

Newsletter

20 October 2023

Dear Families,

We come to the end of a half term and the children have worked very hard. We are extremely proud of them all and their positive attitudes. I regularly get comments about how polite Rollesby children are, which is so lovely to hear. I would also like to thank you all for your support. We are so grateful for all the time and effort our parents give in supporting their children and the school. It makes our school and community a very special place. I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Cat Barnard

Date for your diary – Guitar assembly

Tuesday 19th December 9.15am – parents of guitarists invited.

Halloween Disco – 3rd November

Could any children attending the **first disco bring their outfits/clothes to change** into whilst at school as the party starts at 3.15 pm. Thank you.

Photographs

Sample of size of prints and calendars are in the school foyer please pop in and take a peek.

A plea for help!

We have a shed that has arrived to store play equipment for Linnet class. **We wondered if we had any parents who may be able to help us.** We want to keep all their new toys nice for them through the winter. Please contact me if you may be able to help. hos@rollesbyprimary.org.uk

American Football

On Tuesday some Year 4 children had the opportunity to attend a ENSSP School Games NFL Festival at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. This was an all-day event which was aimed at boys and girls who are interested in learning a new sport. The children followed a carousel format where they tried different skills and activities before finishing the day with fun games.

The children had an amazing day and were absolutely buzzing all day!

Year 5/6 Football

On Tuesday after school, we competed in the first part of the Cluster competition with the opening round taking place at Hemsby Primary School. We had matches against Hemsby, Martham and North Denes. Our children all behaved brilliantly, and we received a comment from a parent from a different School about how polite our children were, this was amazing to hear! Well done to you all. This was an after-school event so a massive thank you to the parents and supporters who came along and of course to the team.

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Science Careers Fair

We were lucky enough to have lots of visitors in school on Tuesday to tell the children all about their jobs in different areas of science. We had a dental nurse, fabrication and welding scientists, a motor vehicle scientist, nature reserve warden, farmer, chemist, engineer and sustainability manager. The children were really excited to ask them lots of questions and find out about their jobs. We hope that this inspires them in the future to have a wider perspective of jobs available to them in the future.



'Science at Home' Challenge

Each half term, we are encouraging the children to carry out a science investigation at home. Discussing science at home promotes their understanding of scientific vocabulary, develops knowledge of topics, and helps them to practise their **working scientifically skills**. These include:

- Asking questions
- Making predictions
- Setting up tests

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- Observing and measuring
- Recording data
- Interpreting and communicating results.
- Evaluating

We would love the children to share their findings with their class, either through some photos and comments on ClassDojo/Tapestry or by bringing something in, such as a poster, to show their class in person. Each half term, we will be nominating 'Super Scientists' in our Celebration Assembly to celebrate their achievements through 'Science at Home' challenges or some super scientific working in science lessons at school.

This half term's 'Science at Home' Challenge is: **Crafty Rafts**

Crafty Rafts

Activity Card



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CRAFTY RAFTS
Cub Scouts and Brownies from Startown built their own rafts to race on the Boating Lake yesterday evening. There was fun and laughter as the rafts became overloaded and sank. The competition was abandoned as the last raft disappeared beneath the water.

Natty Nodrum the Brownie pack leader said, "We're not sure what went wrong. Perhaps one of your readers could give us some advice."

Getting started

You can use sheets of squared or A4 paper to make your models. You can make the paper into a raft by bending up the sides and folding the corners. Fasten the corners. Don't cut your paper. What different shapes and sizes can you make by folding your pieces of paper in different ways?



Test your ideas

Put your raft to the test! See which shape holds the most objects without sinking. What's the best way to add the objects? Which raft do you think will win and why? You could record your results in a table like this:

	Picture/ description of raft	Maximum number of marbles before sinking
Raft 1		
Raft 2		
Raft 3		

Share your ideas

You could make a model of your best raft to send to Natty Nodrum.

Extra things to do

Would it matter if you use different types of paper?
Could you make the raft without fasteners?
What other materials can you use to make a raft?




Your challenge

Can you help them to decide the best design for a raft?
You can make models out of paper. What shape of raft will hold the largest number of objects before it sinks? **You can only use one sheet of paper at a time.**

Discuss

What do you know about rafts?
Have you ever made one?
What shapes do you think might make good rafts?

(Children should also have brought home a hard copy of the challenge)

Changes to Clubs

No **TTRockstars** club - changed to Thursday Lunchtime choir/singing club.

No **Eco Club** after school on a Monday - changed to meeting with Eco Ambassadors every Tuesday lunchtime.

No **Gardening** Club after half term (we don't think we will be able to do much more until the Spring when we will start up again)

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Reading Cafe

Marsh Harrier Class read the poem "A Small Dragon" by Brian Patten and then created the leaf dragon that they had discovered in their woodshed, just like the poet did!



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Parents Evening Reminders

We would like to invite you to Parents Evenings on the below dates.

If you have any problems with booking an appointment, please telephone Mrs Guymer in the office who will be able to help.

