



Rowsley C of E Primary School

June Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see some sunshine recently. Please remember to make sure that your child is prepared for the sunshine – sunhat/cap, suncream before school, water bottle. Please do not send your child in with suncream as we are not able to apply it for them and we have some allergies in school.

[What is going on in school?](#)

The Oliver Jeffers Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

This half term, KS1 have been learning about colours and colour mixing in Art. They have learnt all about the primary and secondary colours and how we can make these. We have completed a colour wheel and then we have practiced experimenting with making tones and shades. The children worked really hard on their colour mixing to create these lovely pieces of art.



The Malorie Blackman Class (Y3 & Y4)

Malorie Blackman class have been enjoying continuing their Forces and Magnets topic in science, investigating magnets' poles and magnetic fields. In English and geography, our focus has been on the emotive topic of pollution in our oceans. Children have been writing fantastic newspaper reports based on 'The Creature', a short film created by the organisation Surfers Against Sewage.



The Benjamin Zephaniah Class (Y5 & Y6)

As always, Year 5 and 6 have been working hard. The Year 6s may have finished their SATs, but they still have plenty of the curriculum to complete. We have also been really busy practicing for our end of year school performance of The Wizard of Oz.

We are also trialling a Year 6 Enterprise project (see separate section on the letter).

The trip to Manchester was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. The children walked close to 30 km over the two days and there was only a minimal amount of moaning! The trip started with a train ride from Grindleford; it was so lovely to see them playing games like Uno and Dobble on the train. We then walked to the Youth Hostel and on to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry. After that they were able to settle into the hostel for a short while before dinner and a trip to Tenpin Bowling at The Printworks. They all went to bed well and slept through – a good night's sleep was needed for the next day. Day 2 started with a full English breakfast and a lovely walk along the canal to Old Trafford. Whilst at Old Trafford, the children had a coaching session, a tour of the museum and stadium and got the opportunity to try on shirts and boots from past players such as Mary Earps and Ronaldo. We then caught the bus back, ate our lunch and got another bus to the train station to go back home. It was a packed and busy 2 days but the children's behaviour was exemplary, and they were all a pleasure to be with.



Year 6 Enterprise Scheme

This is a new initiative for the Year 6s and is aimed at making them understand money management and profit. I have signed up to the Virgin Bank 'Make £5 Grow' scheme. Each Y6 child will be given £5 which they can spend on buying goods for their stall, advertising etc. They have all done a business plan, which they had to present to Mrs Middlebrook in order for her to loan them their £5. The idea is that all the children set up, advertise and run a successful stall at our school fair. They will then be expected to pay the £5 back and any profits will be pooled together and put towards something that they collectively feel the school needs. A legacy of their time at Rowsley.

They may need parental support to order things, but they are expected to do the research themselves. I hope that ALL parents will support their endeavours at the school fair.

End of Year Production

This year's end of year production is The Wizard of Oz. There are two performances on Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm and 6pm. Both performances will be held in Rowsley Village Hall. These are non-ticketed events, but you will be asked to pay a small donation to leave at the end! This money goes towards the purchase of the script, the performance license and the hiring of the Village Hall for rehearsals and performances.

KS2 children will need to be back in school at 5.30pm (no earlier) in order to get ready into their costumes and have any face paint applied.

If your child has lines to learn, please encourage them to practice – particularly those who are in Y5/6. If you are struggling to get your child a costume, please let us know as we will support you as best we can.

Refreshments will be served by the PTA at the start of both performances.

Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair on Thursday 17th July will also be the unveiling of our memorial to Mrs Ellen Cox. We will also be carrying on her legacy of Maypole dancing with a demonstration by our KS2 children. Mrs Cox was an integral part of our school for such a long time and is very much missed by staff, parents and pupils past and present.

A big thank you to our PTFA who donated the money towards the memorial bench. We know that it will be used a lot by our children. Mrs Cox's family are very pleased and said they know it is something that Ellen would have loved. They will hopefully be attending. Anyone who knew Ellen, or was taught by Mrs Cox, is welcome to come along.

