



Ryelands Primary and Nursery School

*Imagine, believe, achieve*

Dear all,

We have had a great start to the year 2024. At the beginning of term we set some New Year Resolutions—in our individual classes and as a whole school too. Our two main resolutions are:

- to do more exercise and get healthier
- to get outside more and improve our educational visits

I am so pleased to see children and parents turning up, after school every day, to complete the 5K challenge. I would encourage everyone to come along. Parents are talking about the benefits of their child burning off energy before going home AND the children love the certificates.

We have also started thinking about the places we visit, close to school and beyond. The children have loved seeing the maps being drawn onto the hall walls—there have been lots of fantastic geographical questions!

We look forward to building on our successes throughout 2024.

Mrs Pye

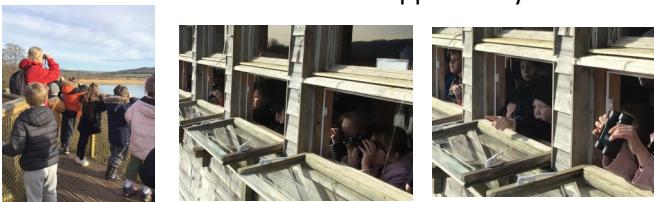
## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 1W who have the highest attendance for this half term.



## YEAR 3 TRIP TO LEIGHTON MOSS

Year 3 had the pleasure of attending a free trip to Leighton Moss. The children were treated to a number of fabulous activities: identifying birds; listening carefully to bird song; examining nests; birdwatching and looking carefully at feathers. In the afternoon, the children were able to visit a number of hides to watch so many fantastic birds: Marsh Harriers, Coots and Black Headed Gulls to name a few. A massive thank you to Arenti Trust for this wonderful opportunity.



# Newsletter

## Spring Term 1 2024

### DIARY DATES



School Closes - Friday 9th February

School Reopens - Monday 19th February

### NURSERY SNOW DAY

The nursery children were fascinated by the snow. Here are a few pictures. The children worked really well as a team to collect snow on the spades and try to build a snowman.



### YOGI SESSIONS

This week was Children's Mental Health week. Mrs Sharkey-Bond held an assembly to start the week off and to tell the children a little bit about it. The children also enjoyed a session with Claire from the Yogi Group which was based around yoga, meditation and strategies for mental health.



### KS1 FAIRYTALE BALL

Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant end of half term with the Fairytale Ball!

All children in KS1 dressed up and started the day with a colourful parade and finished with dancing in the hall. The children even learnt how to waltz!

Photos will follow after half term!



# RYELANDS UNIVERSITY

As part of our Friday's Ryelands University, a group of children from years 3 & 4 have been learning life skills through cooking and baking. The children enjoyed making a hot chocolate drink and toast and were taught the safety aspects whilst using a kettle and a toaster. We have also made toasted sandwiches with various fillings and last week they made pancakes with syrup to celebrate shrove Tuesday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and are confident that they could make these quick meals at home too for friends and family.



## Looking back at this half term

### Nursery

The nursery children are really enjoying our new outdoor classroom. It is a great place to play and learn under the new sheltered canopy. The children have loved playing with the sand outside, making marks by rubbing the different surfaces, using the musical instruments, playing with the Duplo blocks to build and playing with the small world people and new doll's house in the outdoor classroom.



Please keep voting for us in your local Tesco for funding to extend our outdoor provision and make it even better for the children.

### Reception

Every Wednesday Mrs Edwards' holds a family phonics session, where parents and carers of Reception children are invited in to share a phonics session with their children. During each session we learn how to correctly pronounce each sound and how to apply this when helping your child read and write. The sessions are informal, fun and interactive. The children LOVE having their name called when their adult arrives! Please come and join every us Wednesday at 2:40 via the school office.



### Year 1

**Stay & Read** - Thank you to all the parents who are attending stay and read sessions on a Friday! Stay and Read is such an important part of your child's development. Sharing a love of reading with your child can build a lifetime love of reading which is so important for your child's future. If you haven't popped down yet, please try and attend one of the sessions to share a story with your child.

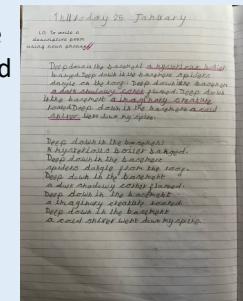
**Life Skills** - This half term Year 1 have been increasing their walking stamina week by week. We are currently up to walking for a full 45 minutes! We have loved our walks each week and finished the half term off with a fab trip to Barley Cop Woods!

### Year 3

In year 3, we have been reading "The thing in the Basement" and have used this to write our own Poems and Mystery Stories.

Our topic has been forces and magnets. We have looked at the different types of forces including contact forces and non-contact

forces and then used our knowledge of forces to make a peg monster and a toy that moves using levers. We have used the non-contact forces in our art lessons by doing pendulum painting and spin painting. We really enjoyed painting this way. We then focused on magnets as a non-contact force and have been finding out how magnets work and what they are attracted to which we then used to help us to make a game using magnetic materials.



### Year 4

Year 4 have been focusing on their descriptive skills for persuasive writing. Here are snippets of their writing about their school Ryelands.

*Shining, Resilient, Responsible, Ryelands!*  
Do you want to go to a school with helpful learning opportunities and responsible jobs at the Shining, Resilient, Responsible Ryelands School?

*First of all, they are little and big loving, helpful children in our School for friends, learning and listening to older and young pupils.*

*Do you want to go to a school with Brilliant people and eat lovely amazing Food? I bet you do. So what do you say? Will you come or will you miss out on the fun?*

### Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting half term learning about Power. We visited Heysham Power station and learnt how electricity is made. The children made circuits and learnt about conductors and insulators. We have also planned and made toy cars using our skills in DT. Some of these were electrical and powered by a battery and motor.