



RLI News

11th March 2022

Another action packed week here at Race Leys. We are now using "The Write Stuff" a writing scheme designed by Jane Considine to support our writing in KS1, the children in Reception are also beginning to use this to support their writing. The Write Stuff gives the children the tools to generate ideas for their writing and allows the children to extend their ideas and produce high quality, vocabulary rich pieces of writing- we are really looking forward to seeing the impact of this.

Hindu Festival- Holi

On Monday 21st March we will be celebrating the Hindu Festival of Holi (the festival of colour, love and spring) by having a non-uniform day with a bright coloured theme.

Phonics Meetings

Next week, Mrs Gurr is holding meetings for the parents of children in Year 1 to talk about phonics and the phonics screen check that takes place in June for all children in Year 1.

Monday 14th March at 2:40 Heron Class Parents

Friday 18th March at 2:40 Moorhen Class Parents

The meetings will take place in the hall with chairs spaced out and the windows open. If you would like to wear a face mask to attend the meeting you are more than welcome.

Please do not attend if you have any covid-19 symptoms.

Any questions please contact Mrs Gurr:

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Young Carers Day

On Wednesday March 16th it is Young Carers Day. In 2018 the Young Carers at Race Leys created a book with Mrs Johnson, this will be shared in classrooms on Wednesday. The children who are young carers will also spend some time with Mrs Johnson on that day.

School Lunches

The new menu launched in school this week which has meant that school has been full of delicious smells as the new food is being cooked. My new favourite is the Quorn dippers! Remember every child is entitled to free school lunches at Race Leys Infant School.

Attendance awards

This week SAM is going to Gosling Class and OTIS is going to Gosling Class!

Remember:

SAM (School Attendance Matters)

OTIS (On Time In School)

Comic Relief- Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March we will be supporting Comic Relief by having a non-uniform day with any donations made going to the charity.

In the afternoon we are going to have time to focus on Well-Being, Kindness and Mindfulness. Our focus is to look at all of the positive things that we can do to make each other's lives happier.

If you would like to continue this at home, take some time together to do a relaxing activity like colouring, Lego, yoga or a nice walk.

Remember to take care of yourselves as well.

We are here for you

The world is full of stress and negativity, if you need someone to talk to please remember that myself and the team are here for you, in particular, Mrs Johnson who like myself is Mental Health First Aid trained.

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Beautiful Singing

On Thursday 10th March, our Student Teacher, Mr Lidbetter led Singing Assembly with his guitar and the children were singing beautifully and it was so lovely to hear!

Celebrating our Learning

Below is some examples of how we are using The Write Stuff in school. The children have adapted to this new way of generating ideas really well and have been working really hard.



Appearance	Texture	Smell
Shiny	Crunchy	delicious
Smooth	hard	strong
bumpy	Soft	fruity
Web	Creamy	juicy
Watery	damp	
Squishy	Squishy	
hard	juicy	
Crumbly		
Teasy		



Absence Reporting

When reporting your child absent from school, please don't report them as "unwell", we need to know what is wrong with them so that we can update our records. Please report all absences via the school office.

Proposed Changes to the school Day

This week I sent out a letter outlining some proposed changes to the school day. Thank you to the parents who have sent me emails with their views, both for and against the changes all feedback is gratefully received. If you haven't seen the letter please check parent mail or contact the school office.

PE Days

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to wear their school jumper on PE days and remembering to remove earrings. Just a reminder that the children should not be wearing jewellery to school on any days, we have seen an increase across the school particularly necklaces.

Enhancing Learning in Year 1

Next week the Year 1 children are having the Freshwater Drama Company working with them at **no cost** to families, as school are covering the cost, to enhance their Great Fire of London learning. Make sure to speak to the children about what they have been learning, it will be very exciting!

Volunteers

We are still looking out for volunteers that can spare some time each week to listen to the children read. Reading is so important and the more children read the more confident and fluent they become. Reading allows the children to access so much more information. If you, or a family member could spare some time to come into school to support with this please contact the school office and they will give you a volunteer application pack and ask you to complete a DBS check, when this is complete you are then able to come into school to work with the children.

Talking about Reading

Do you enjoy Reading? Do you talk about Reading at home? Do you have a favourite author?

As adults, we are the best role models for the children in terms of Reading and promoting reading for pleasure. Talk to your child about books that they enjoy and tell them about books that you enjoy and what you enjoyed reading when you were at school. The more we talk about reading, share stories and promote the love of reading the more the children will feel the same.

We are not expecting volunteers to make notes or review the children's reading, we just want you to listen to the reading and talk to the children about what they are reading, and every minute of support makes a huge difference to the children.

Volunteering is a great addition to your CV and reading with the children is very rewarding. We look forward to hearing from you.

Celebrating Birthdays in School

I know lots of parents and children like to celebrate birthdays by giving out sweets to the children in the class. In school we now have increasing numbers of children with allergies and dietary requirements. Therefore we are going to ask that we no longer share sweets for birthdays. Instead, if you would like your child to share something special with their class for their birthday, we are suggesting that they donate a book to their class. On their birthday they will get to sit on the teachers chair whilst their birthday book is shared with the class and a special sticker will then be put in the cover of the book at it will join the class book corner.

Books that have been shared in assembly

Over the past few weeks the children have listened to some really good stories in assembly. We love sharing books in school and talking about what has happened in the book and how we could act in that situation. If you haven't read these books before, you may be able to get them from the local library to share at home and read again.

