



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Fortnightly Update

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What's been going on?

On 31st January we celebrated the 50 anniversary of Mrs Bridgen working at Ryefield Primary School, over the 18,250 days she has ensured that every child has had a smile on their face and eaten a healthy lunch. Such dedication is rare nowadays and we are really fortunate to have benefitted from Mrs Bridgen's dedication to making Ryefield a great place to work and learn.



Mrs Bridgen has asked me to pass on her thanks and appreciation for all of the cards, flowers and gifts that helped to make her day one to remember.



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Debating Competition

On Tuesday 5 February our debate team travelled to Barlby Primary School in the borough of Kensington and Chelsea for an afternoon of debating. Each of the rounds were hotly contested and the debates ranged from whether school holidays should be 3 weeks long, through to all pets should be banned. We were delighted to win 4 out of the 6 matches - all were high scoring rounds. We await to see how we place in the debate league.



Chinese New Year Celebrations in the EYFS



On Thursday, the children in our Reception classes enjoyed a morning celebrating the Chinese New Year.

They learnt songs, enjoyed taking part in a fan dance and even brought a dragon to life by parading around the hall!

Video Guide

Last week's video guide provided 5 tips to help with reading at home. All video guides can be seen on the school website under the Parents tab.

Alternatively watch more content by visiting the school's YouTube channel.

<https://youtu.be/sKodb5w63Gs>

Snow Day

Thank you to all parents who ensured that their children made it to school last Friday. Deciding whether to keep a school open or shut it is never an easy option. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, many of whom live in outside London (where the snowfall was much heavier), who are committed to ensuring that every day at Ryefield is a day for learning. We also made the most of our 4 acres of fields which were covered in snow - a great day was had making snowmen and igloos with their friends.



Polite Reminder

Please could we remind parents that the school gates open at **8.30am** and children should not arrive at school before this time as they will not be supervised. If you need to bring your children to school before 8.30am, please book them in to Ryefield Rascals Breakfast Club.



Sports Update



Football

Despite the wintry weather, our first football match of the New Year took place on Wednesday 30th January. We even had some snow during the first half!



It was a very tough match, not helped by the conditions, but all the boys played well. Unfortunately we were not able to secure a win but are looking forward to the next match.

Thank you to all the parents who braved the cold to support.

3v3 Basketball - Respect the Games Winner

Upper Key Stage 2 entered the 3v3 Basketball tournament held at Uxbridge College. Competition was fierce but the school was delighted to be awarded with the prestigious 'Respect the Games' trophy.

The award was voted for by all of the other competing schools - so well done for flying the Ryefield flag!



Fencing taster day and competition



Last Friday, we were lucky to have a member of Hillingdon Fencing Club come into school to give some of our children a 'taster' of this different event. After the sessions, some pupils were chosen to take part in a Festival on Wednesday.



Six children travelled to Barnhill Community High School to join in the Borough event. Each of our children played against three children from one of the other schools. They did extremely well, enjoying themselves immensely in the process. Well done to those who took part and also their parents for their support.



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

Tuesday 12th February	Year 6 Dance Workshop
Wednesday 13th February	Year 3 & 4 Dance Workshop
Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February - HALF TERM	
Thursday 28th February	Year 2 SATs meeting for Parents @ 2.30pm & 4.30pm
Tuesday 5th March	Year 6 to Vyners to watch production of Legally Blonde
Friday 15th March	Year 6 to Junior Citizen Event at Brunel - PM
Thursday 28th March	Mother's Day Shop - Friends of Ryefield
Friday 29th March	Darwin Class assembly @ 2.45pm
Friday 29th March	KS1 Disco - 4.00pm - 5.30pm KS2 Disco - 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Friday 5th April	TERM ENDS KS1 - 1.30pm / KS2 - 1.35pm