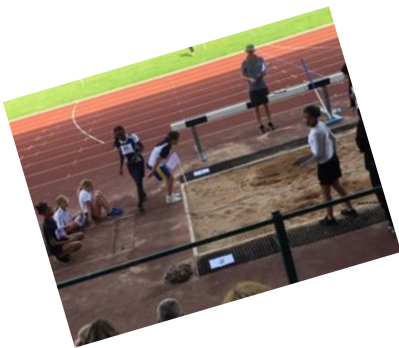
## Change 4 Life Festival

Yesterday, the change 4 life club went to a sports festival at Barnhill school. We played lots of games on their big field.

We played a game where we were throwing balls into a small net and racing against one another.

We also played a race with small bouncy balls, which was great fun but hard work because the balls were really small. There was a bean bag and hoop game where you could earn different points and javelin throwing, which was great and Angel threw the further javelin. To end the festival we played a big game of Dodgeball with the other school and students from Barnhill which was really exciting and fun!

Miguel - Mandela 5



## Athletics

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May a team of year 5 children travelled to Hillingdon Athletics Track to take part in the Borough Quadkids competition. Each child had to sprint 75m, throw a vortex, run 600m and do a standing long jump.

All the team performed excellently and although they did not achieve enough points to win the competition, they did win the Respect the Games Award (voted for by the other competitors).

Well done everyone and thank you to all the parents who came to support.



# Clubs and Sports Update

Payment must be made on sQuid to confirm your child's place!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Tennis - Yr 2,3+4	KS2 Dance	KS2 Dance	KS2 Basketball	Rugby Tots - Yr R,1+2
Football - Yr 5+6	Gymnastics - Yr 2-6	KS1 Dance	Multi Skills - Yr R,1+2	Year 3+4 Football
			Cricket - KS2	

**SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR CLUBS - ONLY £1/£2 a session - with a professional coach**

## **Year 1 trip Christmas trip: Reminder for current Reception parents.**

It may seem odd that we are talking of Christmas, especially when we have only just had our first burst of sunshine! However I am really excited to announce that this this year we want to introduce a new tradition at Ryefield - and that is children having the experience of seeing a West End Show. We thought long and hard about the show and settled on Sadler Well's annual Christmas performance of Raymond Brigg's much loved 'The Snowman'.

We have secured 60 spaces and will initially offer them to children in Year 1 (September 2018), however any available seats will then be made open to parents, siblings and other children in the school. The cost of £19 includes the ticket and transportation by coach: there and back again. Bargain!

## **Westminster Mile – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Last week the children in key stage 2 all received a letter inviting them and their families to take part in a London Marathon spin off event called the Vitality Westminster Mile. The event is open to anyone who would like to run a mile (1.6km) on a course which starts on The Mall and finishes in front of Buckingham Palace. Mrs Hope has already received reply slips from 13 families to join Team Ryefield on the starting line at 10.40am. If you are interested, there is still time to register before Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, so collect the information you need either from the office or from Mrs Hope in Brunel 3 at the beginning of the school day.



## Be prepared for warm weather!

We're hoping for a glorious warm summer once again and as it approaches we would like to remind you of a few school rules relating to the warmer weather.

- Please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school to protect them throughout the day.
- Please supply your child with a sunhat and appropriate uniform for the weather.
- Children should bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated during the day. (Children have access to water in class and at lunch as well as the water fountains around school)
- Sunglasses should not be worn unless they are prescription or for medical reasons.
- If your child suffers from hayfever please ensure they take their medication before school so to last them throughout the day.

If you have any empty ink cartridges or old mobile phones we have a collection point in the office for them. All items collected will be recycled to provide funds for the Dogs Trust Charity.



## **Red, White & Blue** Non-Uniform Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

In celebration of the Royal Wedding, we would like children to come to school dressed in clothes that are red, white and blue.

# LOST PROPERTY

There are bag fulls of lost property to the left of the KS1 path from the main entrance past the after school club green fenced playground. Please have a look if you or your child have lost anything and hopefully we can get it all returned to its rightful owner. Any lost property still left by Friday 4th May will be donated to charity.

## Lunches

**If you have unpaid fees for lunch - please ensure that your account is settled. Your child will not receive a school lunch until their sQuid account has credit!**

**Contact the School Operations Manager for further details.**

**Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>**

**Order your child's school meal here for next week!**



# Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Week beginning the 14th May - KS2 SATs

Week beginning the 21st May - KS1 SATs: Maths

**Topaz Class Assembly** - Friday 18th May 2018 @ 2.45pm

**Year ¾ Production** - Friday 25th May - **Yr 3 Parents 9.15am**

**Yr 4 Parents 2.00pm**

**HALF TERM: 28 May - 1 June**

**Amber Class Assembly** - Friday 8th June @ 2.45pm

**FOR Party in the Playground** - Saturday 9th June

**Year 1 trip to The Discovery Centre**- Wednesday 14th June

**September 2017 Reception Meetings** - Wednesday 14th June

**FOR Fathers Day Shop** - Friday 15th June

**Gandhi Class Assembly** - Friday 15th June @ 2.45pm

**KS1 + KS2 Sports Day** - Tuesday 19th June

**EYFS Sports Day** - Thursday 21st June

**Amethyst Class Assembly** - Friday 22nd June @ 2.45pm

**Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court** - Monday 25th June

**Year 3 Trip to NHM in Tring** - Thursday 28th June

**Sapphire Class Assembly** - Friday 29th June @ 2.45pm

**Year 6 PGL** - Friday 29th June - Monday 2nd July

**Hillingdon Transition Day for Year 6** - Tuesday 3rd July

**Year 5 Camping** - Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th July

**Reception Trip to Whipsnade Zoo** - Thursday 5th July

**Year 6 Show** - Thursday 5th July

*INSET Day - No children should attend* - Friday 6th July

Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle - Thursday 12th July

**The Big Sit Out** - Friday 13th July

**Talent Show** - Wednesday 18th July

**Leavers Disco** - Thursday 19th July

**No after school clubs in the last week of the summer term.**

**End of Term - Friday 20th July (School finishes at 1.30pm)**

