



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks and while it is nearly May, it still hasn't warmed up yet...here's hoping for warmer weather soon!

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have had some remedial kitchen work done. We have had workmen on site most of the week and we are hopeful that a normal service will resume soon.

We have had a number of sporting activities over the last couple of weeks and we have more planned in. Thank you for your support for transport and at the events – it allows us to do these things!

We have lots of hard work and lots of lovely things coming up for the rest of the school year – it's an exciting time of year!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely weekend,

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Headteacher

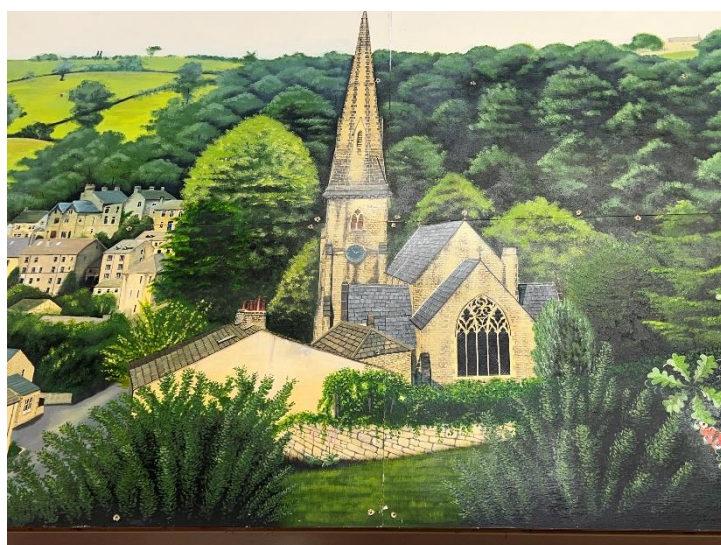
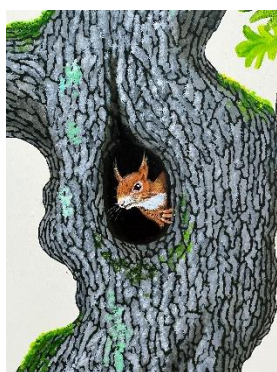
Quiz Night!

Last Thursday after school was the Rotary Quiz held at Ryburn for local primary schools in the Ryburn valley. This was the first quiz to take place since before COVID. Our team of four Year sixes were very excited for the event. The questions were on many different subjects including sport, nature, history, geography, spelling, maths, etc. At the halfway stage, Ripponden were doing well, and then at the end we discovered that we were neck and neck with St. Marys School! This meant that a tie-break question had to be given. Unfortunately, our knowledge of the past British monarchs let us down and we finished in second place. A valiant effort from the whole team though; we are very proud of how well you did!



Our amazing artwork

Our resident artist, and all-round fabulous guy, Damian, has been working on a 'rainy-day' project for about a year now. And here it is!! It is such a stunning portrayal of our wonderful village and the wildlife surrounding it. It is even better in real life, so when you are next in school, be sure to spend a minute or two having a look. AMAZING Damian, well done!



Rock Steady!

Last Monday we had an assembly and workshops from Rocksteady Music. The children had an amazing time singing and watching and some of us even got to join in. Many of the places have now been taken but there are some left so sign up quickly if you are interested. Alternatively, you could sign up for the waiting list if your favourite instrument is unavailable. The Bands will start on 20th May.



Jim and the Beanstalk

Great Oaks have been exploring their new text 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by describing the two main characters using mind maps.



Girls' Football Match 11th April **Report by Chloe Godward**

First Half

Starting off strong, Ripponden girls played offensively, dominating possession in the opposition's half. This resulted in a great goal from Alexandra. Unfortunately, during a corner, Barkisland had a lucky tap-in, which led to the score being 1-1. Near the end of the first half, Barkisland had a throw in, which unluckily came off one of our players. The score was 2-1 to Barkisland at the end of the first half.

Second Half

In the second half, Ripponden had full control of the ball, firing lots of shots at the goalie. Although no more goals were scored, a brilliant strike from Johanna was disallowed by the referee.

