



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Well, what a busy two weeks! It feels to have passed by in a blur since the last newsletter and this very packed edition is a testament to that!

Our wonderful Redwoods have completed their SATs tests this week. While some of the tests were really challenging, the children approached them with positivity, resilience and always a smile on their face. They absolutely did their best and that is all we can ever ask for. We are immensely proud of them. Big thanks to Mrs Lomas and Mrs Thompson, as ever, for working really hard with the children and preparing them as best we can.

All other children in school are also preparing for and completing assessments and these are a good way to show what the children have learned and next steps. I can't actually believe we are starting to formulate plans for next year!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Bamforth

Headteacher

Treat for Redwoods

Following their hard work with SATs, as is tradition, they spent Thursday afternoon playing rounders. Then today some children are out at a netball tournament and the rest are in class making slime!



Scooter Storage

Please remember, if your child scoots to school, we have storage facilities for the day. We only have a few children using them at the moment – it would be good to make good use of them!



SPONSOR 2022

RUNNING UNTIL 28TH APRIL 2022

Try to raise £20.22 through whichever method you choose:



Bake a cake...



Sponsored run...



Do the washing up...



Sponsored silence...



Mow the grass...



Sponsored read...



Car wash...



Sponsored skip...

PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REACHING SCHOOL TARGETS:

•£2000 - 5 mins extra playtime •£3000 - 10 mins extra playtime

•£4000 - 15 mins extra playtime •£5000 - 15 mins extra playtime + take in a treat

PLEASE SEE SPONSOR FORM FOR PAYMENT DETAILS



Who says maths has to be behind desks?

Last week, our Redwoods did some last minutes SATs revision outdoors using the cross-curricular orienteering pack. Looks great fun!



PTFA 2022 Challenge

Thank you to everyone who helped with the sponsorship event, which ran over Easter. We had some super sponsored events, such as baking brownies, shooting basketball hoops, walking, geocaching, chores around the house and helping to clean up their local areas.

With this wonderful effort, collectively the children have raised a super **£926.02 plus gift aid!**

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in some way.

School Crossing Patrol

I have had a concerned parent get in touch regarding the lack of school crossing patrol. Since Mr Callister stopped this duty, this hasn't been replaced. This service is maintained by Calderdale Council, so we are limited with what we can do. If you, as parents would like to get in touch directly, their web address is <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/transport-and-streets/road-safety/school-crossing-patrol> In the meantime, please use the crossing further up Halifax Road to cross safely.

Egg-citing times in Little Acorns

Little Acorns are learning all about growing and life cycles this half term. They have planted their own beans and sunflowers and watched carefully as the shoots and seedlings have appeared. Now they are eagerly counting down the days until the chicks hatch from these eggs in our incubator. Every day we look at the latest stage of development and count how many days are left until we see the chicks. We are hoping they will arrive just in time to go home with Mrs Greenwood at half term!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As we know, her majesty the Queen celebrates her platinum jubilee this year – a whole 70 years as our monarch.

In celebration of this, we will be having a platinum celebration day, on the last day of this half term, Friday 27th May 2022. During this day, we are asking that the children come to school in patriotic red, white and blue, to mark the occasion and we will be having a fun-filled day of activities and games in the morning and traditional community games in the afternoon.

At lunch time, we will be partaking in the very British Afternoon Tea tradition. Instead of the usual menu choices, the whole school will be treated to finger sandwiches, crudité's, cakes and cream scones. We will all be outside on the field and sharing this day together. If your child is usually on packed lunches but would like a school Afternoon Tea, just let the office know.

If you have any picnic blankets that you could loan to school, please bring them in (fully labelled, so we can get them back to you!).

As the jubilee and the additional bank holiday falls during the half term holidays, schools have been able to select another day off in lieu of this. We will therefore return after the Spring Bank Holiday week on **Tuesday 7th June**.

We are looking forward to celebrating this regal milestone together.



The Day the Crayons Quit in Great Oaks

Great Oaks class have been studying *The Day the Crayons Quit* and were shocked to find that their own chairs took inspiration from the book and decided to go on strike. The chairs were tired of being rocked on, stepped on, dragged across the classroom and even being trumped upon!!

The children were shocked at their lack of care for the chairs and got straight to work planning their carefully considered responses. Luckily their hard work, apologies, impressive use of conjunctions and empathy for the chairs in their letters convinced the chairs to return! Hooray!! Thankfully, all pupils (and teachers!!) are being far more considerate to our dear chairs in Year 2.



Mrs Bowes – teacher turned author

As you know, Mrs Bowes left us at Christmas to reduce her hours and pursue other activities. She is, however doing occasional supply days and was in with the reminder of Willows yesterday.

Well, she has been busy since leaving us and has had her debut children's book published! Mrs Bowes read it to some of the children and has kindly donated a signed copy for our Woodland Room.

We wish Gillian the very best of luck with her new venture!

Calderdale School Games Cricket Tournament

This week, 10 children from Willows competed in an U9's cricket tournament taking on several schools from across Calderdale! Prior to the tournament, the cricket squad worked incredibly hard on their cricket skills and match awareness! For many children, it was their first time playing cricket.

An excited Willows arrived at Elland CC eager to show off their newly acquired skills and to compete against the other schools. Willows performed well in the opening game against Old Earth with so many positives but we did lose 4 wickets! However, we decided that we could do even better in the next game and our target was to lose less than 4 wickets. We **ACHIEVED** this target as we won and only lost a couple of wickets.

Arguably our toughest opposition was Withinfields! Going into the game both Ripponden and Withinfields were undefeated so, a big performance was needed. Willows did Ripponden proud in this game with a formidable effort throughout the match! An excellent batting display from Ted and Praneel alongside determined batting from the rest of the team allowed Ripponden to get a total of 67 runs. Tight bowling in the second half accompanied with **OUTSTANDING** fielding brought us to a comfortable victory!

