



March 2023

# Rowsley C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have only been a short half-term but it was certainly jam-packed.

### World Book Day

Thank you so much for making the time and effort to send your child dressed up as book characters. We did our annual character parade in the playground where we all got to admire and discuss all the characters and costumes.



### Red Nose Day

This year our Red Nose day event raised just over £90 – what a tremendous effort! This event was organised by our fabulous school council (and Mrs Pawley). Thank you to everyone who came in wearing red, completed the 'design a red nose' competition and for those of who you donated and bought cakes.

### Sporting Events

In Week 3, Y5/6 attended a netball tournament where we played really well but were up against some very tall children so unfortunately did not place.

However, the following week (Week 4) was the Y5/6 hockey tournament and one that we were quietly confident in after coming second last year. And I am really pleased to say that we won!! Both teams tried hard and the Red Team, who played with great passion, skill and sportsmanship won the trophy. They were an absolute pleasure to watch up against some tough opposition winning 5 games and drawing 1.



## What goes on in school?

### The Obamas

I am not quite sure where to start this half term. We have done so much!

Our topic on The Heart has been fabulous. It started with a 'blood' smoothie where we used food stuffs as the parts of blood – raspberries for red blood cells, marshmallows for white blood cells, apple juice for plasma and sprinkles for the platelets. We then blended it all together to make blood! Then we dissected a heart which was amazing – we were able to identify the 4 chambers, the superior vena cava, the pulmonary valve and the aorta. And finally in DT we started our first woodworking project – a robot! We designed, sawed, stuck, drilled, hammered (loudly) and evaluated.



### The Simone Biles Class

The Y3/4 children have been learning about rivers in Geography. Children studied Ordnance Survey maps to follow the journeys of the Wye and the Derwent through Derbyshire. They went on a walk around the community to mark on geographical landmarks.

They also carried on with our Poetry Post initiative delivering their wonderful poems to more areas of Rowsley including the local businesses at Peak Village.

Last week they also had a visit from Claire and Mick, who came to talk to the children about the importance of conserving the local environment for the swifts. We are hoping to install some swift boxes at school to encourage these amazing birds to come and nest at school. Did you know that one of the largest swift colonies in Derbyshire is located in Rowsley?

The children were enthralled by the talk. Thank you to Mick and Claire for giving up their time to come in and talk to the children.



### The Greta Thunberg Class

This half term in DT, we have been learning about the Eat Well Plate. We have learnt about the 5 food groups and have had a go at making some fresh fruit smoothies. We learnt how to cut the fruit safely and made sure our working space was clean and hygienic. The following day, we made an apple crumble!

The EYFS children also had a special visitor this week, baby Jude and his mum, Ellie. The EYFS children have been learning about people who help us at home, as part of this they expressed an interest in caring for babies as that's what their mums had done for them. One child told Ellie that her baby's favourite toy was her face and another child said, "Oh, I love that baby, I do. I just love that baby and that mum. I just love them!" I think it is safe to say that the visit was a hit. Thank you, Ellie and Jude.



## [Reading Challenge](#)

Over the Easter holidays, it is important that your child continues to read regularly, to make this more fun, I have created an Easter Reading Challenge which will be sent home with your child by the end of the week. If you take any photographs of your child completing the challenges, then please email them to me at [c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk)

## [Rowsley Reward System](#)

Some parents have recently asked us about our Rowsley Reward system, so we have created a page on our school website devoted to our rewards. You can read all about the different awards at <https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk/rowsley-rewards/>

If you would like to know what your child needs to do to complete their award, please ask your child's class teacher and they will be able to look at the checklists displayed in the classroom and let you know.

## [Wellbeing Workshop](#)

Thank you to all the parents who came to see the outcome of the children's work at the wellbeing workshop in our Collective Worship. The children did a great job and all participated with enthusiasm and great ideas. The parent's/grandparent's workshop after school was well attended too.

## [Friends of Rowsley Primary](#)

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful parents who volunteer their time to raise much needed funds for our school. Since the last newsletter, they have completed a school disco, which was really well attended and enjoyed by all and an Easter Raffle full of chocolatey goodness. Your time and support is much appreciated.

## [Internet Safety](#)

Gaming, or playing electronic games via consoles such as Xboxes, smartphone apps, computers or other devices, has become a popular activity for many children, young people and adults. We don't always think about the benefits and positive experiences that gaming can bring to our children's lives.

As a parent, you may sometimes feel worried about the feelings and behaviours your child experiences around gaming, as well as the amount of time they spend gaming. You may be finding it difficult to create a healthy balance around screen time, or you may feel out of your depth if it's not something you grew up with. You can find information on how to cope with these feelings at <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/gaming/>

## [Change of Personal Details](#)

Please ensure to tell the office if you change address, phone number or any other personal details. There is no form to fill in, just pop the details on a piece of paper and drop it into the office.



## Pre-loved Uniform

As the weather improves, the pre-loved uniform rail will be put out into the playground occasionally, however you can come into school and have a look any time. No donations or payment needed, just take what you need. We are also happy to take donations of good-quality, clean jumpers, polo shirts, skirts, trousers, shorts and summer dresses to add to the rail.

## Diary Dates for the Summer 1 half term

Dates are subject to change, and more may be added, however we wanted to give as much advance notice as possible. Did you know what you can link the school website calendar to the diary in your phone? Just visit <https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk/diary/grid/2023/03/> and 'Subscribe to this Calendar'

Date	Event	Details
April		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening	Please hand in the appointment slip to your child's teacher if you haven't done so already
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening	Please hand in the appointment slip to your child's teacher if you haven't done so already
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs	Rescheduled date as due to the weather we were unable to take photos on the original date
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Dental Survey	Year 6 children have received a letter (on yellow paper)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 2, 3, 4 to Summer Sports Festival at Youlgrave	
May		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 2, 3, 4 to Tennis at Baslow	Permission slips will be sent out after Easter
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Infant trip to Bolsover Castle (provisional)	More information to follow after Easter
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 5, 6 to Cricket at Youlgrave	Permission slips will be sent out after Easter
Friday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Summer 1 Term	Happy holidays!
June		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Re-opens	

## And finally...

Please do keep an eye on your child's class page on the school website as the teachers upload photos of work and achievements regularly.

The staff at Rowsley CofE Primary would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. Enjoy your two week break and we look forward to seeing all the children back soon.

Many thanks,

Claire Hewitt

Deputy Head Teacher