

# Newsletter

January 2022

Dear all,

Happy New Year! It's been a positive start to the school year, even though we have had some difficult times with an increased proportion of covid cases in January. Can I thank everyone in the school community for their support, particularly with the changing rules and regulations as well as for your understanding in the event of having to close a class. It is most important to us to keep children in school and happily learning as much as possible. And speaking about learning—I am very excited by our new 'learner of the day' initiative (more information overleaf). Today a Y4 child told me "I am learner of the day because I have aced all my maths challenges and I can explain the strategies I have used." Fantastic!

Mrs Pye, Headteacher

# Diary Dates

**Tuesday 8th February** - 3B trip to Leighton Moss

**Thursday 10th February -** 3R trip to Leighton Moss

Friday 11th February - School Closes

Monday 21st February – INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd February—School Re-Opens

**Wednesday 23rd February**– 5A trip to Sunderland Point

Friday 25th February – 5G trip to Sunderland Point

## **Parents Evening**

Parents' Evening phone calls will be happening week commencing Monday 7th February. Days per class are to be confirmed, but we will send out all the information you need via the App.

#### **DT Week**

School was buzzing (quite literally in some cases where motors have been used!) on the last week of term, as we all took part in a very exciting and engaging D.T. skills week all across school. From nursery to Y6, children have been practising skills that they will be using later on in the year. This will provide them with the opportunity to really innovate and create solutions to problems in new and exciting ways.

Children practised a range of skills designed to increase their knowledge base in the realms of mechanical systems, textiles, cooking and nutrition, electrical systems and structures - and all with a Christmas theme!!

We are now all fully aware what Santa's favourite kind of toast would be, how to create the strongest chair for him to sit on, as well as creating a team of cheeky reindeers, complete with nodding heads, wagging tails and even a few really cheeky reindeers who could poke out their tongues!!

The children all worked incredibly hard and as a result, many will be bringing some amazing inventions home - as well as a whole new set of skills that they will continue to develop for the rest of their lives!

## **Our Community and People**

The children in EYFS have been learning about Our Community and People who help us. We have been to visit the post office and John Kay court. We have had a visit from the fire brigade and the local PCSO Marion, the lollipop lady is visiting soon and we are also having a visit from a doctor.

The children have loved learning about the roles people do to help us in our community.





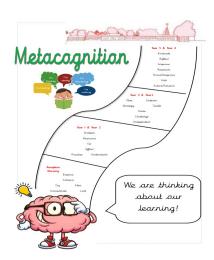
#### **Year 3 Mural**

Last half term Year Three were learning all about our local area, including a visit to Eric Morecambe's statue on Morecambe Promenade! We then created our own collage mural of Morecambe Promenade, which has been featured on the Morecambe Visitor Centre's Facebook page!



### Learner of the Day initiative

Our children at Ryelands always try their hardest and have excellent attitudes to learning. To help them on their journey to becoming self-sufficient learners of the future, we will be talking about learning and how we can improve our understanding of how we learn with the children. If your child comes homes with a 'Learner of the Day' certificate, please ask them why they have been chosen. These conversations at home and school will help their confidence and independence. Thank you for your support.



Ask me why I am Learner of the Day! Presented to



#### The Queen's Jubiliee

On Friday 17th January the school received a visit from the Deputy Lieutenant who talked to the children about the Royal family and this year's Platinum Jubilee in June. He asked the children to think about how they would like to celebrate the Jubilee...watch this space for their party plans!



### Clean it up!!

All our children are concerned with keeping our school grounds clean, safe and tidy. It's OUR school and it's a special place for all of us to enjoy and share. Sadly there have been a number of complaints over the last few weeks about dogs fouling which has caused the local Environmental Enforcement Officer to also pay us a visit.

If you are walking your dog to and from school, please respect the rules.

