



# Newsletter

‘Doing all the good we can’

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Valentine's Day from all of us at RMS! There is a very strong safeguarding culture in our school and it has been great to see it in action over the last week. It is really important to keep our children safe and to give them the tools to keep themselves safe. We had a visit from Buddy- the Childline mascot - and Louisa and Geraldine last week, encouraging our children to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe', and speak to 'Trusted Adults' including Childline on 0800 1111.



The children celebrated Safer Internet Day on Thursday and took part in an assembly led by Miss Collinson's dad, PC Collinson. He shared his top tips to be respectful on line and how to keep safe on the internet and social media and to share any worries with 'Trusted Adults'.



Our Foundation Stage were lucky enough to have a visit from Miss Hebb who is an Advanced Paramedic! They learnt how and why we would make an emergency call, how to put someone in an emergency position and how to bandage an injury. Thank you Miss Hebb!



We are proud to be Richmond Methodist School, 'Doing all the good we can' to keep safe at school and in the wider community, including the digital world.

We celebrated National Storytelling Week last week and had fun learning storytelling techniques and telling stories to each other. Please read the class news below to find out how much fun the children had!

We are so proud of our amazing gymnasts who took part in the inter-schools Gymnastic Festival at Richmond School last week. They were all exceptional

ambassadors for our school with their perseverance, competitive spirit and teamwork in a highly skilled and competitive arena. Our Year 5/6 teams were amazing- our First team came 1st place and Second team came 9th, with Eva Muxworthy winning the individual gold medal.



Look at our happy Year 3/4 gymnasts who came a close second in the Inter-Schools Competition. Congratulations to Hannah Southworth- Gedye who placed third in the individual competition. So proud to be RMS... @DoingAllTheGoodWeCan.



Wow! It's smiles all round for our champion Year 1/2 gymnasts who placed first out of ten schools and a gold medal for a proud Millie- Rose in the individual competition. It was very special to see how the whole team supported each other in training and throughout the competition.



I would like to say a special thank you to Ben Miners at Eye Catching Signs for the wonderful graphics and art work he has created for our vision statement around school, our selfie frame and our hot chocolate mugs. We think you are amazing!

Thank you to our Class 5 parents, grandparents and friends who came along to Class 5's sharing assembly today. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did? What an amazing way to showcase all the learning that has taken place around 'Traction Man'. My favourite part was Class 5's whole class action-packed storytelling. I was also amazed at how creative and different the children's own stories, evil character descriptions and art work were. The children in Class 3 and 4 loved 'Traction Woman' too. Well done to Class 5 and a special thank you to Miss Partington for pulling it all together so brilliantly.





And finally... a huge congratulations to our children going over and above 'Doing all the good we can' at Richmond Methodist School. Hot chocolate with the Head with these wonderful humans who are always 'Ready, Mutually Respectful and Safe'. Joke of the day – 'What do you call a melon that's sad?'... 'Melancholy!'.





Thank you for your continued support for our amazing children and wonderful school. I hope you have a lovely half-term holiday and I am looking forward to seeing the children happy and healthy on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Stay safe in storm Dennis!

Kind regards,

*Sharon Stevenson*

Mrs S Stevenson  
Headteacher

**Class News**

## Class 1 and 2

Last week we read Jack and the Beanstalk and we all planted a beanstalk of our very own! We hope the giant does not visit us again as we know how big his feet are because we measured the footsteps he left in our classroom! They were gigantic and much larger than ours!

We used lots of size comparison language whilst retelling and role playing the story. After we wrote a story map, we changed the story details, pinching the good ideas but making our own versions! We came up with some fantastic new settings we might find at the top of the beanstalk! We also used the beans to further our understanding of addition and subtraction.

We enjoyed beginning our sentences with "What if....?" to really develop our imaginations. One of us was so inspired, she even made her own castle and beanstalk at home! Wow!



We have concluded our Traditional Tales half term with our 'keeping safe' week and have used the traditional tales to set a context for safeguarding topics such as stranger danger, playing safely, keeping safe on-line and avoiding germs.

This week, as it was 'Internet Safety Awareness' week, we read stories like 'Chicken Clicking' where we could explore the choices the chick made around internet safety and how not to put ourselves in harm's way (I.e. The Big Bad Wolf!). The children then wrote some posters to help everyone remember the important rules.



We have discussed how to keep ourselves healthy by eating lots of fruit and vegetables (we have made some nutritious carrot soup) and washing our hands properly. We know that exercise keeps our bodies strong and we have agreed on making good choices so our classrooms remain places we feel happy and secure in. Our shared responsibility towards our well-being makes us all feel even more part of our RMS school family as we all try to 'do all the good we can'!

