

Diary Dates

- School Closes - Friday 21st October 2022
 - Secondary School Application deadline - Monday 31st October
 - School Re-Opens - Tuesday 1st November 2022
 - Year 5 Bikeability - Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th November
 - Year 3 & 4 trip to the Cinema - Thursday 10th November
 - Year 5 & 6 trip to the cinema - Tuesday 15th November
 - Year 1 & 2 trip to the Cinema - Thursday 17th November
- (More details will follow after half term about the cinema trips)

Dear all,

It has been a wonderfully successful first half term here at Ryelands and I am delighted with how all the children have transitioned into their new classes and have stepped up to their learning. I am particularly happy to see how our new reception and nursery children are enjoying their time in school. There is a fabulous atmosphere and lots for our children to get excited about, from our youngest in nursery to our oldest in Year 6.

Each year we set school targets for improvement and one of our main priorities of the year is **READING**. We have always encouraged children to read **every night** but this is one habit that for some reason has **changed** with the pandemic. So we are hoping to get back to all children **every night** and loving it! We will be promoting the joy of stories, books and reading in many different ways over the year. This half term we had the great pleasure of bringing the Story Den into the school grounds. It was a magical story-telling experience for all the children involved– I do hope they came home with a story for you!

Have an enjoyable half term,
Mrs Pye



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder to all Year 6 parents , the application deadline for secondary schools is **31st October 2022**.

THE SECRET GARDENER

A massive thank you to the secret gardener that has done an amazing job clearing the ginnel at the side of our nursery building.

We don't want to give the identity away but we wanted to recognise the hard work and effort and show our appreciation.



COMMEMORATIVE ASSEMBLY

We have had a gorgeous and commemorative assembly this afternoon. Each class wrote a message which they tied on- to the Queen's Tree.

The messages were poignant and moving.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO CLITHEROE CASTLE

As part of their Anglo-Saxon History Topic, year 4 visited Clitheroe Castle on Thursday 6th October 2022 to learn about the events of 1066AD.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 would like to say how impressed we are with how well our children have settled into life in Year 6. They are enjoying freshly painted classrooms with new furniture and the children are taking ownership of their environment.

They are making the most of every opportunity and it was lovely to see the children dressed up for Greek Day. The children enjoyed making a Greek salad and Tzatziki. They have asked that we share the ingredients with you so that you can all make it too.

It was mouth-watering!

Mrs Reddy and Mrs Sanders would love to hear or see pictures of what Greek food you've been making.

Ingredients:

4 tomatoes, cut into irregular wedges

1 cucumber, peeled, deseeded, then roughly chopped

½ a red onion thinly sliced

16 olives (optional)

85g feta cheese, cut into chunks

4 tbsp olive oil



YEAR 2 WALK TO BARLEY COP WOODS

This term, year 2 are doing their born survivor topic and have been learning about different explorers.

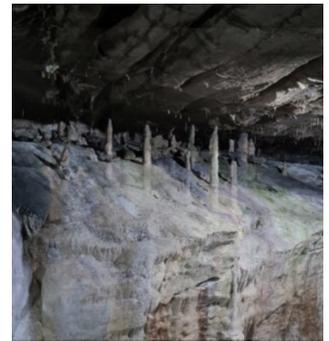
On Tuesday, the children put on their explorer outfits and went on an expedition to Barley Cop Woods. They enjoyed exploring the natural environment and found some interesting things including wooden creatures, a variety of coloured leaves, a huge tree and a bug hotel.



Harrison said, "I had a super nice walk and I like being an explorer!"

YEAR 3 TRIP TO INGLEBOROUGH CAVES

Year 3 were lucky enough to visit Ingleborough Caves recently as part of their Stone Age History and Rocks and Soils Science Learning. It's fair to say that one class certainly enjoyed fairer weather than the other, but both classes had a fantastic time learning about stalagmites and stalactites, as well as experiencing what life might be like living in a cave.



THE BEAT GOES ON—JUNK PERCUSSION

Children in Rec through to Y3 were very lucky to take part in a musical workshop with Beat Goes On. There were body percussion sessions, junk percussion sessions outside and samba drumming too. The children in Year 1 & 2 learnt how to make music with pieces of junk, that would normally be thrown away. They experimented with making



sounds and rhythms with broomsticks, old saucepans, cable drums, buckets and even flip flops!

YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Girls took part in the Football Tournament at OLLC on 3rd October. Most of the girls had never played a match before so they showed great resilience and sportsmanship. They never gave up and we saw some great skills. These girls will become a great team and build in confidence as time goes on.

The training sessions are going very well. Miss Whitehead is very proud of them.

