



Ripponden J&I News

Monday 20th June 2022

Dear parents/carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks since our half term break! It has been full-on statutory assessment time, with Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 having assessments.

We have also had moderators in to verify our staff judgements in Reception and Year 2 and they have been happy with our assessments and our teacher's knowledge of the children.

As well as the SATs in Year 2 and Year 6, our wonderful Saplings have been working so hard on learning their phonics and it has really paid off with super progress made this year, especially since January. Year 4, too have been tackling the Multiplication Tables Check – the very first one ever! All the children have approached these assessments so brilliantly – taking it all in their stride, what troopers! This is also largely down to the way their teachers have prepared them too – so huge well done to the adults who have been working with them #teamripponden!

It was wonderful to have the new parents meeting in school rather than on Zoom and it was so good to see so many familiar and new faces to join the Ripponden Family. We have a number of transition events over the next few weeks to welcome the children in and make their joining us as smooth as possible.

Frighteningly we seem to be hurtling towards the end of the school year. It is always busy, so please make sure you have look at the diary dates section – I wouldn't want you to miss out on anything!

Have a wonderful week,

Headteacher

Rounders

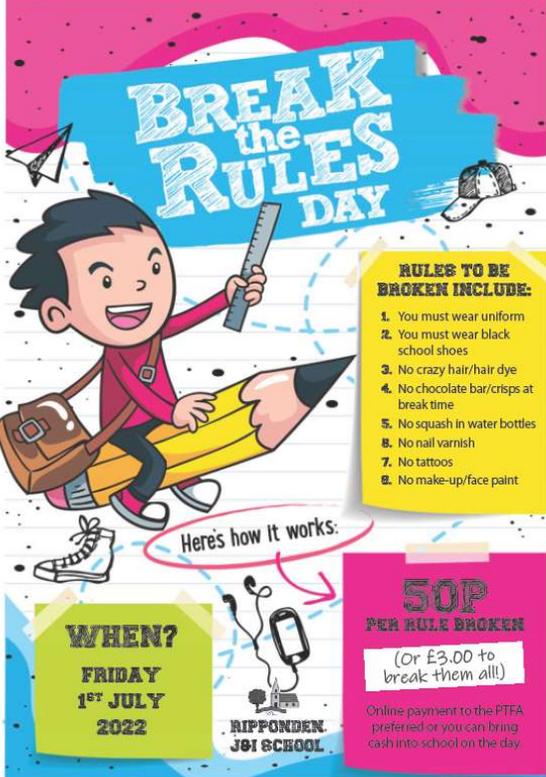
On Friday 10th June a team of 9 Year 6 children went to Ryburn to compete in the annual rounders' tournament. The whole team played really well, winning 2 matches and losing 2 matches. They had a great team spirit and were very sporting throughout.



6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

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| <p>FOR THE CHILDREN</p> <p>BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.</p> <p>THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.</p>  | <p>FOR YOU</p> <p>VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE</p> <p>WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.</p>  | <p>FOR THE SCHOOL</p> <p>HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.</p> <p>HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.</p>  |
| <p>BE CONNECTED</p> <p>THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.</p> <p>MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.</p>  | <p>IT IS FUN!</p> <p>WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.</p> <p>FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!</p>  | <p>KEEP THE PTA GOING</p> <p>AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.</p> <p>COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!</p>  |

"I work full time and help when I am able."
"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events."
"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be!"
"I've made life long friends!"



BREAK the RULES DAY

RULES TO BE BROKEN INCLUDE:

1. You must wear uniform
2. You must wear black school shoes
3. No crazy hair/hair dye
4. No chocolate bar/crisps at break time
5. No squash in water bottles
6. No nail varnish
7. No tattoos
8. No make-up/face paint

Here's how it works:

WHEN?
FRIDAY
1ST JULY
2022

50P PER RULE BROKEN
(Or £3.00 to break them all!)

Online payment to the PTFA preferred or you can bring cash into school on the day.