Thank you for your continuing support and best wishes for the half term break!  
The EYFS Team

### **Class 3, 4 and 5**

It has been a busy couple of weeks in key stage 1. During story-telling week, we learned a Traction Man sequel using actions. We then continued with the 'Pie Corbett' approach to writing by story mapping and then modifying the story with our own ideas. At the end of the week, we shared these stories with other children from around the school.



In maths, we have been exploring the concepts of multiplication and division. We have been learning to create equal groups and use sharing to help us to divide equally.



Within our topic, 'What is it made of and why?' we have been exploring the properties of objects and materials from around the classroom. Some children



have been grouping them according to their properties and we have been discussing why their properties make them suitable for a certain purpose.

We are incredibly proud of our year 1 and 2 gymnastics team who competed against 11 other schools from around the local area. The children had to learn and perform 3 complex routines and perform them to a panel of judges. Collectively, the team came 1<sup>st</sup> overall! with Millie-Rose also coming in first place within the whole age category.



### Trip

An email has been sent out regarding Key Stage 1's trip to Preston Park- on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. As part of the trip, we will require parent helpers, please indicate on the form if you can help.

### **Class 6, 7 and 8**

Our children learned about storytelling last week in English. They started with a visual story called "The Catch" which was a short animated film. After story mapping it, we went out into the playground and acted out the tale. The children were inspired and excited, which was reflected in their high quality adventure writing! We also visited a different class on Friday afternoon to share and enjoy stories. It was a brilliant experience!



In our topic, we have started to learn about volcanoes. Some children in Classes 7 and 8 got around to making a 3D model.

There will be no paper homework or spellings over half term, however we would like all children to use Lexia, Sumdog and any other maths games to consolidate their times tables (such as typing in "Hit the Button" or "Maths Chase" into Google). BBC Bitesize is also a brilliant resource for maths and English games and activities. We would love you to continue to foster a love of reading and share a lovely experience with your child, such as exploring the library or visiting a bookshop. You can Dojo pictures of this if you would like to!

- PE days will be changing slightly after half term. Class 8 will have indoor PE on Thursdays and outdoor PE on Fridays.
- Class 6 will be starting swimming on Wednesdays and will have indoor PE on Thursdays. Please remember: Coats / Sensible shoes for walking to the pool / swim kit
- Class 7's PE days are not changing, however their Thursday PE will be led by Mrs Sellers and will be indoors as well.

Have a lovely holiday! :)

### **Class 9/10/11**

The children in years 5 and 6 have been busy writing stories and poems over the past two weeks. Letting their imaginations fly, the children began with a 'giant' prompt and went on to write some incredible stories. This week, they have been inspired by Pie Corbett to write their own versions of 'Six Ways to Look at the Moon', using a range of figurative language. Here is just one example of the creative use of language the children came up with:

*Neptune*

*Its icy surface sizzles slowly but surely, conducting an orchestra of frozen debris (Zac)*

Last Friday afternoon, we had a wonderful time sharing stories with younger classes and found some innovative places to share books!



This week, we have taken part in NSPCC workshops, learning how to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe' and talk to a 'Trusted Adult'. We were also visited by 'Buddy'!



On Thursday, in preparation for Fairtrade Fortnight (beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February), we welcomed Rachel Walker into school to talk to the children about Fairtrade and to share her fascinating pictures of India. Rachel brought in a range of Fairtrade items, from chocolate to bird houses!



## School Information

### English News

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. To celebrate some of the nation's best loved books and authors, we are asking the children to bring in a potato decorated as their favourite book character!



**Watch out for details of our sponsored read – coming soon!**

## News from the office

We had the first of our special lunches today – for Valentine's Day. A few lucky pupils (and staff) received an extra special cupcake with a jammy centre and got an extra sweet treat.

The next special lunch will be for Pancake Tuesday on 25<sup>th</sup> February.



**New School Choice menu wef Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please remember that with effect from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February we are introducing a new multiple choice menu. The children who wish to have school dinners can choose from:- 1. a hot main; 2. a melt option; 3. a plate option or bring a packed lunch from home. A letter was issued via email on Wednesday along with a copy of the menu – which is on a three week rotation and will run through to Easter. We are starting on week 1. It would really help the class teacher if you could discuss the options with your child each day so they know what to say when asked at morning registration (“1,2,3 or packed lunch”).

**PTCs for class 1 and 2 only**

The booking window has re-opened online (School Appointments.com- link on our website) if you want to book an appointment and have not yet done so.

**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event	Involved
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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Tuesday – special lunch	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 6 swimming lessons begin	
Thursday 27 February	Tag rugby competition	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 5 / 6 athletics final	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – Pupils not to dress up but decorate a potato for World Book Day!	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	FORMS Disco- pupils can dress up in World Book day themed costumes if wanted.	Infants 5.45-6.45pm Juniors 7.15-8.15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings for Class 1 and 2 only	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 4 Marrick talk in the Hall 3.45-4.15pm	Yr 4 Parents and pupils

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