



Newsletter

18th September 2020



Class Names

Pupils have all chosen new names for their classes! These are all based on influential figures and great role models from all around the world. Each class teacher chose a shortlist of three, then the class learned about each out, and voted for the one they felt was most inspirational. The names are as follows:

Admirals:

Year 6

Mr Watson – Edith Cavell
Mrs Whiffin – Florence Nightingale

Year 4 / 5

Ms Boag – Oskar Schindler
Miss Gabriel – Rosalind Franklin
Mr Shepherd – St Edmund
Mr Rackham – Stephen Hawking

Mr Miles – Sir Douglas Bader
Year 3

Ms Walker – Nelson Mandella
Mrs Nevill / Miss Buckle – Alexander Flemming
Miss Peters – Grace Darling

Raleigh:

Year 2

Mrs Ewens – Johnny Peacock
Mr Ingham – Walter Tull
Mrs Drury / Mrs Purvis – Mary Anning

Year 1

Mrs Hall – Alan Turing
Miss Stevenson – Ludwig van Beethoven

Reception

Miss Peck – Beatrix Potter
Mrs Ottley – Julia Donaldson

Nursery

Mrs May – Sir Chris Hoy

Parent Access to School Grounds

We are making every effort to ensure that the arrival and departure procedures are as efficient and safe as possible. Please make sure that you are following the procedures as they have been designed to minimise the time that adults are present on the playground and to ensure that class teachers have enough space to ensure that their children depart safely.

Year 4 and 5 parents, you will be held on the small side playground until the classes have lined up. Please do not attempt to collect your child before they have lined up and their class teacher is aware that they are leaving. Wherever possible, could you please use email and telephone to contact the academy offices. This minimises the number of people entering the building. Office staff will be able to direct your questions to the correct member of staff.

Attendance update

Overall % attendance for last week

Admirals Academy 97.15%

Raleigh Infant Academy 96.19%



Thank you for helping us to have a great start to the year, which demonstrates the commitment to learning that the children and families who attend our academies have. Particular congratulations go to Tull class in Year 2, who achieved 100% attendance for last week.

Please remember that if your child develops the symptoms of coronavirus (a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell) you should call 119 and follow the advice given around accessing a test. Children who are presenting other symptoms (runny nose/ sore throat) should still attend.

Values

Staff and pupils have come up with a new set of values for our school. They are:

Aspiration
Trust
Kindness
Forgiveness
Respect
Resilience
Safety

We will be sending out a more detailed explanation in the near future, and will welcome your feedback.

Dropping off for All Aboard

If you are dropping off your child/ children off to All Aboard in the morning, please ensure that you maintain social distancing and leave the carpark as promptly as possible so that other users can access the car park.

Nut Free School

Please be aware that both Admirals and Raleigh Infant Academies are nut free schools. We have a number of children with serious nut allergies. Please check the contents of the items in your child's packed lunch carefully to ensure that it does not contain nuts.

Well Being

As we are trying to settle into a 'new normal' we just wanted to remind everyone that here at Raleigh and Admirals Academy we feel that Wellbeing, Physical and Mental Health are extremely important. We want to support the whole family during this time. It is important that our parents and carers feel supported and well in themselves. Our website has a range of information and websites to support different families and their needs. The link below provides useful information on supporting your child through these changing times.

Young Minds advice for parents Tips and advice on where to get support for your child during the Covid19 pandemic can be found <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

This website has information and podcasts on helping you and your child return to school

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/june/returning-to-school-after-coronavirus-lockdown>

Home Learning

This week for home learning we would like to focus on reading. The following sites have activities to support your child at home.

BBC Bitesize - has produced a new set of activities to support children back to school called learn and revisit. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Oak National Academy - has available lessons for English to support your child. <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Letters and Sounds for home and school – For Phonic support there are you tube videos to support phase 2 to 5 phonics. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/featured

Free e reading books Oxford Reading Owl - Access a range of free e books with your child from EYFS to KS2. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Thank you for supporting your child.

PE at Admirals

As we have made some changes regarding PE kits and when/how the children should wear them, we felt we should advise you of what each year group should be doing for clarity.

Year 6- Mr Watson's class will need to come into school in their PE kits every Monday. They will wear this for the whole day.

Year 6- Mrs Whiffin's Class will need to come into school in their PE kits every Tuesday. They will wear this for the whole day.

Year 4/5 - All classes will need to come into school in their PE kits every Wednesday. They will wear this for the whole day.

Year 3's will need to bring their PE kits in as normal and change on their PE days. Please read information below regarding Year 3 children getting changed for PE.

PE for Key Stage 1 and Year 3.

Due to the social distancing guidance we will be unable to support your child when they are getting changed for P.E.

Please could you practise fastening buttons and shoes so they are more confident when changed.

Try making it a game where they have to 'beat the clock' when getting dressed and undressed. Can they beat their previous time?

PE Funding being used to promote Physical Health and Well Being

Being physically active is really important for all our children and families. Raleigh Infant Academy will be starting daily lunchtime activities from Monday 14th September. We look forward to welcoming Premier Sports coaches to lead a range of physical activities for all year groups. Children will remain in their classes for these activities and a Rota has been organised to ensure all children have an opportunity to take part throughout the year.

From Monday 28th September Year 2 children will be invited to take part in an after school 'Multi Skills Activity' club.

A letter with details and a request to attend slip will be sent home this week. Please return by Wednesday 16th September. The club is funded by the academies PE funding grant and will give children the opportunity to develop a range of physical skills. Sports clubs for other year groups will take place throughout the year.