

Dear all,

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire earlier this term. There were many wonderful and useful comments. Your suggestions are being considered and improvements will be reported back to you. Currently we are trialling a pre-order dinner service—I'll feedback more on school dinners in the next newsletter.

There has been some fabulous learning going on over the term and many proud moments, from our Reception children riding a bike for the first time to our Y5 and Y6 children learning new skills at the 'Ryelands University'. Friday afternoons have become my favourite time of the week—spending time with my amazing sewing group followed by whole school singing in the hall with Sam from the Lancaster Priory.

Ryelands is just the best place to be! I look forward to seeing our families in school over the Christmas period.

Mrs Pye

ATTENDANCE

Every school is being asked to improve attendance following the pandemic. Whilst recognising that children may be absent due to illness, particularly during the winter months, we are keen to work with children and families to get our attendance figures back to where they used to be, above 95%.

Congratulations to **5G** for the highest attendance in November with 96%

BOOK SWAP

Do you know about our brilliant Book Swap? Found in our lovely library, all children are welcome to come along and swap books of their own! There are lots of fabulous picture books, as well as novels and non-fiction texts.



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DIARY DATES

Please see our separate Christmas Diary dates for the Christmas events running in December.

School Closes: Friday 16th December

School re-opens: Wednesday 4th January 2023

What have we been learning

Year 3

This half term most of our learning is based around our locality. In English, we study biographies and then we focus on learning about Eric Morecambe. In Geography, we map our school grounds carefully, before developing our mapping skills to the wider UK area. We also compare our locality to an area of Wales. We are lucky enough to go on a field trip to Morecambe searching for Mr *Sunshine* himself (Eric Morecambe), thinking carefully about the human and physical features of Geography on our way. In Art, we are learning the skill of collage, and then we will create a corridor mural of Morecambe promenade.

Year 6

We had a wonderful time watching The Railway Children Returns at the Vue cinema. We then visited the



Evacuees Exhibition at Windermere Library. Children have been looking at empathy as part of our value this half term and they've really empathised with the children of WW2 as well as the parents and hosts of families.

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed their Ancient Egypt topic and have done some tremendous work—writing, art as well as history. Mr Kearns has greatly enjoyed his time teaching 5G. Ms Garlick is coming back from maternity in January so we will be saying our goodbyes to Mr Kearns. We wish him all the best in his future teaching career!

RYELANDS UNIVERSITY

This half term we have started a new initiative called 'Ryelands University for Life'. Children choose from a range of courses that they join for the half term and learn skills they can use in the future. Year 5 and Year 6 have started their Ryelands University for Life journey and all children in Years 1-6 will get a chance to participate over the year. This term we have had: cooking, sewing, cycling, languages, gardening and many more.

If you think you would like to help us out on a Friday afternoon at Ryelands University for Life please contact Mrs Sanders. We would love to have the support of our community.









3R VISIT TO ST. CHAD'S BY AMBER AND AMELIA

On Tuesday, we went to see Rev. Caitlin. She showed us the organ. The organ is very, very loud. We asked her questions. I asked her 'When do you finish work at night?' She said about 9 o'clock. She was wearing a black robe.

We asked Rev. Caitlin questions about her job. She said she does weddings, Christenings and funerals. She talks about Jesus to lots of people.



Photograph by Leo

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Representatives from Years 5 and 6 recently attended Pupil Parliament at Lancaster Town Hall. During the morning, they worked alongside other school council members to create a poster about protecting the Earth and then in the afternoon they sang songs to raise awareness about the global situation. The children were fantastic and we are very proud of them.





SPORTS NEWS



FOOTBALL On 29th November, the Y5 and Y6 Boys Football team went to play in a tournament run by Morecambe FC. There were 32 teams involved and our boys did themselves and Ryelands proud. They went through the league games conceding only two goals and winning 6 of their 7 games. They narrowly missed out on the semi finals with an incredibly tense penalty shootout. *Congratulations on the great teamwork and success!*

CYCLING At the beginning of this half term the Y5 children took part in Bike-ability training and safe cycling on the road. Almost every child took part and they all passed! At the end of this half term the Reception children have had the fantastic opportunity to learn to ride a bike. It has been an absolute joy to see them balance and take off riding for the very first time. *Fabulous!*

