

Dear all,

Music has been sounding out throughout Ryelands this year! As a school we have been keen to improve musical opportunities and we are delighted with the progress so far. Children are singing in every assembly and their enjoyment and confidence is fabulous to see. Year 6 have been given the opportunity to learn a brass instrument. It is remarkable how quickly they have picked this up and yesterday they performed in front of their parents/ carers. It was their first performance and they did magnificently. Our violinists are standing out above the rest according to their music teacher—fabulous! Also this half term, I have been excited to teach a group of Year 3 / 4 children the ukulele as part of the Ryelands University for Life. Again, I have been so impressed with the standard they have managed to achieve .

Enjoy the half term break!

Mrs Pye



DIARY DATES



School Closes—Friday 10th February

School Re-Opens—Tuesday 21st February

Year 3 trip to Leighton Moss:

3B - Wednesday 22nd February

3R - Thursday 23rd February

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

What have we been learning

NURSERY

We were very lucky in nursery last week, we had a special visitor! It was Levi's daddy, David, who is a nurse. He showed us lots of equipment that he uses when he helps people to get better. We were able to use a stethoscope to listen to our heart beats and we learnt a new word, oximeter! This helps David the nurse know if our oxygen levels are good. We tested our fingers to see how much oxygen was in our blood. Luckily Nurse David said that we were all fit and healthy.

Thank you for coming to visit us in nursery.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4G with **95.42%** attendance for this half term.

YEAR 1 TREE PLANTING

On Wednesday 8th February, our Year 1 children visited Ryelands Park to help Lancaster city council plant shrubs and small trees to create "habitat corridors". The aim is to support wildlife of all kinds, and increase biodiversity! Thank you to all the parents / carers who came to help too.

Look out for the new trees and snow drops next time you are walking through Ryelands Park. The children loved the message that these plants belong to us!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a trip to Heysham Power Station where we learnt about electricity and where our energy comes from. The children explored how people are conductors of electricity and had a tour of Heysham 2.



ECO CLUB



During Eco Club on Wednesday 25th January the children filled 2 full bin bags with litter in 30 minutes. There is still more left in the school grounds unfortunately.

The majority of litter came from 2 areas: the bushes by 3B and the bowling green shelter. The litter from the bushes mostly blows from the estate but the litter from the bowling green hut was stuffed behind the seats. We filled one bag full just from this area!

The children were 'shocked', 'disgraced' and 'upset' that there was this much in our grounds.

They would like a message to go out to parents as they do think some of it is dropped by grown-ups when they wait for children at the end of the day but they do also say that children are putting it there at playtime instead of putting it in the bin.

YEAR 2 ECO CODE

*Sang to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Pollution, pollution, go away!

Ride a bike or walk today.

Don't drop rubbish! Put it in the bin.

Did you know animals eat everything?

Turn off taps when you wash your hands.

Use rain water for the flowers and the plants.

Be careful not to waste paper.

Turn off the lights until later.

Reuse that bottle, don't throw it away.

Recycle rubbish we hear you say.

Let's work together to keep Ryelands...

Clean and safe for all our friends!

ARTS AWARD

Our Ryelands artists are awarded.

Ten talented artists from Years 3 and 4 received their prestigious Arts Award this month.

For twelve weeks they attended an after school club with Ms. Rice, where they learnt about textiles.

As well as learning about the industry from a former professional textile designer, they also learnt a variety of techniques including batik and felt-making. At the end of term, they held a very successful exhibition for their families.

A huge well done to Chloe, Katie, James, Christopher, Charlie, Isla, Tayla, Bella, Mia and Maja.



CONGRATULATIONS MRS PILKINGTON



This year marks a very special year for Mrs Pilkington as she celebrates her 20th year working at Ryelands Primary & Nursery School. Mrs Pilkington was presented privately with a gift to congratulate her on her service as she did not want any fuss.