



Newsletter

6th November 2020



Message from Mrs Kouni

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support. It is lovely to see that the children have settled back well after the half term break.

I am pleased to say, that we have secured the services of two tutors, who will be working with Year 5 and 6 to support their reading and writing. This will help to fill any gaps in the children's knowledge caused by the school closure period earlier in the year. The teaching staff have received an excellent "Talk for Writing" training from Pie Corbett, which they are looking forward to completing with the children.

Mrs Kouni

Children in Need Friday 13th November

To support our children's understanding of charity and helping others we will be celebrating "Children in Need" on Friday 13th November. Children can come to school in their school uniform or choose to wear something spotty on this day. Donation pots will be in each classroom if you would like to make a donation.



Talk for Writing

Staff have received excellent “Talk for Writing” training this week to support the academies’ drive in developing standards in writing. The teachers will be using their new training to support your child’s ability to retell and innovate a story. Rereading and telling stories is a powerful way for children to develop their understanding of story structures and their ability to use this within their own writing, as well as develop their vocabulary.

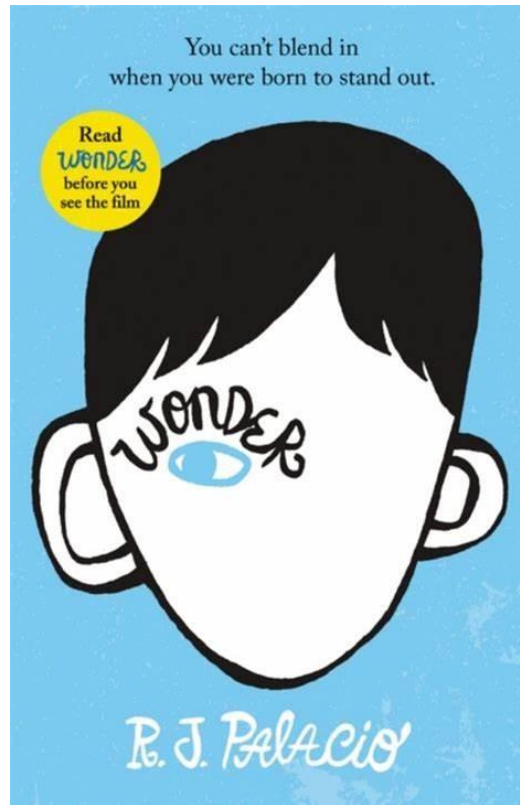
Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to see our wonderful displays. Please see our photographs below to see examples of our wonderful work.

Well done to all the children for their amazing learning!



Books to Enjoy

Ms Walker has enjoyed reading the story book “Wonder”, by R. J. Palacio. This book is about a ten-year-old boy, who has been born with a facial abnormality. He is an ordinary young boy who eats ice cream and plays on the Xbox, but his abnormality drives other children away from him. Ms Walker liked the way the book showed different children’s views and opinions and explored themes of identity, bullying and acceptance sensitively.



Harvest Festival

The Salvation Army would like us to share a huge “thank you, thank you, thank you” for all the donated harvest festival food. A car full of food was collected this Tuesday and will be making its way to help families in our community. The Salvation Army reported this has come at a much-needed time, when current stock was running low.

At Christmas, the Salvation Army helps families in need with their “Tins and Toys” support. If your family would benefit from free food or gifts for your children at Christmas, please contact the academy office and a member of staff will get back to you with further information.

We apologize for the delay in publishing the Harvest Poems. We had some technical issues that have now been resolved. Harvest Poems can be viewed on both academy websites within the Virtual Office section:

Raleigh Infant Academy - <https://www.raleighinfant.co.uk/>

Admirals Academy- <https://www.admiralsacademy.co.uk/>

Well done children! These are lovely!

Fireworks Safety

With local firework displays being cancelled due to COVID, please take extra care with any firework displays you have in your own gardens.

Advice to keep you and your children safe:

1. Make sure children stand at a safe distance from the bonfire.
2. Keep everyone well back from the display.
3. Never return to a lit firework.
4. Never throw fireworks.
5. Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
6. Always follow the instructions when using fireworks.

Sparkler Safety Advice:

1. Remain standing while using sparklers.
2. Hold sparklers at arm's length.
3. Never run whilst holding sparklers.
4. Don't hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
5. Wear closed-toe shoes to prevent foot burns.
6. Drop spent sparklers in a bucket of water because they can remain hot long after the flame has gone out.



Parents Evening

Next week we are hosting our first telephone parent meetings. Please make sure you have signed up for a time slot. If you have not received a text message with the link please contact your academy office, who will be able to help you. Class teachers will be phoning from different telephone numbers, other than our normal office numbers. Each appointment will last up to 10 minutes. If a further appointment is needed this can be booked with your class teacher.

Children in Bader Class will be having a telephone appointment with Miss Buckle and Mrs Sharred on Tuesday 17th November. A text will be sent to Bader Class explaining how to book a space.

Attendance

The attendance for the week before half term (week ending 23.10.20) was 94.99% for Raleigh Infant Academy and 96.04% for Admirals Academy.

The class with the highest attendance at Raleigh was Anning class with 100%.
The class with the highest attendance at Admirals was Franklin class with 98.97%.

As part of our attendance procedures, we regularly send a letter to parents if their child's attendance falls below 95%. If you receive one of those letters, please do not worry about it, we are just trying to work with you to help increase your child's attendance record wherever possible.

Homework Reminder

Working in partnership with families is essential to support your child's next learning steps. We wrote to you in a recent newsletter to inform you what homework your child would receive each Friday. Please remind your child to bring this back to school by the following Thursday. Homework will then be looked at by your child's teacher after 72 hours. If you have any questions and would like to speak to your child's teacher about homework, please contact the academy offices and a return call will be arranged.