There were many excellent displays throughout the tournament from the entire squad which helped **Ripponden become CHAMPIONS not losing a game in the entire tournament**. We scored over 300 runs and took over 25 wickets on the day an amazing set of statistics from a brilliant set of cricketers. A massive well done to: Ted, Praneel, Calum, Penny, Eleanor, Kian, Alexandra, Jude and Hector for their exemplary attitude, respect and performance! A huge thank you to all the parents who supported and assisted with travel during the day! It is really appreciated.

WELL DONE WILLOWS!!!



The Great Outdoors with Little Acorns

Little Acorns love being outside! Running, jumping, balancing, drawing, sharing, building...you name it and we do it outside!



ADHD Support Group in Calderdale

A new West Yorkshire based group is offering support to people with ADHD and their families and friends and they are also running a Calderdale group, which meets monthly in Brighouse.

The West Yorkshire ADHD group has its own website – www.wyadhd.co.uk – which is full of information, support and advice. The group offers support in a number of ways, including;

- Online support via their Facebook page
- Face to face and Zoom peer support meetings
- Children's weekend and holiday activities
- Assistance getting your child the right support in school
- Help applying for DLA, PIP and Carer's allowance.

The Calderdale group meets at the Salvation Army, 33 King Street, Brighouse, HD6 1NX.

Dates in 2022 are Wednesdays 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September and 5th October. Meetings run from 6.30pm to 8.15pm.

Transition Day 2022

Transition Day has proven difficult this year, as it has changed a number of times and is different for different schools. Ryburn's Transition day is Friday 8th July, so the Y6 children going there will go there on that day. Y5 will move up to Y6 for that day. For the rest of the children we are currently trying to work out logistics and will let you know as soon as possible.

Ryburn Netball Tournament

This morning our two netball teams went to Ryburn for the netball tournament. Both teams played really well. Our red team won some and lost a few and were very sporting throughout. The blue team won all of their matches apart from one which they drew against Gleddings A team. This meant that overall our blue team drew with the Gleddings A team but as the Gleddings had scored more goals, they won the tournament.

Considering our children have only been playing netball since January, they did extremely well to come so close to winning and they should all be very proud of themselves. A huge well done to both teams.



Cross-Curricular Orienteering

Redwoods have been using the orienteering route to work on their physical activity. I was particularly impressed with the planks!



Busy Bees Spring Bank Holiday

We are open the Monday-Wednesday of the Spring Bank half term. See below for the programme and please get in touch to book.

		
<p>Monday 30th May Breakfast served between 8-9am AM – Jubilee Crown Biscuits</p> 	<p>Tuesday 31st May Breakfast served between 8-9am AM – Queen Sun catcher</p> 	<p>Wednesday 1st June Breakfast served between 8-9am AM – Make your own crown and sceptre</p> 
<p>Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch PM Handprint Bunting</p> 	<p>Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch PM – Union Jack Tissue Flags</p> 	<p>Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch PM – Afternoon Tea</p> 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Water Safety Competition

Calderdale Schools

Design a poster around the following key Water Safety messages and include the hashtag #BeWaterAware

- Ages 5-7 Float to Survive
- Ages 9-11 Cold Water Kills
- Ages 12-15 Hidden Dangers

One poster from each age group will be made into a banner and displayed with the name and school of each winner

•PLUS one lucky winner will receive a voucher for a family Canal Cruise including Sunday lunch along the Rochdale Canal in the stunning Calder Valley

Competition closes Fri 3rd June 2022 – winners notified by Fri 10th June 2022

Submissions by post to:
Water Safety Poster Competition
Halifax Fire Station
Skircoat Moor Road
Halifax
HX1 3JF

Or email to damian.cameron@westyorksfire.gov.uk

BE WATER AWARE

Drowning prevention and water safety

#BeWaterAware

*Family voucher is 2 adults and 2 children – additional places can be purchased direct

Branch Out Awards

It was so lovely to see parents in assembly last week! Long may it continue!

Not Giving Up!

Little Acorns – Erin-Rose H-S
Saplings – Reggie M
Great Oaks – Oliver G

Being Enthusiastic

Little Acorns – Art H
Saplings – Madeleine A
Great Oaks – Chloe S

Showing Respect

Little Acorns – Isla B
Saplings – Sam A
Great Oaks – Summer W

Being Kind and Caring

Little Acorns – Harry S
Saplings – Huey S
Great Oaks – Hannah G

Making Good Choices

Little Acorns – Rex O
Saplings – Ylva K
Great Oaks – Harry-George H-S

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

Tuesday 17 th	Willows Junior Wardens
Thursday 19 th	Chestnuts to church for anniversary service
Friday 20 th	KS2 celebration assembly
Monday 23 rd	Maples Class to Townley Hall
Tuesday 24 th	Full Governing Meeting
Wednesday 25 th	Young Voices – Manchester Arena
Friday 27 th	Jubilee Celebration Day School closes for half term
W/C 30 th	Busy Bees open Monday-Wednesday – contact to book

June

Monday 6 th	School Closed – Queen’s Jubilee
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens Assessment window for Y4 multiplication check and Y1 phonics
Friday 10 th	Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Wednesday 15 th	Reception 2022 Parents’ Open Evening
Monday 20 th	Year 6 residential to Langdale all week
Friday 24 th	KS2 celebration assembly
Thursday 30 th	Musical Soiree

July

Friday 1 st	KS2 celebration assembly
Tuesday 5 th	KS2 SATs results due
Friday 8 th	Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Reception/KS1 celebration assembly
Tuesday 19 th	Full Governing Meeting
Friday 22 nd	School closes for summer