

NEWSLETTER 11TH FEBRUARY 2022

RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud of the children's achievements this half term.

Have a fabulous week off and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 21st February.

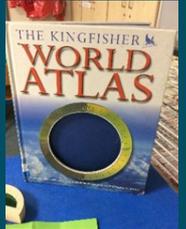
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Attendance

| Class | Attendance this week | Attendance YTD |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Nursery | 79.05% | 81.19% |
| Miss Cousins | 94.14% | 93.10% |
| Miss Peck | 91.72% | 92.51% |
| Miss Marsh | 97.14% | 92.17% |
| Mrs Hall | 94.07% | 94.71% |
| Mrs Ewens | 98.18% | 93.53% |
| Mrs Purvis & Mrs Ellis | 98.18% | 96.19% |
| Raleigh Overall | 94.33% | 92.98% |
| Miss McIlroy | 91.50% | 95.64% |
| Miss McLeod | 91.56% | 91.96% |
| Miss Mota | 86.15% | 91.29% |
| Mr Titheridge | 92.69% | 94.80% |
| Mrs Howard | 97.30% | 96.95% |
| Miss Jenkinson | 96.30% | 91.60% |
| Mrs Render | 99.61% | 93.56% |
| Mrs Bishop & Mrs McArdle | 92.36% | 91.15% |
| Mr Harris & Miss Gabriel | 92.67% | 93.63% |
| Admirals Overall | 93.29% | 93.38% |

NURSERY



We have had a fantastic half term in nursery! The children have really enjoyed our space topic. The children have learnt new information, such as planet names, how we travel to space, What life is like on planet earth, and what we would need for a visit to the moon. The children enjoyed creating their own maps and thinking of places they could go and how they would get there. For our final week of our topic, we encouraged the children to use their knowledge and express it through role-play. Outside this week, we have boxes to travel to space or a new place. We are very proud of the work the children have achieved this half term. Here are some amazing story maps that the children have created by drawing pictures and verbally telling a story. Well done!



Reception



Our topic this last half term has been 'How can I care for myself?' The children have been learning about how we grow from babies, how we stay healthy and how our bodies work. To help us with this learning, we have been looking at the story 'Owl Babies' alongside our topic, learning about how owls grow from babies and how they can stay safe. For our express activity, we have made our very own owl museum in our classrooms. The children learnt facts about owls using non-fiction books and safely looking on the internet. We explored owl poo to find out what owls eat, we felt and smelt real owl feathers and we also made our own owl nests. Every day, the children wrote a fact to be put inside the museum alongside the owl related items and books. The children then visited the other classroom's owl museum to learn more facts about owls and to celebrate our learning.

Year 1

Our topic this term has been 'Was there a time before history?' and we have looked at 4 main ages the Ice Age, Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age. For our Express day we wanted to bring all this knowledge together to show what we have learnt. We were so excited to visit the Ancient House Museum in Thetford and look at all of the artefacts. We split into groups and learnt did some pottery making in the style of the period we have been looking at. We also learnt about Stone Age medicine, Stone Age Handling and flint and flint mining. All of the activities were a chance for the children to bring together all of the key vocabulary and knowledge we have gained over the course of the topic. The children had a lovely day and we have really enjoyed our topic this term. We look forward to our new topic 'What is growing in the garden?'



Year 2

This term year 2 have engaged in learning about the Romans and what the Romans did for us! We have had a Roman soldier visitor and a trip to the Ancient House museum: children listened to Roman myths and legends, created Roman mosaics, Roman sweets and learnt about the successful Roman invasion of Britain in 43AD, when the Roman army finally defeating the Celts and England became part of the Roman Empire. Children celebrated their hard work and magnificent shields, also known as the scutum, with a Roman battle. Children learnt about the highly organised and trained Roman army and re-enacted 2 battle formations, the 'Tortoise', and the 'Wedge'. Children battled it out to see if they could break into the wall of shields. Children also got to create and make a Roman chariot looking at design and technology of a wheel and axil.



Year 3

In year 3, we are continuing our topic entitled: 'Who let the Gods out?', which is our history topic based on Ancient Greece. Children have been making fact files on Ancient Greek Gods and have enjoyed our topic homework. Many children have been keen to bring in and share their homework, including making some amazing Ancient Greek inspired pots, scrolls filled with lots of interesting facts and drawings. Our express day will be before Easter, where we will be making our own puppet theatre.

Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying learning about landmarks in Italy as part of our geography topic, 'Is All Of Europe The Same?'. For our express, we have created some models and images of these well-known landmarks using paint, papier mâché, pastels and charcoal. Alongside this, we have created some postcards that show our knowledge of the areas we have been learning about throughout this half term.

Year 5

This half term in Year 5 we have been learning about Mediterranean Europe to start answering our main topic question 'Is all of Europe the same?' We have been creating information to give to a tourist to persuade to come to Mediterranean Europe. This includes talking about the climate, mountain ranges, volcanoes, key landmarks, cities and the main rivers.

