

NEWSLETTER 14TH JANUARY 2022

RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week and the children have worked hard.

The owls were a delight to have in school.
Look out for many more exciting events.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Attendance

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance YTD
Nursery	75.76%	80.44%
Miss Cousins	95.24%	92.26%
Miss Peck	96.43%	92.41%
Miss Marsh	96.30%	90.42%
Mrs Hall	98.75%	95.10%
Mrs Ewens	93.94%	93.63%
Mrs Purvis & Mrs Ellis	97.83%	95.38%
Raleigh Overall	95.07%	92.47%
Miss McIlroy	96.67%	95.72%
Miss McLeod	90.63%	91.70%
Miss Mota	93.59%	92.54%
Mr Titheridge	94.87%	94.59%
Mrs Howard	96.67%	97.35%
Miss Jenkinson	91.36%	90.35%
Mrs Render	93.59%	92.51%
Mrs Bishop & Mrs McArdle	92.47%	92.47%
Mr Harris & Miss Gabriel	93.55%	93.63%
Admirals Overall	93.69%	93.46%

Welcome Back

Raleigh Infant Academy are pleased to welcome Mrs Ottley back, following her maternity leave. Mrs Ottley will be working with children and staff across Reception and Nursery.

Thank you

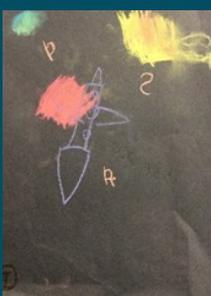
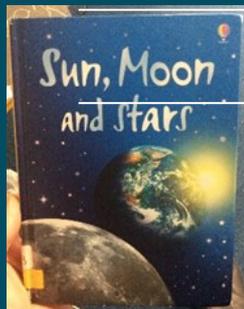
The Salvation Army would like to pass on a huge Thank You to all the families who contributed to the Christmas collection. The items have been distributed to homeless and vulnerable adults within the town and local community.



Earrings

Please may we remind you that for your child's safety the only earrings children are allowed to wear in school are studs. No other earrings should be worn. Thank you

NURSERY



This half term in nursery, our topic is 'Space'. We will be learning about different aspects of space, such as finding out what is in space, how we travel to space, what an astronaut is and the history behind who as travelled to space. We will build up a good understanding of the world around us during this topic by focusing on not only space, but what we can see from an aerial view. We will be learning about our own town and thinking about what we see on land and sea. To engage the children in our topic, we enjoyed linking our literacy session by discussing what we might see in space. We sat in a dark room and pretended to get ready for a trip in rocket. We put on our pretend suits and helmets, put on our seatbelts and blasted off into the dark sky. The children had some brilliant ideas to share and used fantastic sentences. The children were really engaged with the activity and enjoyed the head torch used to represent the moon and stars. We will be building up a bank of new vocabulary during our topic and literacy sessions that link to space.



Reception



In Reception we are beginning the topic of 'how can I care for myself?' this term. We will be learning about how we grow, who looks after us, how our bodies work, and how to stay healthy. Throughout this learning we will be exploring key vocabulary of 'same', 'different', 'family', 'grow', 'change', 'senses', 'healthy', and more! We have some amazing opportunities planned throughout this term to engage and inspire the children's learning, which we are so excited for, and the children have already expressed lots of excitement in their learning so far! Last week the children shared family pictures and talked about who was in their family. The children loved learning more about one another, and discussing the similarities and differences between our families and how we define 'family'. This week the children welcomed a 'class baby' into their classes - take a

look at a picture of one of our babies! We have been learning how to care for babies, what they need compared to what we need. The children have loved caring for our 'class baby' in challenge time, and have shown a real responsibility for caring for their needs. We are looking forward to expanding our knowledge and excitement for learning throughout the term!



Reception had the pleasure of welcoming 'Hoot with Me' and their four owls to the school for a visit on Wednesday! Reception are learning the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell in their Talk 4 Writing Literacy learning this term. The lovely ladies from 'Hoot with Me' read the Owl Babies story to the children alongside the owls, as well as acting out how real owls would respond to being frightened and happy just like in the story. We also learnt some fun facts about the birds, and the children all had the opportunity to pick an owl to have a picture beside. We were given some special owl feathers to feel, and keep as a souvenir from our fun experience! The children absolutely loved the opportunity and it has made them even more excited to continue their learning about 'Owl Babies'!



Year 1

This week we started our new topic – Was there a time before history? We had an exciting Engage day with a visit from the Ancient House Museum in Thetford which we will be visiting later this term! We learnt about the Ice Age and what Woolly Mammoths would have looked like – including how tall they were! We then held some exciting artefacts including a mammoth's tooth which was a lot heavier than we expected. We recreated our own cave paintings and wrote about what life was like in the Stone Age such as how people got food, where they lived and how they lived. Throughout this half term we will be learning about the Ice Age, Stone Age, Bronze Age and Celtic life during the Iron Age.

