



RLI News

9th June 2023

What a wonderful first week back to our final half term this year.

This half term always feels like a busy one in school. We have children working incredibly hard, continuing to show great progress in their learning, staff are preparing wonderful learning opportunities to help to create lasting memories and we all are working on plans for the following academic year.

On Friday of this week, the wonderful children in Heron class invited me to 'Take a Minute' with them. Each day our classes stop to 'take a minute' with each other and I was thrilled to be asked to join them. In this time our children, and grown ups, practice being mindful of themselves and of others. It was in this minute with Heron class that I began to reflect on just how far our little people have come so far this year. Whether these journeys have been huge and significant or just small changes—we have seen tremendous growth and progress within our little people and we are all incredibly proud.

We have loved sharing these accomplishments with you all this year; from year 2 children earning their pen licenses, Reception children settling and thriving in school, lightbulb moments in the year 1 classrooms where children piece together parts of their learning to tackle a problem.

I'd like to use this week's newsletter to stop and take a minute to reflect on the changes of this year and to thank you all for your continued support in helping us all learn together and reach for the stars.

Just a few little memories from the beginning of this wonderful academic year.



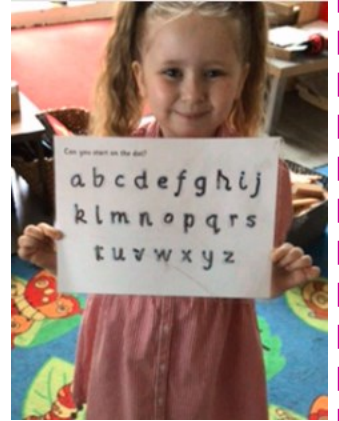


Reception

Children in Reception this year have begun their new learning all about being on holiday or at the seaside.

Two mysterious lighthouses appeared in the classrooms this week and the children have loved reading the story **The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch**. They have also been working hard on writing with pride this week with a focus on letter formation. Our children have also been trying hard to understand this half term's Value of **Teamwork**.

Great job EYFS!



The whole of the Cygnet team are super proud of our friend this week. He made his way down to the lunch hall for the first time this week to eat his pizza dinner.

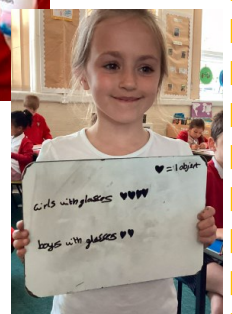


Year 2

The children have had a fizzing start to their half term as they begin to look at some of the stories of Roald Dahl. This week the children have been enjoying **George's Marvellous Medicine**. On Friday the children explored making non-edible, 'magic potions'. They had to think about their senses when creating these and had a lot of fun making a lot of messy concoctions.



Children in Goose class have also worked hard in Maths this week—exploring and creating their own pictograms.



Year 1

I cannot begin to explain how busy Year 1 have been this week. They were visited by the giant space dome, been working hard on big numbers in maths and working on this half term's value—**Teamwork**. In Science they have been exploring similarities and differences between each other.



Parking / Driving

Please can we remind all parents that we ask that Hurst Road isn't driven down or parked on at the beginning and end of the school day. We also ask that you be considerate to our neighbours at these busy times of the day. If you need to drive to/from school we have an agreement with the Collycroft Club to use their car park at school drop off and collection times.

Dates for your Diary

June

12th June—Year 1&2 Phonics Screening Week Begins
14th June—Library Visit - Heron Class
15th June—Pre-Pedal Sessions for Reception begin this week
21st June—Library Visit—Moorhen Class
26th June—Future Year 3 Open Evening at Race Leys Junior School
28th June—Reception visiting library
29th June—Year 2 Sports Event

July

3rd July—Health and Wellbeing Week
5th July—Transition Day (Info to follow)
7th July—Sports Day
14th July—GB Gymnast will visit school
17th July—End of Year Reports will come home
21st July—Last Day of the Year
24th & 25th July—INSET DAYS

PE Days

Reception—Tuesday and **Thursday**
This has changed for the Summer 2nd Half Term for Reception
Year 1—Wednesday and Friday
Year 2—Monday and Thursday
Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Can we please ask that the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans on PE Days.



Phonics Screening—Year 1 and 2

During the week beginning 12th June our Year 1 children and some of our Year 2 learners will be taking their Phonics Screening Checks in school. Please can you help by practicing reading—using 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Say the Word'.
<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/soundSayer/>
Please also practice the sounds using the Virtual Classroom links sent weekly.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Can we please remind all parent that the children need to have healthy options in the school lunchboxes and whilst the weather is warming up, all children will need a named water bottle in school.

Attendance

We are working hard to ensure the children have the best possible experiences within school so that the children are able to reach their full potential.

Each week the classes can be awarded **SAM** (School Attendance Matters) or **OTIS** (On Time In School).