RIPPONDEN JOI SCHOOL

PTFA Plea

Our PTFA are a very small but mighty group of volunteers who work tirelessly to raise money and provide wonderful activities for our children. They really need support with their work though and are appealing to our parents/grandparents/friends for help. This could be in many ways, attending meetings, baking cakes, help at events – anything really! Whatever you can do, would be most appreciated.

As you all know we are in such a beautiful location with very little deprivation, which does not attract the funding of many other schools. The PTFA have funded so many things in school which the school budget just does not cover. Not only the purchasing of items, they provide many of the wonderful experiences our children enjoy and without the PTFA, they wouldn't have them. I know that many of you appreciate the work they do and I absolutely do – they are wonderful and our school would not be the same without them.

I would hate to think that the PTFA would cease to exist as these things would also stop. If you can help in any capacity, please get in touch either via the office –

office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk or direct to the PTFA – rippondenschoolptfa@gmail.com

There are a number of events before the summer, which have been organised for our children to enjoy. They are:

- Friday 1st July: Break The Rules Day – please see poster above and flyer home
- Wednesday 13th July: Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco 3-4pm
- Friday 15th July: Key Stage 2 Disco 3-4pm

If you feel you can help in any way at these discos or in the planning stages, please get in touch.

The AGM in September is on Monday 12th September at 6.30pm in the hall – all welcome!

#HealthySelfie

Thank you to everyone who sent your #healthyselves over half term (and beyond!) They are absolutely super and show such a fabulous range of activities. We will be making a display in school, but I have added some here for you to see.



Open House – Monday 11th July at 2.15pm

As we are now able to have parents and visitors back in school, we are delighted to invite you into school for an 'Open House' on 11th July at 2.15pm. This is an opportunity to come into school and see your child in their classroom, speak informally with their teachers, see their work and be part of their class. We would love to see as many of you as we can.

We are planning a series of workshops on different aspects of school life in the autumn term and will send out information about these in due course. If you have anything you would like us to offer, please let us know! We are so happy to be able to have parents in again, so would want to offer what is of value to you as parents.

Athletics

On Friday 17th June, we took a team of 17 children from years 4, 5 and 6 to the athletics competition. There were 8 schools competing and all of the children performed brilliantly in really hot conditions! We managed to win 7 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events.

Additionally, our year 4 relay team came 2nd and the year 5/6 relay team came first. A great performance from the whole team and a great team spirit throughout. Well done to all involved!



Daily Mile Challenge

For this half term we have challenged our children to see if they can improve on the number of laps they can run in 10 minutes. At the beginning of the half term each class counted up the total number of laps completed and this will be repeated at the end of the half term before the summer holidays. There will be a prize for the class who make the biggest improvement.

For the last session where we will count the laps, we are inviting parents to join in with the running - please note that this is a joining in session not a spectating session!! It would be great to see you joining in with the children and I'm sure they would love it.

Please see below for each classes date:

- Tuesday 12th July: Maples (Y5) at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 13th July: Great Oaks (Y2) at 2.30pm
Chestnuts (Y3) at 2.45pm
- Thursday 14th July: Saplings (Y1) at 2.45pm
- Friday 15th July: Little Acorns (R) at 2.30pm
Willows (Y4) at 2.45pm
- Monday 18th July: Redwoods (Y6) at 2.45pm

Sports Days and Race Days

Yeah! We can do sports day/race days again! And, we can have parents in! Our Sports Day is Tuesday 28th June at 9.30am. The format of this is that children are put into groups (siblings together) and it is a carousel-type of activities, so parents can follow their children around and there is an overall team winner. Race days are a traditional races type of activity where parents can sit and watch (bring a picnic blanket!). Please see the diary date section for your class dates and times. We are really looking forward to these activities again!

Gymnastics Key Step Competition

On Tuesday, 10 children from Year 3 and 4 went to the Key Steps Gymnastics competition held at Diamonds Gymnastics Club in Halifax. The children competed against nine other schools from across Calderdale, completing different routines on vault, floor exercises and body management. The children had worked incredibly hard with Mrs Whitaker in gymnastics club over the last few months to perfect their skills and did themselves proud at the competition. While they didn't win, it was an absolutely fantastic experience - wonderful to be back out being part of sporting competitions and gaining lots of tips ready for the competition next year. Well done all to all of the gymnasts - you were amazing!



