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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 1 July 2021

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 2 July	*TOMORROW* Feast on the field – whole school
W/c 5 July	KS2 Rossett's Got Talent Class Showcase
Fri 9 July	Year 6 Nell Bank Visit
W/c 12 July	Early Years and KS1 Rossett's Got Talent Class Showcase
Wed 14 July	Transition Day – Year 6 Harrogate Grammar School – Miss Dodgson's Class 1.30pm-2.45pm, Mr Marshall's class 3pm-4.15pm
Weds 14 to Thurs 15 July	CANCELLED - Transition Days – Rossett School. Virtual event to be arranged.
Thurs 15 July	Year 4 – Nell Bank Visit https://www.rossettacre.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/year-4-nell-bank-visit/
Thurs 15 July	CANCELLED - Transition Day – Year 6 St Aidan's Church of England School
Mon 19-Thurs 21 July	Sports Days – see information below Year 5 Mon 19 July AM, Year 6 Mon 19 July PM Year 1 & 2 Tues 20 July Year 3 & 4 Weds 21 July EYFS Fri 22 July
Fri 23 July	Close for Summer 2.20pm & 2.30pm.
Mon 26 July	Training Day - Children not in school

Hello everyone, I hope you've all had a good week.

There has been lots of fun going on in school this week; I have seen EYFS with the chickens outside, there has been target practice with the bow and arrows going on in Y3 PE lessons, Year 4 have been making canoes out of sticks, Y2 have been outside finding mini-beasts and Y6 today, have their day of sports and water splash! It is so lovely to hear the children's excitement and seeing lots of smiling faces.

Tomorrow, we look forward to our whole school 'Feast on the Field' – fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us!



YEAR 6

Just before lunch today, I went out onto the field to see how Y6 were getting on with their sporty day. They were playing cricket and rounders and looked to be having a super time – the sun was even shining for them. Here are some photos:



Year 2 have had a great time exploring habitats this week. Mrs Penhale joined Year 2 children whilst bug hunting and investigating plants in the school grounds. The children found lots of woodlice, spiders, millipedes, centipedes and even a red ant. They were also very knowledgeable about what plants grew in our area.



EYFS CHICKENS

The chickens continue to grow and are even trying to fly; there has been a lot of wing flapping and jumping going on. The EYFS children took the chickens outside with them several times this week to feel some warmth on their wings and to feel the grass beneath their feet – and they loved it; chickens and children! All the chickens now have names: we have Beymax, Tweety Small, Fast Yellow and Striped Ginger! At present, we still don't know what gender the chickens are – we are hoping for more girls than boys (or at least if we do have a rooster, we have a quiet one) as I don't think our surrounding neighbours will be happy about being woken up at the crack of dawn! Fortunately, Mr Middlemiss the farmer has agreed to provide a home on the farm for any roosters, however, at present the chickens only make squeaking noises. Phew!



EYFS have also been busy growing a whole host of vegetables and some flowers. Above is one of the giant alliums they have grown – how fabulous!

YEAR 4 CANOES

Our Year 4 children had lots of fun making canoes out of sticks. They look great!



THREE PEAKS – HELP US REACH OUR TARGET

This weekend, Miss Christie, Mrs Nimick, Mrs Shave, Miss Matthews and Miss Kirkwood will all be scaling the Three Peaks to raise money to provide more outdoor play provision and equipment for our Year 1 children. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you can spare a few pennies to sponsor the team, we would be very grateful. Additionally, Miss Christie informed me yesterday that she had promised the children that if we reach our £3,000 target that **she will paddle board down the River Nidd dressed as a dinosaur! (Or possibly Nessie the Loch Ness Monster; a nod to Miss Christie's Scottish roots)**

This I have to see! You can donate using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peaksandpizzaforplay>

CREATIVE ARTS

Last week, Year 6 enjoyed exploring a range of the creative arts. They studied the sea poems of John Masefield and James Reeves in addition to looking at seascapes painted by JW Turner. The children listened to Vivaldi's classical piece entitled 'Storm' and identified the mood and emotions depicted by the piece. They also practised colour mixing to create a varied palette to represent the different elements of a storm. The children wrote their own storm poetry, thinking carefully about the use of metaphor, personification and simile. They then used their artistic talents to create their own water colour paintings of a stormy sea. The teachers were very impressed with the work produced and the children enjoyed their creative week.