We can fully understand the pressures for families and the desire to take time off for holidays, we ask that families work with us to improve the attendance of children in our school. If your child is not going to be in school please call the school office to let us know on 02476 312221. If you need to request a Leave of Absence please collect a form from the school office.

The attendance for this week in school is 95.9%.

We are aiming for a target of 96%.

This is the strongest our attendance has been for a long time—let's keep it up!



SAM goes to **Swan** Class



OTIS goes to **Goose** Class

Educaterers Lunch Menu Week 2

Geometry and Knowledge: 2023, 108, 2026, 1206, 307 and 2497
 Lab Mathematics: 2025, 118, 2026, 1206, 307
 Order/Order: 2023, 319, 2025, 1206, 307 and 2497

Meat Free Monday



(vg) Quorn Dippers G.



(v) Mac 'n' Cheese G.D.



(v) Cheese/Beans D.



(v) Cheddar Cheese G.D.

Jacket Potatoes Every Day

Week 2 Dessert Menu

Every day we offer:
 (v) Yogurt, (D)
 or fresh fruit as alternative dessert options

Monday

Chocolate Mousse with Fruit D.

(vg) Homemade Cherry Cookie G.S.U.

Tuesday

(vg) Homemade Chocolate Shortbread G.

Wednesday

(vg) Homemade Jam Tart G.

(v) Ice Cream Tub D.

Thursday

(v) Homemade 'School Favourite' Sprinkles

Sponge Cake G.E.

Friday

Jelly with Fruit

(v) Ice Cream Tub D.



Roast Gammion Steak



(vg) Quorn Roast G.



Tuna Mayo/Onion F.E.



British Roast Chicken G.

Thursday



Beef Grill G. SB. in a Bun G.



(vg) Veggie Burger in a Bun G.



British Ham G.

Friday



Breaded Fish Fillet F.



(v) Tomato Pasta Bake D.G.



(v) Cheddar Cheese G.D.

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unlimited chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit.

Accompaniments may vary to those shown.

PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a deli bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink.

Key

vg = vegan
 V = vegetarian
 D = Dairy
 N = Coconut/Nuts
 S = Sesame
 E = Egg

G = Gluten/Wheat
 F = Fish
 M = Mustard
 SB = Soy
 SU = Sulphites

Allergies

Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.



Save the Date

Year 2 Transition Evening 26TH JUNE 5PM-6PM

We are excited to announce that we plan to continue our proud tradition of hosting an opening evening for our year 2 families who will be joining us in September. This evening is a crucial part of transition where you will be given the opportunity to learn more about our school. We also have some special treats prepared for the children.

To book a place on the transition evening, please contact our admin team,
admin2615@we-learn.com
02476 490644



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SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS



My name is Mrs Austin and I lead the sports curriculum here at Race Leys Junior School. My aim is to deliver an outstanding PE curriculum which teaches our Griffins the fundamental skills of sports. We teach many exciting sports here such as: hockey, football, tag rugby and lacrosse. We also ensure all children can swim 25 metres using an onsite pop-up swimming pool. Our trained lifeguard and swimming coach teach this fundamental life skill at no cost to our families.

Our Griffins are encouraged to participate in a range of diverse and inclusive co-curricular clubs. We offer a termly change in clubs which ranges from Pokemon and dance to Spanish to name but a few. We also pride ourselves on the fact that we offer these clubs free of charge to our families.

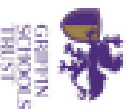




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OUR SEND AND PASTORAL TEAM

We pride ourselves here at Race Leys Junior School for having an inclusive setting which meets the needs of all children.

Miss Foster is our SENCO who works closely with our Griffins to ensure they achieve the best outcomes whilst also working with our families to give them the opportunity to be very much a part of their child's journey here at Race Leys. Please check out our website to find out more about what provision we provide to support our SEND children.

Fundamentally, our pastoral team is at the heart of our daily diet. They play a pivotal role in attendance, supporting our families and liaising with outside agencies. Our Griffins know that they always have a friendly, and caring person to talk too and that they always feel heard.

They cannot wait to meet you all!



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OUR DEPUTY HEAD MR BEVAN



Hello future Griffins!

My name is Mr Bevan and I am the Deputy Head at Race Leys Junior School. This involves lots of different things but my main role in school is to support our griffins with their behaviour choices and make sure that everyone is doing their best to show our school values.

To help with this, we will reward you with track-it points for doing the right thing. Once you have enough points, you can spend them on smaller rewards like wearing non uniform for the day or having a McDonalds for lunch, to bigger rewards such as a trip to bowling or soft play!

However, perhaps my favourite part of my role is that I get to work with our Junior Leadership Team, which you will have a chance to become a part of. This involves meeting with a griffin from each class that has been chosen to represent them to discuss ideas about how we can improve our school. This has helped us make some amazing changes like installing bike racks for griffins who want to cycle and scoot to school, to renaming our house teams with suggestions chosen by our JLT.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all soon and welcoming you to our family in September.