



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter

19-10-2018

Harvest Service at All Saints Church



Many thanks to all of the parents and friends of Ryefield School who came to take part in our traditional Harvest Festival. Year 5's donations will be collected by the Salvation Army and are gratefully received.

The remaining donations will be delivered, by our Year 2 children, to 41 local elderly residents and we know that these gifts are welcomed by the local residents - they really make a difference and help us to teach our children the importance of community and an intergenerational connectedness.



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It seems incredible to think that we are halfway through the autumn term - next term will be a busy one! We have the following events:

- Y5 have the opportunity to perform at Pineapple Dance studios in Covent Garden
- KS1 have a Diwali workshop
- Debate Mate 1819 launch - will we make the finals for a third year in a row?
- Children will meet the author/illustrator Alexis Deacon, he wrote Beegu.
- Remembrance Service on the playground
- Sports Taster Days
- Y6 visit the Unicorn Theatre to watch Grimm's Fairy Tales
- School trip to watch a West End Show : The Snowman at the Peacock Theatre
- School Panto
- Museum trips
- Nativity and Carol Concerts
- Footage and photos from our space launch!

Phew!

All of us at Ryefield would like to wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 29 October.



Remembrance memorial : The school has a new addition to the middle playground - Tommy.

This memorial will be a permanent addition to our site and, in the coming weeks, the children will plant their own poppies around it.

We hope that he serves as a powerful reminder of all the servicemen and women who made huge sacrifices for the freedoms that we currently enjoy.

After half term the school will also be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion.

Fundraising update

The non-uniform day raised £415 for high quality reading books - look out for our Reading special edition newsletter! Thanks to the website The Book Life we have been able to double this amount to £830 - which will mean even more books for classes.

Good luck Mr Day

This week the school says a fond farewell to Mr Day - who has been part of our site management team since November 2013. We wish him all the best for the future.

Restart a Heart



A sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Farrell and their team of paramedics who spent all of Monday teaching children the importance of the recovery position and CPR.

From Year 1 to Year 6, your children spent an hour with this dedicated team learning key life skills. This opportunity enabled us to take part in the worldwide initiative: restart a heart.

We understand that some children even went home and proceeded to demonstrate on their teddies, dolls and even a mum or dad dozing on the sofa.

Year 5 & Year 6: After school tuition - 11+ and beyond:

There are places still available for 11+ and beyond tuition and if any parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6. This is held on after school on a Thursday and if you would like to participate then please get in touch with Mrs Dearing, or the school office.



NON UNIFORM DAY

As the clocks go back and days become shorter, our journey to and from school may be in the dark. To stay safe when travelling we need to be seen. To raise children's awareness of the importance of wearing something bright during the day and fluorescent when dark we will be having a '**Be bright, be seen**' non-uniform day on **Friday 2nd November**. Children should come to school dressed in their brightest clothes – **no donations required**. We will be entering a Borough competition to be the 'Brightest School' – so the brighter the better!

Mrs Mander

Open School Session for Nursery Parents

On Wednesday 21st November, London Borough of Hillingdon are coming in to assist Nursery parents in filling out their application forms for starting school in September 2019, if required. Timings will be confirmed.



Sports Update

Cross Country

In assembly today, we finally had the chance to congratulate our cross country team on their running prowess at the District Cross Country event which took place on a very sunny afternoon on the 4th of October. Our squad of boys and girls all performed brilliantly, running 2 kilometres in rather warm conditions. Mrs Hope was exceptionally proud of their tenacity and how they worked together as a team to support and encourage each other on such a challenging course. Conquering the hill, as well as the distance, was a real test of power and endurance.

A well-deserved special mention goes out to our fastest boys and girls in years 5 and 6. In year 6, Connie and Jake, who was 5th overall out of 100 boys! Amazing! Then in year 5, Katie and Preston. Katie has attended weekly training with Mrs Hope all year and it was a real thrill to see her perform so strongly as a result of all her hard work. This was also true of several other children who have turned up to training in all weathers, including a heatwave and a snowstorm! Namely, Alexander, Talia, Aleksander, Padraig, Miguel and Riley.



Incredibly, the top four scores from the boys' team enabled us to qualify for the borough final on the following Monday which was an exceptional achievement and a first for our school. Huge congratulations go to Jake, Mason (13th), Preston (25th) and Josiah (37th). Unfortunately, not all of the boys could attend the competition. So, we need to make sure that next year Ryefield proves that we can do it once again, especially as we have Katie and Preston to lead the way.

If you think your key stage 2 child has the potential to run long distance then please encourage them to join Mrs Hope, every Monday lunchtime, for a workout and a run.

Athletics

Last Friday, we were lucky to be joined by a coach from Hillingdon Athletics and some girls from Swakeleys School for an introduction to athletics.