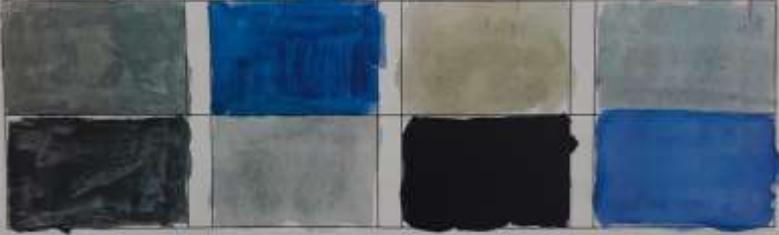
Thursday June 24th

WALT: use colour to represent music and poetry

The musical instruments I could hear were string instruments such as violins and cellos.

The emotions I could identify in the piece were anger, fear, panic, cha^{nce} and finally, at the end of the piece, calm.

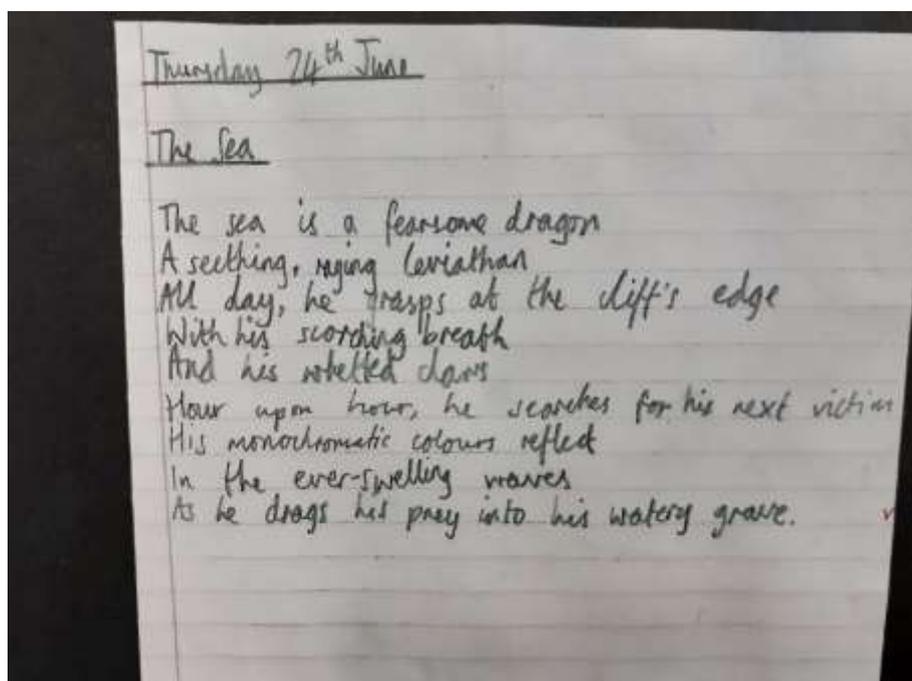
The music depicted a storm when the notes became quieter and not ~~panicky~~ ~~panicky~~ panicky. Also, when the notes became higher it seemed more chaotic and when it was lower it seemed more melancholy.



The colours I have chosen to suit the mood of the music are an assortment of blues, greys, blacks and even ~~beige~~ ^{beige} and purple. I think these will help create a 'bruised' sky and sea.

I have chosen a mix of greys to represent a ~~sto~~ stormy sky and blues to represent different tones of sea.

My poem depicted the ^{sea} sea as a fearsome dragon and this fits with ~~my~~ my colour palette because I have said that it has monochromatic colours and I have used a lot of greys and blacks.



PRIDE MONTH

The children in Year 6 have marked Pride Month by reading a range of picture books such as *Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate and *Stonewall: A Building, An Uprising, A Revolution* by Rob Sanders. They have also learned about Anne Lister, a landowner and businesswoman who lived in Georgian Halifax. Some of you may be familiar with her story if you have watched the television series, *Gentleman Jack*. The children discovered how Anne Lister was treated at the time and how she wrote an account of her life using a secret code. The children enjoyed deciphering Anne's code as well as creating their own secret codes and messages. Following their earlier work on Alan Turing, our Year 6 children carried out research focussing on a range of other scientists with diverse backgrounds. The staff involved were very impressed with the children's maturity and respect when discussing the issues raised as part of Pride Month.

