



Striving for Excellence

Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter

07-09-2019

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Welcome back.

I trust that everyone had a wonderful summer break.

It was delightful to see all of the children arrive on Tuesday bright eyed and bushy tailed: we all swiftly settled down to catching up with friends and settling into our classes.

You may have seen your child's new reading record:



We hope you find them a useful way of recording your child's progress in reading and communicating between home and school. Please take the time to look at the middle pages of the books as there are many useful tips and lists. We would encourage parents to take the time to practise the word lists, phonic phases and multiplication tables: these are the building blocks of learning and success in school.



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Similarly, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have also been given Home/School Maths books. These books were selected as they are in line with our approach to teaching mathematics. The first set of questions deal with fluency, the next set address your child's reasoning and ability to solve a multi-stage word problem, whilst the final set support mastery: applying their understanding in a different context.

Your children will be told which pages to complete and additional work may also be given via MyMaths etc.

It is essential that you work through the book at the pace directed by your child's class teacher.

Parents **can** use the information in the appendix to support additional home/school learning, e.g. tables, conversion of measures, ratio, common factors, prime numbers etc.

Parent will have to fund replacement copies should any of the books be lost or damaged.

Reading Record: £0.60

Home/School: £1.50

Sport and Clubs at Ryefield:

One of the common threads that appeared in last term's Parental Questionnaire was the desire for more extra curricular activities. Over the course of this year we will be trying to offer a balance of clubs that are free to the school and ones which will have a small fee attached. In order to encourage our children to broaden their participation in extracurricular activities, Ryefield will be significantly subsidising some of these clubs to keep the cost down: making it more affordable for families. Here is the draft timetable for the Autumn term. Please note that some of these clubs have yet to start as we are working with the coaches to find a suitable time and space.

In order to attend the paid clubs payment needs to be made on your child's sQuid account. Their place is not confirmed until you have paid for your child's place.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Lunch		Cross Country - KS2 Y5/Y6 Hockey	Y5/Y6 Netball	Y5/Y6 Girls Football	
After school	Football Y5/Y6 - TAG Rugby Y3 and Y4	KS2 Dance KS2 Basketball KS1 Bike Balanceability	Y2 - Y5 Gymnastics School Football Team	KS1 Multi-Skills	KS1 Rugby Tots Football Y3/Y4

KS1 Bike Balanceability - An afterschool club which teaches your child how to ride a bike!

Balanceability is the UK's first afPE Approved learn-to-cycle programme for children aged 2½ years upwards. The programme consists of structured session plans and other resources which are available to schools, leisure centres and local authorities.

Balanceability combines unique ergonomic balance bikes with a schedule of fun activities that build confidence, spatial-awareness and dynamic balance skills, enabling young children to cycle without ever needing stabilisers. 94% of children aged 4 to 6-years-old are able to safely ride a pedal bike at the end of the programme.

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

Visit: <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> to check for eligibility

Dan the Skipping Man!



In our continued drive to promote an active and healthy lifestyle, Dan the skipping man shall be visiting us next week.

On the 09th and 10th September children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be having their own skipping workshop and performance. We are all very much looking forward to his visit so **please do make sure that all children's PE kits are in school.**

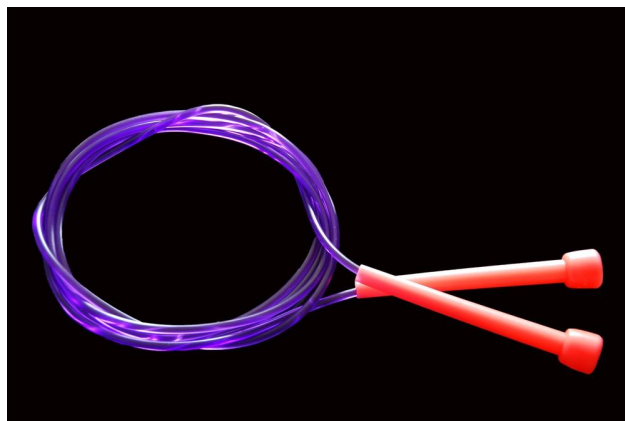
There is no charge for this event as we are using part of the government's PE premium to widen the sporting opportunities available to our children.

A representative from Dan the Skipping Man will be selling their 'Solar Skip' ropes on the day for just £6.00, or you can buy online at

www.dantheskippingman.com

For a sneak peek at next weeks visit:

www.YouTube.com/dantheskippingman



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

I have enjoyed listening to so many children tell me about their favourite summer book and it is great to hear that for some individuals they have discovered a series or author that they have really enjoyed.

The challenge finishes in around a week so there is still time. All children who complete the challenge will get a medal and certificate from Hillingdon Library Service **PLUS a one time use voucher for a non-uniform day of their choice.** #RyefieldReads

W.R.A.P (Watford Recycling Arts Project)

We have set up a membership as a school with Watford Recycling Arts Project in Northwood Hills. It is a large warehouse full of resources to use for projects and junk modelling. As parents we welcome you to access our membership for any projects that your children may have..

Should you wish to use the membership our number is: **4432**

Address: **Unit 2-6, Ryefield Crescent, Northwood Hills, HA6 1LT**

****Note that you cannot park outside the Unit or you WILL receive a parking ticket. Park outside the parade of shops on Joel Street and walk in.****

For all parents wanting to improve their English, we will be running another ESOL Speaking & Listening course.

Enrol: 23rd September, Start: 30th September

Time: 9-11 am

Where: Community Room

Please bring the appropriate documentation e.g. driving licence or passport and proof of address.

Ryefield's Family Support Advisor

Mrs Avery is our Family Support Advisor. She is based in the school and offers support and guidance to parents on issues impacting their own lives and that of their child. She is contactable through the school or via email familysupport@ryefield.org.uk



parentgym

Sign up for six weeks of free workshops

Come along meet other parents and find out how to:

- Have happier and more confident children
- Get your children to open up and talk more
- Feel calmer and have more fun time with your family

Ask at the school office for more information

If you click on this link it will give you a summary and video of benefits Parent Gym has to offer.

<https://bit.ly/2Z9eDEN>

Please label all your child's belongings that they bring to school with them! Our lost property pile is very big from last year and we don't want to make it any bigger.

In line with our Uniform Policy please ensure hair accessories are kept plain and minimal. More and more children are wearing large hair accessories, despite them looking lovely they are not part of the school uniform.

Children in years 3-6 should only be bringing a healthy snack for playtimes such as a piece of fruit or vegetable. Crisps do not count as a healthy snack. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to bring a snack as one will be provided in class.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

After school clubs begin- Week Beginning Monday 09th September 2019

Dan the Skipping Man workshops - 09 and Friday 10 September 2019

Life Bus visits - Week commencing Monday 23 September 2019

Year 1 and Year 2 Diwali Art and Dance Workshop - Friday 18 October 2019 (£3 to pay) - Further details to follow...

Collection of Harvest goods: Week commencing Monday 07 October

Half Term - Monday 21st - Friday 25th October 2019
Children return to school on Monday 28th October

RAG (Raising and Giving) Week Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 November 2019

INSET Days - Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd November 2019-**No children should attend**

Trip to The Snowman (Peacock Theatre) Wednesday 27 November 2019

End of Term - Friday 20th December

School finishes at 1.30pm **Infants**

School finishes at 1.35pm **Juniors**