This year's fair will also have three stalls run by our Year 6s as part of their enterprise scheme 'Make £5 Grow'.

The PTFA have an array of stalls which are always very popular such as: chocolate tombola, rainbow tattoos, stick in the sand, a cake stall and much more.

We hope to see you all there.

[Well-dressing](#)

This year's well dressing commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The Y5/6 children looked at lots of ideas for inspiration and then each of them created a design. Jenny (one of our fabulous PTFA members) then used her artistic skills to choose ideas from the various designs to create one overall image. This was then pricked onto the clay board. Every child in the school got the opportunity to have a go at adding to the design. It was a lovely and therapeutic activity.

It was great to see so many of you at the blessing of the well which was held at Peak Village.

Thank you to the PTFA for their tireless work at getting the well-dressing set up and finished on time. This is a wonderful school tradition, but it cannot continue without the support from parents and carers.



[Christian Values](#)

This half term's Christian Value is Respect. In Christianity, the value of respect is rooted in the belief that all individuals are created in God's image and are therefore deserving of dignity and honour. This means showing consideration and appreciation for others, regardless of their differences, and treating them with kindness and courtesy. Respect is also extended to God, His teachings, and His creation, including the environment.

[Governor Position](#)

We are looking for a member of our local community (it does not need to be a parent) who may be interested in joining our governing body. Being a school governor is a rewarding way to contribute to our community and shape the future of our young people. Governors provide strategic oversight and support to schools, working with the headteacher and staff to improve educational standards and outcomes for all students. It's a chance to develop valuable skills, network with others, and make a real difference in the lives of children. If you know of someone who you think would enjoy this role please email a.wyer@peaktorfederation.co.uk

[Rowsley School PTFA](#)

The PTFA very kindly donated the money so that we could purchase Mrs Cox's memorial bench and have given their time to do the school well-dressing.

They have 2 fabulous events planned for the summer term: the Water Olympics on 7th July and the Summer Fair on 17th July.

They will also be selling refreshments on Sports Day and at the KS2 performances.

Ice lollies/ice creams will continue to be sold every Friday after school.

If you can volunteer to help at any of these events, you would be very welcome. These events are planned to help raise much-needed funds for school; they also subsidise trips, and they cannot go ahead without the support of parents.

A big thank you to them for also purchasing fans for all the classrooms to help the staff and children cope with this lovely warm weather that we are having.

Please continue to support them as they do an amazing job in raising vital funds for your children and the school.

Thank you to all the PTFA who put in so much effort. If you are interested in joining the PTFA or have some fundraising ideas, please see Claire Harrison.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
July		
4 th July	Last Swim Session	Swimming to resume in Sept 25
7 th July	Water Olympics	Children will need a change of clothes, trainers that can be wet, and a towel. No flipflops or sliders please.
8 th July	EYFS New Starters Session	Reception new starters in school 1.30pm – 3.00pm
10 th July	Y5/6 Rounders Tournament	Rounders tournament on Rowsley Rec,
11 th July	Non-uniform day	Fundraising for the PTFA
15 th July	KS2 Summer Performance	13.30pm and 18.00pm performances of The Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall
17 th July	Summer fair	Lots of stalls, Maypole dancing and the unveiling of Mrs Cox's bench
21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Event	Pizza and water fight night 18.00pm – 19.30pm – details to follow
23 rd July	Leavers' Service	9.30am start at St Kathrine's Church. Y6 parents and family welcome. Followed by elevenses in school for Y6 parents/carers and children.
24 th July	Last day of term	School Closes until Monday 8 th September

And finally...

The school newsletter can be found on our school website and diary dates are on the school website calendar.

If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to us or arrange a meeting. You can email the school at info@rowsley.derbyshire.sch.uk or email myself at c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please let me know and this can be arranged. We wish you all a happy half-term break.

Live 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10b)

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