



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Fortnightly Update

03-05-2019

The Book Sheds



Keen eyed parents will have noticed three sheds have appeared on the school grounds. Each shed is full of books for your child to choose and read at break times. Over the course of the half term your child will be given the opportunity to take a book from the shed and keep it forever. No need to bring it back - **it's our present to them as we believe everyone should enjoy the gift of reading.**

Each class will be given a specified week where it is their turn to choose a forever book. However, if your child wishes to take a book home outside of their timetabled slot they can - albeit with one condition: they must swap it with a book they no longer read at home. Hopefully this will mean that our stock of books will last for longer. If they wish to swap a book ahead of their opportunity to choose

a free one all they need to do is present the 'swap' to their class teacher who will provide them with a note which can be used to 'have a look and swap a book'.

Parents have not been left out either! We have a shed located at the front of the school (beside the buggy shelter) and it has a growing collection of pre-loved books which can be taken for free - no need to swap, although you are more than welcome to donate books which are no longer read.



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Pupil Opinion piece:

Violent Video Games by Nicholas Bozic (Y6)



Protect your children from violent video games. Think twice before you buy your kid an Xbox or a Playstation, you don't know what the machines contain. They can contain violence, cyber bullying and some games can change your children's personality and make them angry and aggressive and copy the things that are really inappropriate.

I advise you not to get your children violent and gruesome games because they can change children's personalities. They can get very angry if they lose or they can get banned from the games. Some video games can have swear words that are not appropriate for young children.

If a child plays video games they might copy what they do on the video games like robbing, stealing and shouting, so I would advise you to make sure that your precious child is over 18 if they want to play these violent and disgusting games.

Do you want your innocent child to be a vicious, violent and evil? Statistics show that violent, vicious and vile video games have damaged innocent children's brains.

Book Bus

The Book Bus came into school on Tuesday 30th April. The children enjoyed visiting the bus and looking at the books.

The purchases made earned Ryefield £91.05 to spend on books for the school - thanks very much.



Ryefield's Marathon Man



Congratulations to Harry Gillan (Mrs Simmons' brother) who ran the Marathon at the weekend in 3hrs 54mins. He was running on behalf of the charity [Aspire](#).

Aspire provides practical help to people who have been paralysed by Spinal Cord Injury, supporting them from injury to independence.

Ryefield children took part in a training session with Harry on Wednesday 24th April and we raised **£332.11** on behalf of Aspire - thank you to everyone for their donations.



Sports Update



Panathlon Festival



On Thursday 25th April, 6 of our children travelled to Barnhill Community High School, to take part in a Panathlon Festival with five other schools.

The children took part in several different activities including new-age curling and table cricket together with the more usual, football, tennis and throwing events.

Our group performed extremely well, improving their skills with each event.

Well done to all of them - a great afternoon of fun activities.



Change 4 Life Festival

On Wednesday, the Change4Life club attended a sports festival that was held at Ryefield, along with two other schools from the borough. Barnhill Community School Sport leaders ran the festival and the children participated in lots of different sporting activities. The children all showed sportsmanship, participation and involvement in the activities. Everyone had a great afternoon and it was wonderful to see lots of smiley faces and encouragement that they showed one another throughout the afternoon.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May

KS2 SATs start

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 & Paper 2

Tuesday 14th May

English Reading

Wednesday 15th May

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)/Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 16th May

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Thursday 16th May

Amber Class assembly @ 2.45pm

Thursday 23rd May

Nursery closed - being used for polling station

Thursday 23rd May

Y3/Y4 Production - PM

Friday 24th May

Y3/Y4 Production - PM

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Thursday 6th June

Y4 Trip to Hampton Court

Tuesday 11th June

Father's Day Shop

Thursday 13th June

Y1 Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre

Friday 14th June

Sapphire Class assembly @ 2.45pm

Friday 14th June

Y6 to PGL (returning on Monday 17th June)

Wednesday 26th June

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 27th June

Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum - Tring

Friday 28th June

Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Friday 28th June

Mandela Class assembly @ 2.45pm

Friday 5th July

INSET Day - Staff Only

Wednesday 10th July

Y5 to Camping (returning on Friday 12th July)

Saturday 13th July

Party in the Playground - 6.00pm - 10.30pm

Friday 19th July

TERM ENDS - KS1 - 1.30pm / KS2 - 1.35pm