



Newsletter

13th November 2020



Message from Mrs Kouni

There have been lots of exciting things going on this week. I have heard some lovely guitar and violin lessons and seen some wonderful story performances across the school. Thank you for helping us keep the children, staff and community safe by wearing masks.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

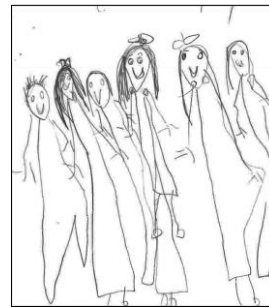
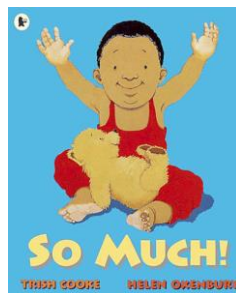
Black History Month

Children from across Raleigh and Admirals Academies took part in Black History Month to celebrate the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. This event has been celebrated Nationally for over 30 years and is part of our curriculum.

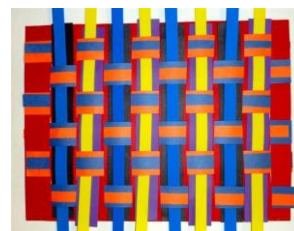
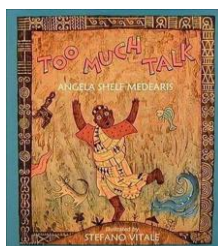
Each year group has read different stories written by African Caribbean authors and produced a piece of work to reflect the message or culture.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children read "So Much", by Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury.

Each class then discussed their own family and how each family is different and unique. Children in Year 1 also compared their families to the family in the story. The children then enjoyed creating pictures of their own families and sharing them with the adults and their friends.



In Year 2 children heard and watched the story "Too Much Talk", by Angela Shef Medearis. They discussed the African tale and compared it to other tales they know. They questioned the actions of the story characters and made African mats by weaving paper.



In Year 3 children read about Nelson Mandela and designed freedom quilts.



In Year 4 and 5 children read about Mary Seacole, looked at the origins of the song 'Amazing Grace' and created pieces of Art in the style of Corey Barksdale.



In Year 6 children read about Rosa Parks then wrote diary entries as if they were her.

Dear Diary,

Let's just say, today was horrible! I was on the bus when suddenly everyone was forced to go on different seats. I did not accept the order, I gave in. I stayed in my seat. Alas! I got arrested for breaking the rules. I really wonder when they are going to realize they are racist.

SEN Parents Meeting

Mrs Hall, SENCo for both Raleigh and Admirals Academies, would like to invite parents of children with identified special needs to a telephone meeting. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss your child's specific learning targets, how they are being supported to achieve them and any steps that can be taken at home. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about your child's learning targets. Telephone meetings will be held on Monday 23rd November. A text message will be sent to you shortly to allow you to book an appointment.

Remembrance Day

Children took part in a special Remembrance Day assembly. The assembly was held virtually and allowed children time to think about those who have died serving our country. Children learnt about the unnamed soldier and the tributes paid across the country and beyond in the memory of fallen heroes. All children from Nursery to Year 6 took part in a two-minute silence.



Attendance

Attendance for last week is as follows:

Raleigh Infant Academy – 95.76%

Admirals Academy – 95.74 %

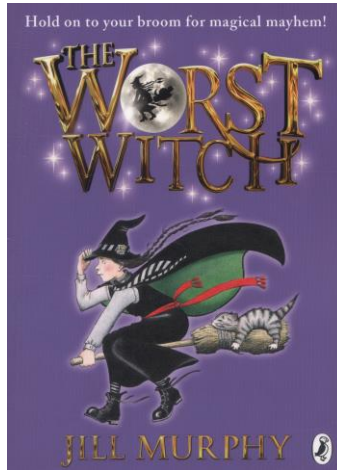
The class with the highest attendance at Raleigh was Beethoven with 99.2%

The class with the highest attendance at Admirals was St Edmund with 99.65 %

Books to Enjoy

Mr Ingham has recommended "The Worst Witch", by Jill Murphy.

