

Diary Dates

Friday 19th November- Children in Need

Dear all,

October has been a very special month in school, particularly because we were chosen to plant the Queen's Tree! Whilst this extra-special tree was gifted to us directly from the Queen, the Queen's Green Canopy have been working with the Woodland Trust to plant trees all over the UK to tackle climate change in a natural and sustainable way. We are due to receive 400 tree saplings in the Spring. We intend to plant a woodland walk from the Queen's Tree to the orchard at the back of the school field so that the children can interact directly with nature during their play and learning.

Happy Retirement Mrs B

Over her 20 years at Ryelands, Mrs Burgmans has been an incredible member of staff, loved by everyone! Many children (now grown up) will remember her for her gardening as well as her kindness. Over her time at Ryelands Mrs B has developed the school grounds, winning many awards along the way. We would like her to be involved in planting the new woodland walk in the Spring, which we will name in her honour!
Mrs Pye

Ceramic Workshop

Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity to go to Morecambe Bay Academy to work with Miss Simpson, their ceramics' teacher. The children used clay, a variety of tools and techniques to create their own Anglo-Saxon helmets. These will be fired in the kiln to harden the clay and turn it into pottery, then the children will paint them back at Ryelands.



Year 5 Light Up Lancaster

Year 5 have been enjoying a wonderful opportunity to visit the Trowbarrow Nature Reserve and work with artists to create The Wym of Trowbarrow (a mythical creature who lives in the reserve). Incredibly, this artwork is going to be one of the art installations at this year's Light Up Lancaster festival!

The Wym and our incredible Year 5 children are going to be on parade on Friday 5th November at 5pm in St. Nicholas Arcade (outside the front of Boots). We would love for all of our Ryelands families to attend the festival and enjoy the parade. Light up Lancaster takes place within walking distance in the city centre. It's a magical, fantastical, and free event which is fun for all of the family!



Year 5 look forward to seeing you there!



Reception Bike Ability

The Bikeability sessions in Reception were a real success, with several children now able to ride/ peddle bikes! It really has been a privilege to witness such a special milestone for our Reception children. We aim to keep the momentum going with the balance bikes we have in school.

We are hoping to have Bikeability back in the summer to give children the opportunity to progress even further!



'Eco Club'

Mrs Barker is running an 'Eco Club' at lunchtimes. She has been thrilled with the attendance so far: over 70 children have been involved from Y3 to Y6! Although they did a fabulous job collecting this litter, we wish that there hadn't been so much of it. Lots of the litter is not actually from school, but it blows on from the surrounding area. The children would kindly ask that all of our community try hard to be responsible for our environment.



Planting of the Queens Tree

What an exciting and special day we had in school on Thursday 14th October! Ryelands Primary and Nursery School were chosen to receive a 'Queen's Green Canopy Celebration Tree' to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Seventy celebration trees have been gifted from the Queen and planted across the UK. For Ryelands to have been chosen is extra special! Lord Shuttleworth presented the tree to the school on behalf of the Queen and there were many other special visitors in attendance too. All the children from Years 1 to 6 were involved in the ceremony as well as the newly elected School Council and their parents. All visitors were very impressed with our school and had a wonderful time with us. The 'Queen's Tree' (a field maple) looks magnificent in the school grounds with its protective cage and commemorative plaque. Thank you to our school community for making history and for making extra special Ryelands memories.



History Week!

Year 1

Year 1 had a super trip to the Judges' Lodging as part of History Week. They have been finding out about the History of Toys and they went to look at the amazing collection of toys throughout the ages at the Judges' Lodgings. They had the opportunity to play with lots of different toys from the past, including Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder and skittles. The children were also able to become historians and handle different historical artefacts, with their special gloves! They had to decide whether the toys were old or new. It was a fantastic trip, and the children were all very good historians!

Year 2

Year 2 went to Judges Lodgings for our History trip. We were transported back in time to work in the kitchens. The children enjoyed polishing and setting the table for the Judge and followed the rules "Silent of tongue, swift of hand and soft of tread." We also explored a real cottage and found out all about how people slept on straw mattresses on ropes and washed their clothes by hand. The children were surprised to find out they did not have taps or fridges in their homes and that candles were made from animal fat. It was a great trip!

Year 3



The children in Year 3 learnt how to be archaeologists on their trip to the City Museum. They asked questions and studied artefacts to find evidence to understand how people lived in the past. They dug for objects and studied them carefully before placing them on a timeline and even examined a burial scene with a skeleton!



Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing time at the Maritime Museum. They were greeted by Norsemen and women who taught them all about weapons and how they could be used in battle. They also learnt how to weave and make their own rope. It was an amazing day, something we would definitely do again!