Years 4 and 6 tried four events, long jump, speed bounce, chest push and, despite the wind, javelin.

The children joined in with much enthusiasm and they all managed to improve their scores during the session.

More details for anyone wishing to join the athletics club will be following shortly.



Friends of Ryefield - Discos

The Friends of Ryefield Discos will take place on Friday 2nd November. Tickets cost £3.50 and **must be purchased in advance**. Letters were sent out this week and the reply slip should be completed and returned with the money to the office in an envelope marked with your child's name and class by **Wednesday 31st October**.

EYFS & KS1 will be 4.00pm - 5.30pm and **KS2** will be 6.00pm - 7.30pm.

Information Received

Hillingdon Fire Station Open Day

Dear School

We would like make you aware of our open day on October 26th at Hillingdon fire station. This will be taking part between the hours of 12pm-5pm and has been a great success in recent years. We provide a wide range of activities on the day such as giving the children a chance to get on board a fire truck, try on the gear and squirt some water at targets from the hoses. Teaching is important to us so we like to give a insight as to what we do on a daily basis by performing live fire safety demonstrations and giving free fire safety advice. We will have a number of different fire trucks there on the day all with special abilities which we would love to show and tell you about. Other attractions coming down will be a variety of food stalls, including an ice cream van and getting a chance to meet Sherlock our special fire investigation dog amongst other guide dogs and even a petting zoo!!

You could even bring your bike down and get it stamped for free by the police in order to help protect against theft.

Many Thanks

Sam Phillips
Firefighter at Hillingdon Fire Station

Odds Farm Park - vouchers available from the school office



Perform

Weekly dance and drama classes held in Ickenham, Pinner, Hatch End, Ealing, Gerrards Cross - free trial session.

Leaflets are in the school office or contact Perform directly on **020 7255 9120** or visit perform.org.uk/venues





Carers Support Group

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 27th, 1.30pm-4pm

At Mencap Hillingdon South, Harlington Rd, Uxbridge. UB8 3HD

Plenty of FREE Parking Available when in Car Park turn left we are in Mencap Hillingdon South Hall Opposite the School in the Car Park.



Entry £2.50 per Child and
Free Entry for all Carers
(DADS & MUMS)



For children with disabilities and special educational needs to enjoy a Halloween party with their friends and siblings while their carers can meet other carers and get information of support available.

Please note – We are all responsible for our own children on the day - food, refreshments and sensory toys available to buy at the Kiosk - for more info email us info@hillingdondads.org.uk or call 07889651016



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Regular Events –

Saturday Drop In Centre – Held at MENCAP Hillingdon
South Hall, Harlington Road, Uxbridge, UB8 3HD (opposite Hillingdon Manor
Senior School, Barwick Drive and Lady Craig Court Bus Stops)

A Place to take children with disabilities and special educational needs on a Saturday to let them and their siblings have fun while carers get info or sign posted to those who can help them. Also a place to make suggestions on what possible events we can put on to meet even more needs of our children.

Free Parking. Free Entry for all Carers (DADS & MUMS) at the drop in centre, children with disabilities and special educational needs and their siblings, soft play area, sensory and other activities



Please note – At all our Events we are all responsible for our own children on the day. Food, refreshments, dark dens with sensory lights and sensory toys available to buy at the HD Carers Support Kiosk at all our events. For more info email us info@hillingdondads.org.uk or call 0788 9651016

All HD Carers Support Groups Events are funded by money raised through

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School 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!

If sQuid does not allow you to order due to owed funds then it is your responsibility to provide your child(ren) a packed lunch.

Please note that this does not apply to children in the Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) as you automatically receive Universal Infant Free School Meals or families who receive free school meals in KS2 (Years 3-6)

Are you eligible for Free School Meals and access to the Pupil Premium?

Visit: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims> to check for eligibility

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October - Half Term

Monday 29th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 31st October	Year 5 Trip to Science Museum
Wednesday 31st October	No Pens Day - Communication Trust
Friday 2nd November	Hawking Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
Friday 2nd November	Non-Uniform Day - Be bright be seen
Friday 2nd November	Friends of Ryefield Discos EYFS & KS1 4.00pm - 5.30pm KS2 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 7th November	Diwali Workshop for Y1 and Y2
Friday 16th November	Emerald Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 21st November	Open School Session (Reception and Nursery places)

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd November - INSET Days - no children should attend

Friday 30th November	Gandhi Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
Tuesday 4th December	Nasal and Flu programme
Tuesday 11th December	Carol Service Rehearsal
Wednesday 12th December	Carol Service at the church: time to TBC
Monday 17th December	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.30pm
Wednesday 19th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 21st December	End of Term KS1 finishes @ 1.30pm/KS2 finishes @ 1.35pm

Monday 7th January INSET Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Tuesday 8th January TERMS STARTS