



Newsletter

Spring Term 2

DIARY DATES



School Closes - Thursday 28th March

School Re-Opens - Monday 15th April

Year 5 Film Night - Tuesday 16th April

Dear all,

I can't believe that we are at the end of the term already! It is lovely to see the trees that we planted last year coming into blossom and the children increasingly enjoying the time that they can spend outside in the school grounds. KS1 children have planted more tree saplings and bulbs in the grassed area at the front of school and soon we will have a pond in this space too! Last week, I had a fabulous afternoon, with some of the older children from the Eco Club, sharing our plans for the school grounds with other local schools. Everyone was impressed by what we have achieved here at Ryelands!

Goodbye Mr Dougan!

It is also now time to say Goodbye

to Mr Dougan. Mr Dougan has worked at Ryelands for 15 glorious years. He started his career here as a newly-qualified teacher and, over the years, he has brought the school many successes, as a teacher and then as a deputy headteacher. Mr Dougan is respected by all and will be missed by all! Morecambe Bay Primary School are very lucky to have him as their new headteacher and we wish him all the success he deserves in this post.

Mrs Pye, Headteacher

ONLINE SAFETY DAY 2024

Years 1 to 6 learnt about staying safe online. The children have lots of advice for our school community, which you can watch by finding the Online Safety Movie that they made on our school Facebook Page.

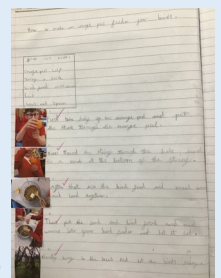
Thank you to all of the parents who came into school to see the movie premiere and share what they know about online safety!

We will be sharing top tips from the parents of Ryelands very soon so watch this space!



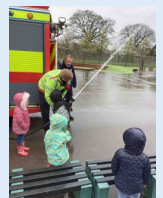
WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

Children in Year 3 have been learning how to care for and protect the birds in the school grounds. We decided to make bird feeders, which are very popular with our local birds. Here are some instructions written by Evie in 3R for you to use to make your own bird feeders at home.



Year 6 have been learning about Survival. We've been looking at climates around the world, which animals we'd find in these locations and how plants have adapted to survive. The children have also written their own stories linked to inheritance. They enjoyed discussing traits they have inherited.

The nursery children were very lucky to get a visit from a fire engine as part of our topic on 'People who help us.' The children got to sit in the fire engine, wear the fire fighter's helmet and even spray water from the hose onto the playground. The fire fighters put the flashing blue lights on for us and the siren. It was a very exciting session for the nursery children and staff.



YEAR 2 AFRICAN DRUMMING

Year 2 have had More Music in to deliver an African drumming session. They learnt about where in Africa the drums come from, what they are made from, then had lots of fun and made lots of noise playing them.



RYELANDS UNIVERSITY

Y5 and Y6 children have enjoyed their courses this half term - they have all taken part in some brilliant new learning, including ukulele sessions and sewing. As part of Ryelands University Mr Hyde took some of our children to take part in a orienteering session at Williamson Park.



CHURCH VISIT

Y1 visited St Chad's Church on Monday afternoon. The children met Reverend Nikki and enjoyed looking round the Church. The children found out about how Christians pray and we looked round Church to find objects that Christians used to pray, like candles, crosses and icons.



YEAR 1 TRIP TO BEATRIX POTTER

Year 1 had a marvellous trip to Beatrix Potter World in Windermere, as part of their English unit on Peter Rabbit. They were able to meet Peter Rabbit and talked to him all about his story and how he lost his blue coat in Mr McGregor's garden. The children were able to meet lots of the different characters featured in the stories written by Beatrix Potter, many of which we have studied. It was a fabulous trip and the children really enjoyed seeing the stories come to life. They were able to name lots of the vegetables and herbs in Mr McGregor's garden, even in the rain!



MUSIC FESTIVAL

Year 4 made us all so proud at the Big Sing Festival at the Ashton Hall. It was a huge event but they soon got over their nerves and enjoyed the occasion. They sang beautifully and represented our school amazingly! Well done Year 4!



EASTER BINGO

Thank you to all that attended our Easter Chocolate Bingo or bought raffle tickets, we raised an amazing £1160 for our PTFA.



SCHOOL EVENTS

On Tuesday 12th March, we got together as a school community for Family Games Night. This was a great success and many people commented on how lovely it was to take the time to enjoy games together. Many of these games were related to Math's skills: counting, strategising, forward planning and estimating to name a few. Maths really is all around us and playing games promotes strong number sense. Thank you to all who came.