YEAR 2

This week year 2 began their new science topic looking at everyday materials. We are grouping and classifying materials by looking at properties of the material, what they feel like, their use and why certain materials are chosen for their purpose.

Year 3



In year 3 this term, we have started our Ancient Greek history topic, called 'Who let the Gods out?'. During our express day event, children explored the life styles of people from the city states of Athens and Sparta. Children then went on to discuss the similarities and differences between ways of living in both Sparta and Athens, before taking part in our own Olympic Games event. The teams were McIlroy class vs. McLeod class... and just like our predictions, team Spartan won! Children will be learning about Ancient Greece, for example Greek Gods, democracy, religion and significant figures. New vocabulary includes: democracy, city state, philosopher, tyrant, Olympic, Paralympic and Spartan.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have begun their Geography topic 'Is All Of Europe The Same?' We have enjoyed our virtual experience of travelling to Italy and investigating the climate there during our engage activity. We had fun creating a weather report to show what we had learned. We have also been using maps and atlases to locate countries within Europe.

Year 5

This half term Year 5 are learning about a Mediterranean Europe and whether Europe is all the same. We completed an engage activity related to our learning and created a flight simulation to travel to Italy. We had clues including food found in this country, the currency used there and landmarks we would see there to work out where we were travelling to. Throughout this unit we will be looking at the climate in Mediterranean Europe and the physical geographical features, including settlements, in this part of the world.

Year 6

In year 6, we have started our new Geography unit, 'Is all of America the same?' We started the unit with an engage activity which was a scavenger hunt. Children had to collect clues and information about the states of America. Later in this unit, we will learn all about the 50 states of the USA. We will create maps, understand the difference in climate and landscape and decide what we might pack to visit different states. We will examine the indigenous people of America and learn about the various tribes of North America. We will then compare and contrast North America with South America by learning about both continents' human and physical geography.

Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies within Admirals and Raleigh Academies. These vacancies consist of :-

Caretaker

Cleaner

MSA (Mealtime Supervisory Assistant)

Teaching Assistants

Teachers

Ranging from 1 hour per day to full time we have something to appeal to everyone.

If you would like to be part of our friendly, caring, supportive team please click on this link for further information

<https://www.eastern-mat.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies+and+Careers&pid=34>

Term dates

- 10th February 2022.....Olly Day visiting Years 3 and 4
- 11th February 2022.....Last day of the half term
- *12th February 22 to 20th February 2022.....Half term holidays*
- 21st February 2022.....First day of the half term
- 23rd February 2022.....Olly Day visiting Year 2
- 8th March 2022.....Raleigh class photographs
- 1st April 2022.....Last day of the term
- *2nd April 2022 to 20th April 2022.....Easter holidays*
- 21st April 2022.....First day of the term
- *2nd May 2022.....Bank Holiday*
- 16th May 2022.....Class and Year 6 leaver photographs
- 27th May 2022.....Last day of the half term
- *28th May 2022 to 5th June 2022.....Half term holidays*



CELEBRATIONS

Reception - Miss Cousins - Igor for aspiring to listen well and engage in the learning.

Reception - Miss Peck - Maia for aspiring to be more independent.

Year 1 - Mrs Hall - Maggie has grown in confidence with her number work and this week has been helping other to count on and find number bonds.

Year 1 - Miss Marsh - Dominykas who worked really hard at his writing and phonics this week

Year 2 - Mrs Purvis and Mrs Ellis - Syler is a role model in class and in our school community for the time he takes to reflect and acknowledge his own and his peer's feelings in all he does.

Year 2 - Mrs Ewens - Joshua for not giving up and always trying his best

Year 3 - Miss McIlroy - AJ for aspiring to improve his behaviour in class.

Year 3 - Miss McLeod - Tayla has displayed the virtue of aspiration by trying her hardest to achieve her given targets in writing.

Year 4 - Miss Mota - Derin for showing aspiration by maintaining high standards in all work.

Year 4 - Mr Titheridge - Szymon for showing aspiration in writing and reading.

Year 4/5 - Mrs Howard - Joshua aspires to achieve his best in everything he does, especially in maths.

Year 5 - Mrs Render - Filipe for showing excellent motivation to challenge himself in his reading and writing lessons.

Year 5 - Mrs Harvey –

Year 6 - Mrs McArdle and Mrs Bishop - Henry for always aspiring to do the best in his work

Year 6 - Miss Gabriel and Mr Harris – Hanna for aspiring to be a fantastic goal keeper as well as achieving the best in her work in school.