Summary

The final score was 2-1 to Barkisland, who were a great team to play against for Ripponden's first match.

Peer Mentoring at Ripponden!

From the beginning of May, we are relaunching peer mentoring at Ripponden! Ten members of Year 5 went through a thorough application process and were chosen to be our peer mentors. They have completed an 8-week training programme and are now ready and raring to go! Peer mentoring will be offered at lunch time on a Tuesday and Friday, and children who are having any issues or want to have a chat with someone will be able to do so in a calm, safe environment. Peer mentors have been trained on problem solving, teamwork skills, confidentiality and communication. An adult will always supervise peer mentors. We can't wait to offer another way to ensure our school is an inclusive, friendly place to be.

RIPPONDEN PEER MENTORS 2024



Isla
Peer Mentor



Rori
Peer Mentor



Arthur
Peer Mentor



Sophia
Peer Mentor



Oscar
Peer Mentor



Jessica
Peer Mentor



Ava-Lily
Peer Mentor



Effie
Peer Mentor



Alaric
Peer Mentor



Vinnie
Peer Mentor

Boys' Football Match 12th April **Report by Praneel Mathapati**

On Friday 12th April, the Ripponden year 5&6 boys' team faced Barkisland. After we kicked off, Ted immediately scored. Then Ted scored another 3 goals until Stanley scored the 5th. The 6th goal was Ted's and the 7th was Oliver's. The final score was 7-0 to Ripponden. Our captain for the match was Kian - he captained the match extremely well. Everyone tried their best and all of us had fun!

Netball tournament Thursday 18th April

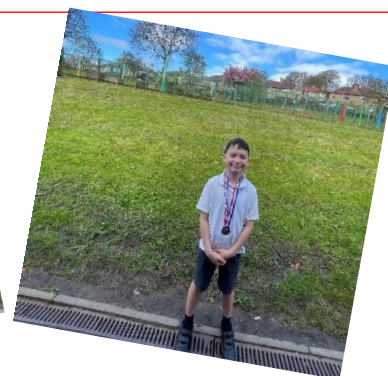
We took two netball teams to the annual tournament at Ryburn last week. Each team was in a different group. Red team had a tough start with Gleddings A team and lost 2-12, but they then drew against Triangle A team 2-2. In the final they played Barkisland and drew 3-3.

Blue team won all of their matches in the group stage (Gleddings B 6-3, Barkisland 12-2 and Triangle B 10-0). They then faced Gleddings A team. The whole team worked really hard and never gave up but unfortunately they lost this game 4-14.

Both teams played really well and you could see their skills improve during the tournament. Well done to all the players; we are very proud of you.

Daily Mile Medal Winners

Well done to all of our Daily Mile Medal Winners. These are impressive figures! A bronze medal means that children have run 25 miles, a silver is 50 miles and a gold is 100 miles! That's a very long way and you should feel very proud of yourselves...we are proud of you!



Diary Dates

Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.

May

Thursday 2 nd	Kwik Cricket
Friday 3 rd	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 10 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm Girls football match Vs Calderdale Village Schools Federation (home)
W/C 13 th	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 13 th	Parent Support and Share Meeting 4.30-5.30pm
Friday 17 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 21 st	Gym competition
Wednesday 22 nd	First Aid Training for Year 6
Thursday 23 rd	Musical Soiree
Friday 24 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm School Closes for Spring Bank

	April	May	June	July
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3		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	School reopens	
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5				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
6		BANK HOLIDAY		
7			Class Photos R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
8	School reopens			
9				
10		KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	Y6 Residential all week	
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12				Reports Out
13		Y6 SATs Week		
14			KS2 Celebr:	
15	Clubs restart			
16				
17		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm		Year 6 Production 2PM & 6PM
18				
19	R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm			School closes for summer
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21			R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm	
22				TRAINING DAY
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24		KS2 Celebration 2.45pm School Closes for half term	Sports Week	
25			Sports Day	
26	KS2 Celebration 2.45pm			
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28			KS2 Celebration 2.45pm	
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