



February 2023

Rowsley C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that we have completed another half term already? What a great start to 2023. It has been lovely to go around school seeing our children so happily getting on with their learning. They really are a wonderful bunch. The atmosphere in school is calm and the children are showing us how well they behave and how polite they are. I try to take some time in the week to serve lunches with Claire and their manners are always exemplary.

Community Café Warm Hub Poetry Session

It was a real pleasure to take the Y5/6 children along to the warm hub this month to share their poetry work. The adults there were really impressed with the vocabulary used and the content of their work. We brought tears to some with their emotive work. Thank you so much to the organisers of the Community Café, we hope to be able to share more poetry with you again in the Summer term. As always, the children were respectful, and giving them an audience to read to gives their work purpose. As their class teacher, I am immensely proud of them all.

As a reminder the café runs every Tuesday from 9am to 1pm at Rowsley Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and there is tea, coffee and (if you are lucky) cake. It is open and available to everyone.

There is also a Pancake Day event at the Community Café on Tuesday 21st February, with free pancakes for all!

Year 6 Swimming

After February half term, the Year 6 children will stop swimming so that they can have some SATs revision sessions. Their swimming sessions will resume in the Summer term. Miss Sutton and I will be organising the sessions to boost the confidence of all those taking SATs.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on Thursday March 2nd. World Book Day is always a great day, enjoyed by everyone. Your child can come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character. You do not need to spend a lot on costumes, there are lots of ideas for costumes online and many ideas can be found on <https://www.mumsnet.com/articles/world-book-day-costume-ideas>. All we ask is that your child can talk about the character they are dressed as – if they have the book to accompany their costume, even better!! Each child receives a book token, so to ensure that each child gets a book, we will be getting each child to choose their books in school and ordering them from Scarthin Books in Cromford.

Claire Hockley-Brown

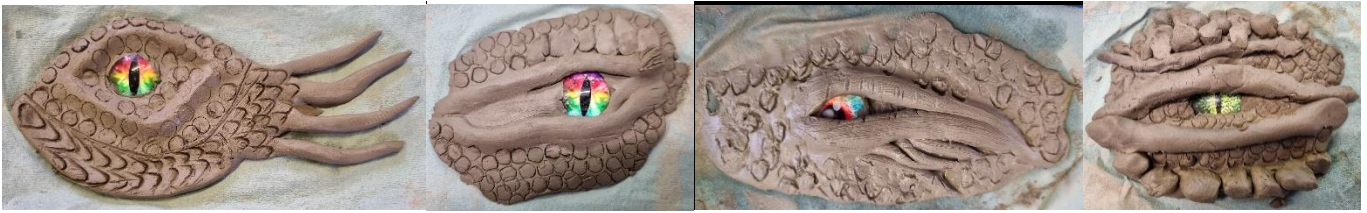


Not only does our wonderful Claire serve all lunches with a smile, know what each and every child likes and dislikes for lunch, she's also just received a 5-star food hygiene rating from the Environmental Health inspector. Well done, Claire. We already knew that you were 5 star.

What goes on in school?

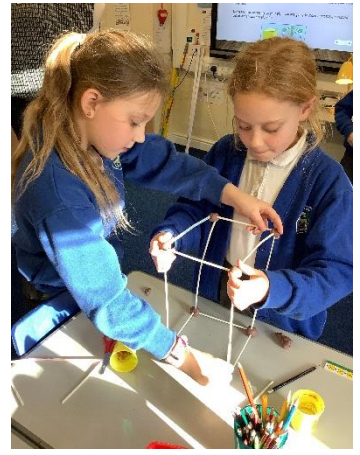
The Obamas

We have been working hard on our clay sculpting this half term in art and have completed some amazing pieces. We converted our dragon eye drawings into clay sculptures and we then researched, drew and made our own Terracotta Warriors.



The Simone Biles Class

Simone Biles Class have begun a DT project making wooden lamps. They began by making a prototype out of straws and play-doh. This week they have begun making the wooden frame. They carefully measured their wood before sawing the pieces to the correct lengths. Next we will be gluing the frame together and adding a stained-glass effect.



The Greta Thunberg Class

In art this term, we have been creating spirals. The children have been using different materials to create a variety of effect. We have been experimenting with line thickness, texture and shading. By the end of the unit, we chose our favourite art material and created an observational drawing of a shell.



Junior Violin Performance



Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who turned up to watch the Junior violin performance. It was great to see how far the children have progressed. Their concentration and smiles were tantamount to the hard work that they, and the tutors, have put in.

Wellbeing Workshop

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be joined by the Early Help team from Lady Manners Secondary School. The focus of the afternoon will be wellbeing and how we look after ourselves. They will work closely alongside all three classes and their teachers throughout the afternoon before preparing an assembly (which will be delivered by some of pupils) to parents and family members. You are all encouraged to attend - the assembly will take place in the Village Hall from 3:00pm-3.30pm. Following on from the assembly will be a parent workshop. This will take place in school 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Running alongside the parent workshop will be an additional workshop for any children whose parents are attending.

Internet Safety Day



Mrs Wyer did a collective worship on Internet Safety Day (7th Feb) and we will be promoting their message of 'Be SMART with a heart' throughout the year. We always talk to the children about being kind and respectful to others online, thus making the internet a better place by helping their friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

S=Safe, **M**=Meet, **A**=Accepting, **R**=Reliable, **T**=Tell

A few useful links have been added to all class pages and our internet safety page on the school website which includes games and activities to help you understand and your child to be SMART with a heart online.

(<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-smart/> and <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s>)

We have specific units of work on Internet Safety but we also teach about it at the start of every computing unit. If you should have any concerns about online safety, please do come and talk to staff as these will always be addressed in school.

Diary Dates for the new half term

Dates are subject to change, and more may be added, however we wanted to give as much advance notice as possible.

Date	Event	Details
February		
Friday 17 th February	No swimming	
Friday 17 th February	Last Day of School	School closes for a week

Monday 27 th February	School Re-opens	
March		
Wednesday 1 st March	Teacher Strike Day	School remains open
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day	Children to come dressed as a book character
Thursday 2 nd March	Wellbeing Assembly and Workshops	Children will present an assembly to all parents at 3pm, followed by workshops at 3.30pm.
Thursday 9 th March	Year 5 and 6 Netball at Longstone	
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th March	Teacher Strike Days	School remains open
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day	More details to follow later
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 5 and 6 Hockey at Tideswell	
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Term	School closes for 2 weeks
April		
Monday 17 th April	School Re-opens	

[I am aware that some of you will be looking to go away on holiday in 2023 so here are future term dates as a reminder:](#)

Spring 1: 10th January 2023 to 17th February 2023 (30 days)

Spring 2: 27th February 2023 to 31st March 2023 (25 days)

Summer 1: 17th April 2023 to 26th May 2023 (1st May and 8th May 2023 are bank holidays) (28 days)

Summer 2: 5th June 2023 to 21st July 2023 (35 days)

There will be INSET days on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September with children returning for the new academic year on Wednesday 6th September

[And finally...](#)

Mrs Hodgson has been given the role of SENDCo at Rowsley Primary (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) with effect from 27th February. This role means that she will need time to complete education plans and monitor our children with additional needs. She will be taking time every Tuesday afternoon to complete this work. Miss Sutton will be taking the Year 3/4 class for Science during this time. We know that Mrs Hodgson will excel in this role.

Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 27th February.

Live 'life in all its fullness.'

Claire Hewitt

Deputy Head Teacher