



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

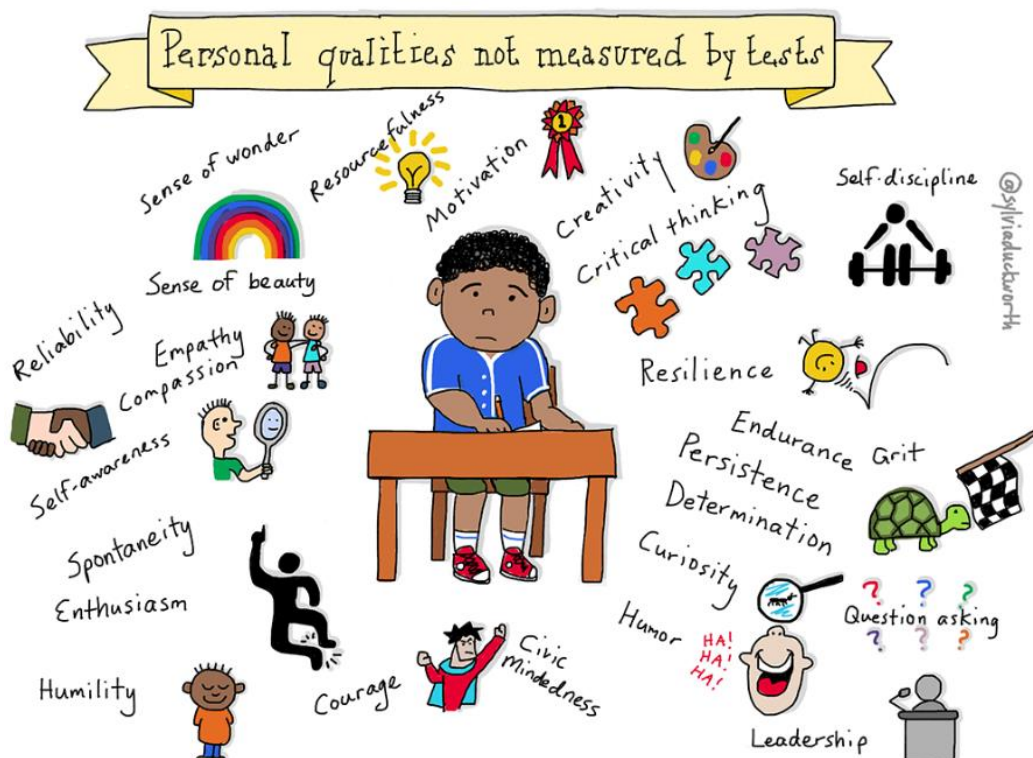
Well, the sun has finally made an appearance! When it is forecast, please make sure you apply suncream to your children before they come to school. Additionally, please still send coats in, as we know the great British weather can be changeable. With the coats, though, please ensure names are in them, as the children will often take them off when they are warm and so to ensure we can get them back to the right owners, it is essential to have their names in them.

The children have been working really hard over the last few weeks, no more so than Redwoods, who will be sitting their SATs next week. I am so proud of how hard they are working, but also how calm and relaxed they have been in their approach. In assembly this week, we looked at the Five Ways of Wellbeing and how we can support our own and others' wellbeing and I know that the children in Redwoods will be doing that this week. The only thing we ever ask the children to do is their best – and that is good enough for us. While it is important to do their best, SATs do not measure what incredible young people they are and we are incredibly proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend.

V Bamforth

Headteacher



Kitchen Update

Thank you for your patience with regards to the kitchen. I know it is not ideal having cold food and certainly not what we want to be serving.

As you know, we had emergency remedial work done, following a routine service. This was gas works and cost **£5,500** to put right. This had to be done to ensure the safety of the school and is now safe and able to run again. However, we have discovered that the ventilation in the kitchen is not fit for purpose and as such must be fixed before the gas safety board will issue a compliance certificate. This has been booked in, although we don't have a date yet for installation. We are hoping for early next week and moving back to hot food shortly after. The cost for this is **£7,500**.

It will not come as a surprise that school budgets are very tight, and this has come to a great blow to us. In addition to this work that has had to be done in the kitchen, in order to make it safe, our ovens are on their last legs – to the point where suppliers are struggling to get parts for repair. These need replacing. When we replace the ovens, we have to replace the canopies above too, to comply with legislation. While we are waiting for final quotes for this next phase of work, we are probably looking at around **£10,000**.

