



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We have had another wonderful couple of weeks here at school, with the sun shining and lots of work and play happening.

Today we celebrated 70 years of our queen being on the throne. Each class has had a wonderful day finding out lots of information about the royal family and then playing traditional games and scavenger hunts around school. At lunch time, we had an afternoon tea/garden party on the field. The children loved it! A massive thank you to Abi and James in the kitchen. The kitchen is two staff down at the moment and the two of them worked tirelessly making all the sandwiches (7 different fillings!) as well as the buns and scones all from scratch. What an achievement! All children had plenty to eat and we also went round with trays of seconds!

Please take a look at the diary dates section as we have added a number of dates in there, including sports days, open afternoon and reports going out. We would love as many of you as possible to join us in as many of these events, we've missed having parents in!

We break now for the Spring Bank half term holiday. I wish you all a wonderful week (let's hope this lovely sunshine continues!) and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday 7th June.**

Have a wonderful week,

Headteacher

#Healthyselfie

Over the holidays, we would love to see what you get up to being active and healthy. We would love you to either submit a healthy selfie onto the Facebook Page or email office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk as we would like to put up a display with them. As weird and wild as possible! Here is one with Mrs Lomas and her husband, Dan (and dog Coby!) who were running on the tops over Cragg. Anything healthy would be great!! Don't forget to add #healthyselfie!



Swapsie Club

Football season may be coming to an end but the football cards are still in the shops. With this in mind Mrs Holmes would like to trial a football card swap club. The club would give the children from years 4, 5 and 6 an opportunity to develop their social and communication skills, negotiation, decision making, fairness, language, friendship building and patience to name just a few.

As with any club there will be rules to be followed:

- Children need to bring their swap cards in a named sealable freezer bag or a plastic tub with a lid.
- No football books.
- The children will be put into groups to share which cards they have and what they are looking for.
- Once a gentleman's/woman's agreement has been made a shaking of hands seals the deals and no changing of mind, so think carefully!

At the end of the session Mrs Holmes will line the children up in year groups and the cards will then be put into their containers and placed in the correct years' bag. This bag will then be given to the class teacher who will return the cards at the end of the day.

NO CARDS MUST BE HELD BACK AT THE END OF THE CLUB AND KEPT UPON THE CHILD FOR EXTRA DEALING!

If this is discovered the child will receive a yellow card, which will result in missing a session.

Receiving another yellow will result in a ban. Please explain this to your child if they are planning to attend as I really do want them to have fun but football cards can only be swapped and looked at within the club.

The club will take place on alternate Tuesdays, 8.15 in the hall, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July.

Willows are Junior Wardens

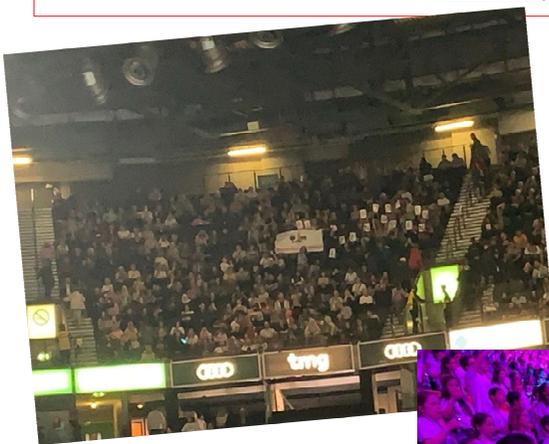
Our Wonderful Willows are now Junior Wardens and have been working with officers from Calderdale Council to help improve our local area. Last week, they went out on the main road to look at the traffic and they used speed cameras to monitor the speed of passers-by. They will be working with the officers over the coming weeks and tackling other aspects such as litter and vandalism. Thank you, Willows for looking after our area.





