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**Ryefield's Weekly Newsletter**

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# Arctic Challenge!



At Ryefield we passionately believe in the importance of reading and the life changing impact it has on young peoples' lives. Reading is truly a gift and pupils should look up from the electronic glow of their mobile devices, put down their dualshock controllers, plug out of Netflix and pick up a book.

We are so passionate about reading that in February 2020, Mrs Strong is going to be testing her resilience in one of the harshest environments on the planet – the Arctic Circle – all in the name of literacy!

She is taking part in The National Literacy Trust's incredible Arctic Challenge – a series of mental and physical challenges to raise vital funds to change the life stories of



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disadvantaged children in the UK. Mrs Strong will be learning new skills including dog sledding, Nordic skiing, ice fishing, and orienteering, but with temperatures reaching as low as -30 degrees centigrade and sunlight only lasting a few hours, she will be pushed to her limits!

The biggest challenge of all though, is fundraising. Please support Mrs Strong if you can. Every penny will help disadvantaged children in the UK who have little access to books or are struggling with literacy.

Here is a link to her just giving page! We will be doing some fundraising events in school but would really appreciate any help you can give.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabeth-strong>

## Brownlee Triathlon



The Brownlee Foundation, set up by triathletes Alistair and Jonny Brownlee after their successes at the 2012 Olympics, was founded with the aim of encouraging children to enjoy sport and lead an active lifestyle. For the third year, we took a squad of Y5 and Y6 students to experience the excitement of a Triathlon.

There were three tasks:

- Swim 3 lengths of the pool
- Cycle a set distance
- Sprint finish

All children had a great day and were delighted with their goodie bags and medals.

# Ryefield 2:2 Rabbsfarm

The first match of the season took place last week and our opponents were Rabbsfarm. After taking the lead through Ollie Hunt, Rabbsfarm equalised and then pulled in front to 1:2. The team dug deep and did not panic; Ollie rounded off a man of the match performance with an equalising goal to seal a draw.



## Individual Photos:

Please note that on **Monday 7th October** we are taking the children's individual photos.

Make sure that children present themselves in a smart, full school uniform.

Thank you.

# 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.

## SOME SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

	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	School Football Team	KS1 Multi-Skills	KS1 Rugby Tots  Football Y3/Y4  Y2 - Y5 Gymnastics

## Parent Gym!

If you click on this [link](#) it will give you a summary and video of the benefits Parent Gym has to offer.

**If your a bit nervous about joining your welcome to bring a friend who doesn't have a child at Ryefield.**



**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

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

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

## Tuck Shop

We encourage all children in KS2 to bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime such as vegetables or fruit. Children in KS1 enjoy fruit at playtime and their parents have the option to purchase milk from Cool Milk Children in KS2 also have access to the Tuck Shop, where they can pick up a healthy snack for 50p.



## Rascals Bookings:

Please ensure that your child/children are booked in Ryefield Rascals Breakfast and Afterschool Club through sQuid or our child care voucher system as places are now limited.

## Friends of Ryefield - Coffee Morning:

Come along to our Friends of Ryefield Coffee Morning on Friday 11th October 2019 at 9:00am. Meet the team and find out more about what they do for the school and how you can help or become a volunteer! We look forward to seeing you there.

# Travelling Book Shop

Once again the travelling book fair will be joining us for a few days to showcase the books they have on offer.

**When:** Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th October 2019 from 3.20pm-4pm

**Where:** Key Stage 1 Hall

All books sold earn commission for Ryefield to spend on books for the school.

Every child that buys a book at the book fair will receive a ticket for the raffle, which will be drawn on Monday 14th October.

These are the prizes to be won!

1st price: £15.00

2nd: £10.00

3rd: £5.00

## Early May Bank Holiday:

Please note that the early 2020 May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

# Autumn Term dates

**Individual photos** - 7th October 2019

**Collection of Harvest goods:** Week commencing Monday 07 October

**Jade 2 Class Assembly** - Friday 11 October

**Parents Evening** - Thursday 10 October (15:30-20:00)

**Harvest Festival** - Thursday 17 October 2019

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

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

**Parks 4 Class Assembly** - Friday 1 November

**Drama Workshops (Rec-Y3)** Tuesday 12 November

**Emerald 2 Class Assembly** - Friday 15 November

**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

**Darwin 3 Class Assembly** - Friday 29 November

**End of Term** - Friday 20th December

School finishes at 1.30pm **Infants**

School finishes at 1.35pm **Juniors**

## **Term Dates 2019-2020**

### **Autumn term 2019**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET: Staff only  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – School opens for children  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – School breaks up for half term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Half term  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – School Opens  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November INSET: Staff only  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Term Ends

### **Spring term 2020**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET: Staff only  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for children  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School breaks up for half term  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School Opens  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Term ends

### **Summer term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School opens  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School breaks up for half term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School opens  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Term Ends  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET: Staff only  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET: Staff only

***Please be aware these dates are subject to change***