These are sums which school just does not have. Local Authority maintained schools receive a small amount every year to maintain the whole building, but that does not go far enough to do usual maintenance, let alone a big project such as this. We believe that school food is essential to the community, family feel of our lovely school that we work so hard to achieve. Many other local schools bring food in from elsewhere due to spiralling costs, but we are desperate to hold on to our cooking kitchen, as the quality and quantity of food we offer would not be mirrored if we were to bring food in from elsewhere.

The governors and I will be working really hard to write bids to try and secure funds from local charitable organisations to try to meet the costs. If any parents/carers have any super ideas that we may not have thought of, we would be really grateful – please email the office or catch me on the playground.

I hope to bring you up to date news on when the kitchen will be cooking again and once again, I thank you for your patience and understanding about the work so far.

Y5&6 Boys Football Match V Luddenden Foot - report by Praneel

Starting off strong, the boys pushed up the field straight away and had a few shots but missed. We had an encouraging crowd - it was like playing at Wembley! The boys never stopped - we started strong and ended strong. In the end it was 4-0 to Ripponden.

Y5&6 Girls Football Match V Luddenden Foot - report by Chloe

Ripponden girls took full control of the game, playing in the opposition's half until Luddenden Foot scored a goal. Straight after that though, Ripponden scored 3 goals. Alexandra scored 2 and Johanna scored 1. By the end of the first half, the score was 3-1 to Ripponden! In the second half, Ripponden dominated play, with Elsie, Rori and Indi scoring 6 more goals between them. Luddenden Foot also scored another goal, making the final score 9-2 to Ripponden.

Y5&6 Boys Football Match V Gleddings - report by Praneel

Starting off slow, the boys played a bit rusty, resulting in the Gleddings scoring. They had strong, rapid boys that could score from their goal line which led them to 3 unstoppable goals. We had a few amazing attacks but their goalkeeper and defenders made some brilliant tackles and saves. At the end of the first half the score was 3-0 to the Gleddings. After an encouraging talk from our coach, the boys were confident and started off strong. We had a few attacks and Jude scored 2 beautiful goals, including an incredible free kick. The boys had the energy and we scored 3 marvellous goals from Ted, Harley and Stanley. Although we stayed strong til the end, in the last few minutes they scored 2 goals, leading to a final score of 5-5.

Great Oaks get Caterpillars!

In Science in Great Oaks, we are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, and what a better way to do this by watching it all unfold in real-life! We will care for the caterpillars until they are ready to form a pupa and become butterflies. We will be keeping a diary and recording observations and changes, before releasing them when they are strong enough!



Hands-on Science in Redwoods

Our Redwoods have been hands-on with their science last week when they were investigating the anatomy and function of the heart. They used lamb hearts, as they are anatomically close to human hearts and the children were able to get up close and really examine them. What a great experience!



Cricket at Ryburn

Redwoods enjoyed a fantastic morning of cricket at Ryburn last Thursday. The children enjoyed a range of batting, fielding and bowling drills which helped develop their cricket skills. Following the drills, Redwoods had the opportunity to put their new skills in a range of fun, exciting cricket games. It is safe to say we all had a wonderful morning! Thank you Ryburn!



Sculpture in Saplings

In Saplings, we have been working in small groups to make our own giant spider sculptures just like the artist Louise Bourgeois did to create the 'Maman' sculpture in 1999. The children had great fun and had to use great teamwork skills to put these together!





Medal Winners

A very well done to Jack who has achieved his silver daily mile medal (50 miles) and a huge congratulations to Bella who has achieved her gold (100 miles!) Well done, keep running!



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

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
Monday 27 th	Bank holiday
Tuesday 28 th	Busy Bees open Tuesday – Friday book places on the app

June

Monday 3 rd	School reopens for Summer 2
Thursday 6 th	Bog in a Box workshops
Friday 7 th	Class photos – Tempest R/KS1 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 10 th	Redwoods on residential all week
Wednesday 12 th	Little Acorns to Hesketh Farm Fire Safety Talk for Maples
Friday 14 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 18 th	Cricket tournament New intake evening – 6pm
Friday 21 st	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 24 th	Sports Week
Tuesday 25 th	Sports Day
Thursday 26 th	Year 2 Football at Ryburn
Friday 28 th	Great Oaks trip to Lytham St Anne's KS2 Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

	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			
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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			
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17		R/KS1 Celebration 2.45pm		Year 6 Production 2PM & 6PM
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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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