Year 6

This half term in Year 6, we have been learning about the different parts of America. We have used our new knowledge to help us answer the main topic question: "Is life the same for all Americans?"

We have examined the climate and both physical and human geographical features. We have also looked at the indigenous population and investigated the significance of the sections of totem poles.

Finally, we have carved model totem poles out of clay to express our learning.

Your Feedback Matters to Us

After listening to feedback from both Raleigh and Admirals parents it has become apparent that you would like to have further information around your child's learning and curriculum.

In response to this, we have arranged for curriculum drop in events for every class on the first week back after the half term holiday.

Please check the diary dates to find out the day and time your child's class will be open.

On the relevant day, please make your way directly to your child's class, where you will be able to look at their books, and see what they are learning.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice for online use. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 16,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide. Every child in Admirals has a Times Tables Rock Stars account.

Dropping off and Picking up

Please can we remind you all when you are dropping off and collecting your children that you should not be driving onto pavements or parking on the keep clear hatchings on the road.

This causes a safety issue for our children, parents and the surrounding community.

Please be considerate and respectful of the other people who are using the roads and paths.

Thank you

Mrs Bramley our Family Support Worker will be leaving us this half term. She has a new job opportunity closer to home and we wish her the best of luck in her new role. On behalf of all the children, families and staff we would like to thank Mrs Bramley for her support and dedication to both Raleigh and Admirals Academy. The academies are currently recruiting a new Family Support Worker to work with our children and families. In the meantime if you would like to speak to a member of staff about any issues including behaviour, domestic violence, safeguarding or financial concerns please ring or visit either academy office and a member of the safeguarding team will speak with you.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2022** | **Tuesday
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day 8th February 2022

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. In class, the children have undertaken a range of activities to highlight the importance of internet safety.

SATs Evening for Year 6 and Year 2

We will be holding a Parent's SAT's evening on

Wednesday 23rd February from 5pm to 6pm.

The purpose of the evening is to give parents information about the SATs exams, discuss ways of supporting the children with their revision and provide details of the preparation for the week of tests.

A letter with reply slip was emailed out to all Year 6 and 2 parents on Thursday 10th February.

Please ensure this is returned if you would like to attend.

We look forward to seeing you.

Term dates

- *12th February 22 to 20th February 2022.....Half term holidays*
- 21st February 2022.....First day of the half term
- 21st February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 2 8.30am-8.50am
- 21st February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 6 8.20am-8.45am
- 21st and 22nd February.....Vision and Hearing Screening for Reception children
- 22nd February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 1 8.30am-8.50am
- 22nd February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 5 8.20am-8.45am
- 23rd February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 4 and 4/5 8.20am-8.45am
- 23rd February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Reception and Nursery 8.30am-8.50am
- 23rd February 2022.....Olly Day visiting Year 2
- 23rd February 2022.....SATs evening for Year 6 5pm—6pm
- 23rd February 2022.....SATs evening for Year 2 5pm—6pm
- 24th February 2022.....Curriculum drop in for Year 3 8.20am-8.45am
- 24th February 2022..... Phonic screening check for Year 1 parents 5pm-6pm
- 28th February.....Vision and Hearing Screening for Reception children
- 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

NSPCC dress4digit day

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated and donated for dress4digit day. We raised a whopping

£192.65

This was made up of £91.21 from Raleigh children and £101.44 from Admirals.



CELEBRATIONS

Reception - Miss Cousins - Diya for showing kindness to her friends in the classroom.

Reception - Miss Peck - Maia for always looking for ways to show kindness to her friends.

Year 1 - Miss Marsh - Milana for always showing kindness to her peers and cheering people up when they are sad

Year 1 - Mrs Hall - Kendra for her kindness to her friends and always looking after them.

Year 2 - Mrs Ewens -

Year 2 - Mrs Purvis and Mrs Ellis - Leonor is a role model in the class always showing the kindness value to peers and adults.

Year 3 - Miss McIlroy - Lexi, for showing kindness to friends.

Year 3 - Miss McLeod - Adomas, for showing kindness towards his friends by sharing his resources with them.

Year 4 - Miss Mota - Ella-May for being kind and caring to others.

Year 4 - Mr Titheridge - Natalia for always being kind, helpful and respectful.

Year 4/5 - Mrs Howard - Jack for showing our newest member of class lots of kindness and respect.

Year 5 - Mrs Render - Julia for showing excellent resilience with challenging Maths work and striving to improve her handwriting

Year 5 - Mrs Harvey – Chloe for showing super resilience and increased productivity in her recent work.

Year 6 - Mrs McArdle and Mrs Bishop - Evan for trying hard in his maths. He even asked for some extra maths work to practise at home!

Year 6 - Miss Gabriel and Mr Harris – Oliver for being a great friend to lots of children. He has also performed a number of random acts of kindness this week.