VIRTUAL SUMMER CONCERT

Unfortunately, with the continuing uncertainty over the relaxing of Covid rules we sadly cannot be together to enjoy our usual end of term Summer Concert. However, there has continued to be some fantastic music making happening, so we really want to celebrate this. We are looking for soloists who can record themselves singing or playing a tune on their instrument. We will then collate all the videos and send out the Virtual Summer Concert before the end of term. All standards of musician are welcome to record themselves playing.

All video recordings must be sent to Lesley Stott at StottL@rap.rkit.co.uk by Friday 16th July and by doing so you are giving permission for your child to be featured on Class Dojo and our YouTube channel. Any questions ask Mrs Stott by emailing StottL@rap.rkit.co.uk

FOREST SCHOOL

As you may know we are planning on becoming a Forest School. Children in all year groups will have the opportunity to enjoy the Forest School throughout the year. In order to get the school up and running, we require various items. Details of which are on the list attached. If you have any large items, please contact us first before dropping them off. Many thanks for your support.

COVID-19

Cases of Covid-19 are rising in Harrogate. Please remember that it is absolutely essential that **no-one** visits the school site if they have Covid-19 symptoms and children must not come to school if they are showing symptoms.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms, they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test. **Whilst the family member and/or the child is awaiting the test results, they must continue to isolate and not come into school.**

If parents/families are using LFD tests at home, and receive a positive result, they should immediately isolate and book a PCR confirmatory test. This must be within 48hrs. Close contacts and family members you live with should isolate until you either receive a negative test result or if a positive result, the period of isolation is over.

Should your child test positive for Covid-19, please let us know by using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QdSTWK9uvEaTiKxY5-f2oF8PqelaoV9AsvDEGb4UojFUNFJUOEdBWTIKMkhYQjZKMTIGRDIDSTE1Ui4u>

If your child needs to self-isolate as another family member has the virus or they have been in close contact with someone who has the virus, please let us know via the office email: office@rap.rklt.co.uk

NEW DELTA VARIANT

Although there appears to be no current plans to update or change the list of symptoms for identifying Covid-19, it has been highlighted by the Zoe Covid Symptom Study (Global study of Covid-19) that the Delta variant common symptoms are a headache, sore throat and runny nose. Public Health England colleagues are encouraging anyone who suspects they may have Covid-19 due to displaying any of these symptoms to get a test.



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You could be a governor! Red Kite Learning Trust are looking for new governors from all walks of life to serve our 13 schools in Leeds and Harrogate. It's such a rewarding role and you don't need to be an education expert at all. Take a look at what's involved here [Become a School Governor with the Red Kite Learning Trust | Red Kite Learning Trust \(rkt.co.uk\)](#) and hear from some of our brilliant governors here... <https://lnkd.in/d5CVCZW>. Please share! [#education](#) [#governors](#) [#volunteering](#) [#multiacademytrust](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Just For Fun Theatre Group

Please find attached a poster advertising a new drama group taking place at Oatlands Community Centre, on Thursday nights starting in September. Contact details are on the poster.

Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity

HHCC are holding a Summer BBQ event on Sunday 29 August between 10.30am and 4pm at Harrogate Railway Athletic FC, Station View, Harrogate. Tickets are £13 per adult (aged 14 and over), children over the age of 3 are £4. Ticket includes entry, live entertainment, drink on arrival, food from BBQ, strawberries and cream. Proceeds go towards making life changing differences to staff, service users, patients and their families across Harrogate District Foundation Trust. Tickets available from: <https://hhcc.co.uk/hhcc-summer-bbq-2021/>

Charity Eats

There is a new local start-up company that has developed a food ordering platform that allows users to donate 10% of their order value to their chosen school or charity for free. The concept works on the basis that parents proactively engage with Charity Eats knowing that when they order their next takeaway, they're also raising additional donations for the school.

They are planning on conducting some street level promotion of Charity Eats outside school tomorrow and Friday 9 July. They are independent to school and will adhere to social distancing. Their promotional staff will be visible wearing branded Charity Eats t-shirts/jumpers and are planning on distributing some leaflets to parents at pick up time. The idea is to boost awareness of their App as a new way for parents to donate to the school.

Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!



Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/north-yorkshire-libraries-32465924701> (see attached flyer for event details)

Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', is enclosed in a light purple rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher