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Dear Families,

We have a bumper newsletter today with all the fantastic things that have been going on at Rollesby school! The children have worked so hard this half term, and the children certainly deserve and break. Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Science Café

We had great fun sharing science with parents on Monday! As a school, we looked at habitats, electricity and forces. Being able to share science learning with others, encourages children to draw upon their scientific knowledge, develop their vocabulary and improve a range of working scientifically skills, including: asking questions, making predictions, setting up tests, observing and measuring, recording data, interpreting and communicating results and evaluating their investigations.



We saw some great fair testing in action!

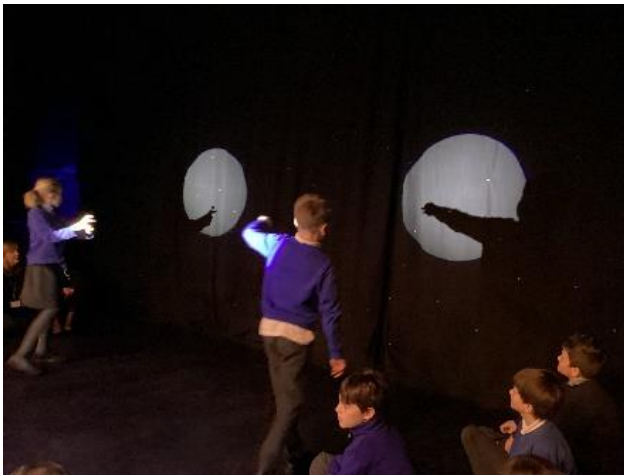


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Marsh Harrier trip to Gorleston Pavillion

Marsh Harrier Class had a great time at Gorleston Pavilion Theatre on Monday morning. They applied their knowledge about light on a larger scale, learning about shadow size and clarity, the eye and mirrors. Thank you to Elliott at Gorleston Pavilion for making this such an engaging experience for the children!



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Dog Safety Assembly

We welcomed Paula from Blue Cross to explain to us all about being safe around dogs. We talked about being safe in the home, how to safely greet pets when you are out and about and what to do if a dog approached you.



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Nursery Stay and Play



Nursery had their stay'n'play on Valentines Day. We made printed heart patterns, practised our pouring and hand-eye co-ordination by playing in red glittery water, and of course, made beautiful Valentines cards. Thank you to all who attended.

This term, we have had lots of visitors to Nursery, including, Terry the Lollipop Man, Dr. Patel, Isabel, from the police and Henry's Grandma, who taught us all about Chinese New Year. Next term, we have lots more excited things planned too!



Rollesby Woodland

The School Council were invited to the Rollesby Community Woodland to plant our school oak tree. The children were extremely polite and we had a wonderful time hearing about all the trees and future plans. There will soon be a plaque placed by our tree so when you all go to visit you know which one is ours

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‘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
- 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:

Racing Rockets

Activity Card

Getting started

This is how you make your basic rocket shape.

Roll a strip of paper or card round a pencil (not too tightly) to make a tube.
Tape it in three places to keep it together, then take the pencil out.
Flatten one end of the tube, fold it over and secure it with tape.
Slide the tube onto a straw.
Blow your rocket across the room and see how far it goes. Don't blow too hard.

You've seen a poster on the noticeboard in town:

Director Windy Astralbody told us, "It's a tall order but we hope competitors will set their sights high and maybe even break some records. We are looking for really creative ideas. Who knows, one day the winners might get to fly into space in a real rocket."

A NEW ROCKET COMPETITION IS BEING LAUNCHED TODAY BY THE SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, 'RACING ROCKETS'.



The competition invites children to design and fly a rocket.

Test your ideas

How you can improve its flight?
Do you think fins will help?
Where is the best place to put them?
What shape should they be?
What about the size of the rocket?
Is card better than paper?
Does it help to put some weight in the rocket?
Try different rockets and choose the one that you think is best.

Your challenge

Can you design a rocket that will go the furthest? Building a proper rocket is difficult but you could investigate rocket shapes that might look something like this.

Share your ideas

Hold the 'Racing Rockets' competition. Each team needs to tell everyone else about their rocket design and then measure how far the rockets travel. Test each one three times. You could send your designs to Windy Astralbody and put the winning rockets on a podium.

Extra things to do

What other ways could you make a rocket? Find out what you can from books and the internet, then make and test some.
You could write a consumer report to compare and contrast rockets.
Several countries are trying to use rockets to travel into space. Can you find out more about them?