Young Voices 2022

It has been a long time coming, but we made it!! It was so wonderful to be back in Manchester Arena singing and dancing at the Young Voices tour. Our seats were AMAZING! Row A – stage side and the children were talking to and high-fiving the dancers. We even had a selfie with Andy!! (if you know, you know!). Our children were phenomenal, with so much energy and enthusiasm, even after a long day, and our parents were fantastic – we could see them dancing from such a long way away with their banners! Such a pleasure to take the children and be part of the 9000+ children singing. Thank you to Mrs Hamilton for organising and reorganising after 3 postponed concerts. The concert is available to buy and stream, if anyone is interested, the link is here - <https://yv22film.co.uk/purchase/Elv7eaVqiyiG1p0TeMTv>



The Woodland Den Nurture Group

The Woodland Den Nurture group celebrated a pupil's birthday on Wednesday by making and decorating birthday cakes. The cakes were covered with chocolate spread, Tangtastics, Smarties and of course, sprinkles! Candles were lit, wishes made and Mrs Holmes and Mrs Dales ended the session with decorating the children's noses. Mrs Bamforth was so impressed with their chocolate noses, she decided she just had to join in!

Lots of social skills were involved in the activity including sharing, discussing, negotiating and manners, which shows learning can be fun!



Parking reminder

Just a polite reminder that the Greenacres parking bays are for residents only and should not be used by parents at either end of the day. Many thanks for your continued support.

Changes to the school day

Just a reminder – a letter was emailed out yesterday regarding the changes to the school day from September. From September, the gates will be open at 8.40am and closed at 8.45am. The end of the school day will be at 3.15pm.

Jubilee Celebrations

Today we have celebrated all things royal! We have looked at the royal family, traditions, family trees and changes to the country since our Queen's ascension to the throne. We had a wonderful afternoon tea/garden party, courtesy of Abi and James in the kitchen. What a spread! And so much food! What a wonderful way to celebrate the platinum jubilee together and a fabulous way to wrap up the half term!



Maples' Trip to Townley Hall

On Monday of this week, Maples went to Townley Hall for a Tudor workshop to complement the work they had been doing in class. The staff who facilitated the workshop were very impressed with the children's knowledge of Tudor life and the children used this and learned more from their time there. The children also had great fun in the playground after lunch – especially the giant sand pit! The children were a credit to themselves and the school and we were happy to take them out for the day – school trips are another thing we have been very happy to get back to!



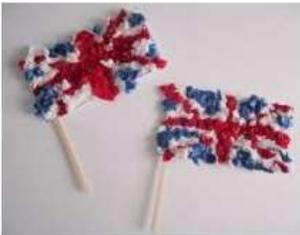
Mr Holden's Stars

Mr Holden teaches Maples Class on a Friday and has built up a super rapport with the class, choosing a star of each week. Mr Holden gave his stars of the week a book each. He had been to Oxfam and bought children's and Nature/wildlife books to give out today and over the next few weeks. The children were over the moon!



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

Branch Out Awards

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

Not Giving Up!

Chestnuts – Willow W
Willows – Connor M
Maples – Sam C
Redwoods – Brook A

Being Enthusiastic

Chestnuts – Jasmine W-D
Willows – Kian D
Maples – Oscar H
Redwoods – Gioia G

Showing Respect

Chestnuts – Vinnie L
Willows – Penny S
Maples – Mikey T
Redwoods – Hollie S

Being Kind and Caring

Chestnuts – Thomas S
Willows – Lara V
Maples – Audrey T
Redwoods – Wilf B

Making Good Choices

Chestnuts – Jack C
Willows – Sophie W
Maples – Will G
Redwoods – Betsy C-F

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 30th

Busy Bees open Monday-Wednesday – contact to book

June

Monday 6th

School Closed – Queen's Jubilee

Tuesday 7th

School reopens

Friday 10th

Assessment window for Y4 multiplication check and Y1 phonics

Tuesday 14th

Reception/KS1 celebration assembly

Wednesday 15th

Gym competition

Monday 20th

Reception 2022 Parents' Open Evening – 6pm

Friday 24th

Year 6 residential to Langdale all week

Tuesday 28th

KS2 celebration assembly

Thursday 30th

Sports Day

Musical Soiree

July

Friday 1st

KS2 celebration assembly

Tuesday 5th

KS2 SATs results due

Wednesday 6th

Transition Day for R-Y4

Friday 8th

Y5/6 Transition Day

Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Reception/KS1 celebration assembly

Monday 11th

Open Afternoon – 2.15pm

Friday 15th

Reports out

Tuesday 19th

Full Governing Meeting

Friday 22nd

School closes for summer