Parents appointments will take place on Monday 30th October, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November. (This does not apply to Nursery) You will be able to book a 10-minute slot on Pupil Asset. It's a good opportunity to have a quick chat with your child's teacher to see how they are getting on.

You will be able to book an appointment by signing up to the [Pupil Asset Portal](#) or by downloading the [Pupil Asset app](#).

The portal is browser based and can easily be accessed on a computer / laptop / iPad etc. You can also access the portal on a mobile phone, but it is suggested that you download Google Chrome which is the recommended web browser for satisfactory usage.

Please follow these steps to enable log in to the Portal:

- Browse to 'secure.pupilasset.com'
- Click on 'first time logging on'
- Under username, insert the email address you have logged as a primary contact with the school.
- Click on new password
- Choose a password - which must be 8 characters long and contain a number.

Please follow these steps to enable login to the app:

- Download the Pupil Asset app from app store (for iPhone) or from Google play store (for Android phones)
- Log in as above

You will be able to book an appointment online from **9:00am on Monday 16th October**. If you are unable to make the times allotted, please speak to your child's teacher who will try to fit you in at another time or date.

All classes will be held in the hall. You will be able to visit your child's class before your appointment to have a look at their books. We will then ask you to go to the hall 5 minutes before your allotted time and wait on the chairs in the middle of the hall for your child's class teacher to be available. We will try to stick to 10 minutes per child so that we can ensure everyone has their appointment on time. (please use the hall side door)

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Monday 30th October

Linnett 3.30pm - 6.00pm Mrs Hickman

Avocet 3.30pm - 6.00pm Miss Durrant

Wednesday 1st November

Linnett 3.30pm -6.00pm Mrs Forbes

Kingfisher 3.30pm-6.00pm Mrs Fenn

Marsh Harrier 3.30-6.00pm Mrs Foreman

Thursday 2nd November

Avocet 3.30pm-6.00pm Miss Durrant

Kingfisher 3.30pm-6.00pm Mrs Fenn

Marsh Harrier 3.30-6.00pm Mrs Crosbie

KS2 Trip to Time & Tide

Payment for the above trip is now due please by Tuesday 31st October. £11.00 per pupil. Payment is voluntary but if we do not receive enough donations unfortunately, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.

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Bubble and peep

Autumn Mark Making

Stay and play

At Seagulls Centre in Shrublands, Gorleston.

Tuesday 24th Oct and Thursday 26th Oct

At 10:00am to 11:30am

Older siblings can attend up to age of 11 years.

Lots of craft activities

Ideas for mark making to encourage writing.

Staff on hand to offer support and guidance.

Leaflets for things to do at home.

To book your place email csschoolscommunityeast@norfolk.gov.uk

Please state name and number of children attending with their ages.

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Rollesby Dates -

Monday 23 rd October	Half Term
Monday 30 th , Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd November	Parent Evenings
Thursday 2 nd November	Marsh Harrier trip to Time and Tide
Friday 3 rd November	Avocet and Kingfisher trip to Time and Tide
Friday 3 rd November	'The Friends' Halloween Disco after school Timings TBC
Thursday 9 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccine Reception – Year 6
Friday 17 th November	Book Fayre
Wednesday 22 nd November	SEND cafe
Friday 24 th November	Linnet class trip – The playhouse to see the Gruffalo
Friday 1 st December	Non uniform in exchange for an Elfridges gift
Tuesday 5 th December	Whole school Ice skating (Reception-Year 6)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 'The Friends' Elfridges event.
Friday 8 th December	Non uniform in exchange for a raffle prize
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas party afternoon
Monday 18 th December	Christingle Service
Tuesday 19 th December	9.15am Guitar assembly Parents of guitarists invited.
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch

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Rollesby Stars



Little Wrens

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Hunter** for looking after new friends at Nursery.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Archie** for joining in enthusiastically with action rhymes.*

Linnet

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Mason** for working hard on his listening skills*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Leo** for amazing blending to read CVC words*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Harvey** for wonderful paired maths tasks*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Joseph for taking care to always present his work neatly

Avocet

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Harry** for making excellent progress with his reading.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Hero** for his wonderful effort in the cross country race this week.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Jaycie-Leigh** for her wonderful kindness and helpful nature to all.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Connie for improved presentation and handwriting.

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Kingfisher

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Ozzy** for his superb scientific knowledge and explanations.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Ellis** for his excellent learning behaviours.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **David** for being extremely kind and helpful.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Evelyn for always presenting her work beautifully.

Marsh Harrier

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Libby** for excellent English work.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Oli T-D** for being helpful.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Willow B** for exceptional effort in PE.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Meera for trying hard with the presentation in her English book.

Rockstars of the Week!

Earning the most coins on Times Tables Rockstars this week are -



3rd Place: Jaycie L (Avocet) 3,876 coins

2nd Place: Freddy P (Kingfisher) 5,714 coins

1st Place: Alby N (Kingfisher) 7,041 coins

Amazing results Rockstars!

Who will be our top players next week? It could be you!