Maples' Space Exploration

Maples have been studying the Earth and Space in science and they have been exploring the relative sizes of the planets, along with their distances from each other.



Nurture Group Fun

It's amazing what fun can be had with some Rich Tea biscuits, some chocolate buttons, some icing sugar and of course the essential sugar sprinkles! Mrs Holmes and Mrs Dales let the Nurture Group decorate their biscuits for the rest of year 5 while celebrating Jasper's birthday.



The Woodland Den Group Project

The Woodland Den group made sensory bottles this week. These bottles are very easy to make and a great way to use as a calming device, anger diffuser or just something pretty to watch!

Instructions.

- 1) The group removed the labels from their clear water bottle.
- 2) They then filled a third of their bottles with warm water.
- 3) Next the group added a tube of glitter glue. Mrs Holmes bought a pack of Crayola glitter glue tubes from Amazon. They were just the right size. Otherwise, a tablespoon full will work.
- 4) This was then shaken not stirred! (Make sure the lid is on!)
- 5) Add food colouring. Just a few drops. Build the colour up slowly until you are happy. Lid on again and shake.
- 6) Pour glitter into the bottle. We found that a different colour glitter to the glitter glue worked well. You can also add sequins.
- 7) Finally, lid on, give it a shake, top up with warm water, leaving an inch empty at the top. Sellotape the bottle lid on.
- 8) Shake the bottle, hold it up and enjoy!



Branch Out Awards

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

Not Giving Up!

Little Acorns – Hazel S
Saplings – Connor S
Great Oaks – Jake C

Being Enthusiastic

Little Acorns – Marat S
Saplings – Edith S
Great Oaks – Reggie B-H

Showing Respect

Little Acorns – Jude K
Saplings – Daisy L
Great Oaks – Summer C

Being Kind and Caring

Little Acorns – Grace N
Saplings – Evan B
Great Oaks – Elsie B-C

Making Good Choices

Little Acorns – Evelyn S
Saplings – Grace W
Great Oaks – Isla B-C

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.

June

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| Monday 20 th | Year 6 residential to Langdale all week |
| Friday 24 th | KS2 celebration assembly |
| Tuesday 28 th | Sports Day – 9.30am start Y5/6 Race Afternoon – 1.30pm start |
| Wednesday 29 th | Y3/4 Race Morning – 9.30am start |
| Thursday 30 th | R/Y1/2 Race Morning – 9.30am start Musical Soiree |

July

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| Friday 1 st | Break the Rules Day |
| Tuesday 5 th | KS2 SATs results due |
| Wednesday 6 th | Transition Day for R-Y4 |
| Friday 8 th | Y5/6 Transition Day Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park Reception/KS1 celebration assembly |
| Monday 11 th | Open Afternoon – 2.15pm |
| Tuesday 12 th | R/Y1/Y2 – Castles and Knights Workshop Y5 Daily Mile with parents – 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | Y2 Daily Mile with parents – 2.30pm Y3 Daily Mile with parents – 2.45pm R/KS1 PTFA Disco 3-4pm |
| Thursday 14 th | Y1 Daily Mile with parents – 2.45pm |
| Friday 15 th | Reception Daily Mile with parents – 2.30pm Y4 Daily Mile with parents – 2.45pm Reports out |
| Monday 18 th | KS2 PTFA Disco 3-4pm |
| Tuesday 19 th | Y6 Daily Mile with parents – 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 20 th | Full Governing Meeting Redwoods Production of The Lion King 2pm & 7pm |

Thursday 21st

R/KS1 end of year assembly – 9.15am

Friday 22nd

KS2 end of year assembly – 2.15pm

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

School closes for summer

Monday 25th

Busy Bees open all summer – please contact to book

September

Monday 5th

Teacher training day, Busy Bees open, please contact to book

Tuesday 6th

School reopens to children



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