It is exciting and adventurous and my daughter and I love it. It is about Mildred Hubble, who is not very good at magic but manages to get herself into a lot of mischief.



Hand Hygiene

Children have been really good at following our hand hygiene rules and washing their hands at different times of the days. The academy provides hand sanitiser that has a minimum alcohol content of 70%. We have a large number of children who are bringing in their own hand sanitisers, some of which do not have the required amount of alcohol to ensure hands are clean and germ free. Both academies have enough stock to provide sanitiser for children. Children do not need to bring their own hand sanitiser into school. This will help us to maintain children's safety by having one product stored within the classroom, reducing the chance of children losing or accidentally sharing sanitiser.

Face Coverings

Thank you to all our parents for your quick response to the National Guidance of wearing face coverings. We have seen a rapid increase in the number of adults wearing face masks during children's drop off and collection times. Likewise, you will see more staff wearing face coverings at the start and end of the day. As mentioned in our additional letter this week, this is not a compulsory requirement for our setting. However, thank you for continued effort in helping us to keep you, our staff and children safe.



Mobile Phones

Please do not use your mobiles on the playground unless in an emergency. Thank you for helping us to keep all children, families and staff safe.

Junior School Transfer

Parents of the Year 2 children were sent a letter this week, explaining how to apply for your child's transfer to Junior School.

The easiest way to apply is online at www.admissiononline.norfolk.gov.uk or you can contact the Admission Teams Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020 and request a paper application form. The deadline for completing the application is 15th January 2021.

The majority of children from Raleigh transfer to Admirals Academy, but please be aware that you still need to complete the Application form for your child.

Community Café

Meet 'n' Eat Community Café is a local community group that is a great support for a significant number of families in Thetford. The community group has given away over 15,000 free meals to support families within the community. These include delicious hot meals and nutritious packed lunches. Meal items can be collected from the café for families in need.

To keep the community café open they welcome any donations in money, food or time.

If this would be of benefit to you and your family please visit the Meet 'n' Eat Community café at Pine Close Community Centre, Thetford, IP24 3LA.

Opening hours: Thursdays 5pm-8pm



Growkids

We are pleased to announce that Growkids are now open and taking referrals for free clothes for children between the ages of 0-10 years old. Please see the poster below for further details.

**Are you in need of free clothing for children 0-10yrs,
or know someone who is?**



Growkids is a FREE CLOTHES BANK for children 0-10yrs, based at the Charles Burrell Centre, Staniforth Road, Thetford. We are now accepting self-referrals and those from schools, police, social workers and other agencies. We have weekly collection slots but can also provide emergency bags for those in immediate need.

Contact Us:

Email growkids@thetfordvineyard.church



[@growkidsthetford](https://www.instagram.com/growkidsthetford)

Phone: 07793237493



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Celebration Assembly Nominations

Well done to the children below who have all been nominated by their class teacher for outstanding work within the class. Each of these children received a mention within the online celebration assembly and were given a certificate to take home with them.

Reception – Ethan - Increased independence.

Reception – Sofia V - Remembering the months of the year in order.

Year 1 – Sylar - Has been working very hard at home and in school on his phonics and reading.

Year 1 – Kornelija - Always working quietly. She has really improved her sounding out for writing.

Year 2 – Millie – Excellent attitude all week.

Year 2 – Elijah – Amazing handwriting in his set of instructions.

Year 2 – Kara – Writing a fabulous set of instructions containing all the features we have learnt about.

Year 3 – Jaden - Best effort with his spellings.

Year 3 – Lacey Rae – Always giving 100% whatever the task or situation.

Year 4/5 – Lexie – A fantastic hot write in literacy

Year 4/5 – Matilda- Spreading kindness to others all week.

Year 4/5 – Emily– Showing good research skills

Year 4/5 – Mia – Excellent effort in her writing

Year 4/5 – Chloe – Story writing and Maths progress

Year 6 - Jessica – Excellent effort in English. She created a poem with rhyming couplets throughout

Year 6 – Jean-Paul – First class learning