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



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Norwich Science Festival – The Forum, Norwich

The popular city event is back from February 17 to 24, over the half-term holiday, and it features a jam-packed programme of talks, shows, workshops and performances for all ages. There are more than 200 events, including a range of free activities, and tickets are on sale now at www.norwichsciencefestival.co.uk - you can also pick up a brochure at The Forum.



Attendance

Linnet Class 89.47%

Avocet Class 84.91%

Kingfisher Class 82.17%

Marsh Harrier class 92.13%

Total for the week **87.79%**

Our target for attendance is 96%



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Parents Evening 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 **Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February**. (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.



Clubs

Starting Monday 26th February until Wednesday 27th March 2024

Please note no Bushcraft on Mondays

Club	Day/time	Year groups	Run by	Cost
Music Club	Tuesday 3.15- 4.00pm	Y1-Y6	Mrs Woolnough	£5.00 per session paid half termly direct to Rollesby Primary School via bank transfer
Badminton Club	Tuesday 3.15- 4.30pm	Y3-Y6	Mr Murphy	£5.00 per session paid half termly direct to Mr Murphy via bank transfer. This Club is full add your name to the waiting list
Tennis Club	Wednesday 8.00- 8.50am	Y1-Y6	Mr Sawyer	£5.00 per session paid half termly direct to Mr Sawyer via bank transfer
Drama Club	Wednesday 3.15- 4.15pm	Y1-Y6	Mrs Dyball & Mr Wells	School run club no fee - This Club is full add your name to the waiting list
Gym Club	Thursday 8.00 8.50am	Y2-6 (KS2)	Mrs Bailey	5.00 per session paid half termly direct to Mrs Bailey via bank transfer/payment link

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Rollesby Dates –

Friday 16th February	Last Day of half term
Monday 26th February	Children return to school Marsh Harrier visit from the SAW Trust
Wednesday 28th February	Parents evening 1
Thursday 29th February	Parents evening 2
Wednesday 6th March	Science Fayre - pm
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – Pyjamas/onesies/hoodies/cosy clothes
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 27th March	Last Day of Spring term.
Monday 15th April	Children return to school for the summer term.
Thursday 25th April	Theatre Royal trip to see “The Boy at the Back of the Class”
Tuesday 7th May	Year 2 How Hill Residential 1 night
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SAT’s week SATs breakfast each morning – letter to follow
Friday 24th May	Ancient Greek Day – Avocet, Kingfisher and Marsh Harriers Reception children sports festival at Martham Last Day of half term
Monday 3rd June	Children back to school
Wednesday 12th June	Year 5/6 Norfolk Lakes Residential – 2 nights
Monday 17th June	Whole School Sports Afternoon
Monday 24th June	Year 3/4 Whitwell residential – 2 nights
Monday 1st July	Whole school Change over day
Friday 12th July	School Summer fete
Monday 15th July	Reports out to parents. Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills trip
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 19th July	End of summer term

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Rollesby Stars



Little Wrens

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Ibrahim**, for cheering us up with his infectious smile!*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Jake**, for always making sensible choices.*

Linnet

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Khloe** for amazing labelling of birds using her phonics sounds.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **William P** for wonderful descriptive oral sentences in English.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Jennifer** for wonderful sounding out to write bird names.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Crystal for trying hard with her finger spaces and letter formation.

Avocet

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Oliver** for his excellent pronunciation and use of vocabulary in French.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Amelia** for her excellent learning behaviours this week and for participating in lessons with enthusiasm.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Harry** for his fantastic effort with his reading comprehension quizzes this week.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Poppy M for her excellent presentation and handwriting.

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Kingfisher

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Isla** for making excellent progress in grammar.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Teddy C** for his super progress in reading. Well done Teddy!*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Ezra** for making super progress in all areas.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Teddy N for his beautiful biography presentation.

Marsh Harrier

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Henry M** for excellent maths explanations.*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Bella** for beautiful silk [painting skills].*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Isla H** for superb footballing skills!*

*A Star of the Week Award was presented to **Isla A-B** for amazing creativity when silk painting.*

This week's Presentation award was presented to Ruby for super effort with her presentation.

Rockstars of the Week!

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

3rd place: Ezra C (Linnets) 9,352 coins

2nd place: Lola K-S (Avocet) 9,903 coins

1st place: Joseph O (Linnets) 81,296 coins

Amazing results Rockstars!

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

