

NEWSLETTER 25TH MARCH 2022

RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great week in Admirals and Raleigh academies with so much to celebrate!

First of all, a very big thank you to all the parents, carers and children (of course) who came to school to consultations with the teachers about the progress children have made. There was a fantastic turn out to the meetings and teachers in both academies commented on how lovely it was to hold face to face meetings. Another big thank you to the teachers for all the preparations they made and the extra time they gave up to get ready as well as to stay late. The buzz of conversation in both halls was a real pleasure to hear. Sadly, through illness Mrs Whiffen's consultation meetings were cancelled but we will reschedule meetings for after the Easter holidays.

There has been another tremendous buzz at Raleigh this week as staff have worked hard to move Mrs Marsh's class into the mobile – a far more spacious room – as well as being next to Mrs Hall's class so all of year one are now in one area. Such a fantastic improvement. Mrs Purvis also has been the driving force behind creating a bespoke music room on the Raleigh site – a space that will be shared with Admirals for all our music lessons across both schools. Miss McIlroy from Admirals has been supporting with ideas for how music provision can be developed. In addition to class music lessons, we are looking forwards to resuming peripatetic music lessons for pupils in the summer term. Raleigh is also creating a new nurture room in the old year 1 classroom and an able team of staff are giving up hours of their time to create a vibrant and welcoming space for children to be nurtured in.

As the delightful spring weather has continued throughout the week, children have relished being outside running around in warm sunshine. It means it is a good time to remind you all about the importance of children bringing in freshly filled (named) water bottles to school every day since all that running around does make children thirsty! Water is available for all children in the dining hall at lunchtime every day.

Some children are still expressing anxiety about the war in Ukraine to staff in our academies. All children feel worried sometimes, and this is a normal part of growing up. We continue to be very sensitive to children's expressions of worry over this and spend time either in whole classes or with children 1 to 1 listening to their concerns and reassuring them they will be okay.

To end this update on another positive note, once again a very big thank you to parents and children for supporting our Cake Sale this week for the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine appeal. Another incredible effort across both academies to support families in Ukraine and neighbouring countries providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance.

Mary Foreman
Interim Executive Principal

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Attendance

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance YTD
Nursery	83.64%	80.48%
Miss Cousins	85.52%	93.63%
Miss Peck	86.9%	92.23%
Miss Marsh	95.71%	92.66%
Mrs Hall	92.22%	94.45%
Mrs Ewens	92.17%	93.33%
Mrs Purvis & Mrs Ellis	100%	96.38%
Raleigh Overall	91.24%	92.98%
Miss McIlroy	97.42%	95.26%
Miss McLeod	92.5%	92.45%
Miss Mota	94.81%	91.31%
Mr Titheridge	92.31%	93.89%
Mrs Howard	97%	96.48%
Miss Jenkinson	90.74%	92.03%
Mrs Render	98.46%	94.02%
Mrs Bishop & Mrs McArdle	95.16%	92.39%
Mr Harris & Miss Gabriel	98.33%	94.66%
Admirals Overall	95.23%	93.64%

Easter

Eggstravaganza

Get your child to take part in a Trust wide art competition.

Children are encouraged to decorate eggs in one of the following four categories:

Famous people

Transport

Pattern

Nature

This challenge will allow children to use art and DT skills, develop resilience in solving problems and learn new skills along the way.

All entries to be submitted by Wednesday 30th March.

Last week's cake sales raised

£93.00 from Year 1 and

£117.10 from Year 5

A total of £210.10

Let's see how Years 2 and 4 get on tonight.

Can they beat the previous week?

NURSERY



Physical development is an important part of learning in nursery. The children enjoy using the outside area to develop their skills and learn about keeping healthy and safe. Every day the children take part in an active session, which we call the 'Daily Mile', within this time the children take part in a warmup, we observe the effects on our bodies by feeling our heart beats and talking about how we can keep healthy. We move in different ways around the playground, and play a variety of listening games, such as green, red, and yellow light, green means go, red means stop and yellow is an action that the children choose. In our nursery garden we have recently enjoyed exploring new physical equipment and apparatus, such as a set of ladders, a tunnel, balance beams and a basketball net. The children have challenged themselves further by creating obstacle courses and persisting with the more challenging equipment. Fine motor skills also make up part of our physical development, we focus on using different tools, small objects, and sensory items to strengthen the children's hands and fingers and increase hand and eye coordination. These skills support children with pencil grip and control to develop writing. This half term the children have enjoyed exploring various objects and moving them using tweezers which have linked to our topic, they have also created a road with cars and created their own signposts using paper, scissors, and lolly sticks.



Reception



In Reception, we are learning about balancing and maneuvering our bodies in PE. The children have been building their own obstacle courses and using equipment to balance and move in different ways. Linking in with our Literacy lessons where we are learning to write instructions, we wrote a list of instructions on how to move around the obstacle course. The children followed these instructions and used our outdoor equipment.



Year 1

This term we have been working on our ball skills, developing how we control a ball as we move around a space. As well as how we effectively pass a ball to a member of our team. To further these skills we have started to introduce the role of a defender, who tries to intercept the ball.

Year 2

Year 2 are focusing on improving their general fitness this half term. The children have been improving their ability to run over a set distance. This is a skill they consistently practice to improve their strength and resilience to run over greater distances. The children have also been learning to skip in different ways with a skipping rope. This has improved their physical fitness as they are learning to jump quicker and higher. With the warmer weather it is very important for our children to get outside and complete a range of physical activities daily. If your child takes part in a sports club make sure they tell all the adults at school, we would love to know how they are keeping fit.

Year 3

In year 3, children have been learning and practicing key skills used in Tennis. Children have been learning the difference between forehand and backhand, as well as practicing their throwing and catching skills. Children have had the opportunity to practice their pair-work and team-work skills, which are needed for a range of sports.

Year 4

Year 4 has been developing their ball skills within their PE unit. The children have become much more accurate with their ball control and are able to use these skills in mini-tournament games. We have worked both in pairs and larger groups to develop our skills in teamwork and cooperation. In addition, we have regularly been completing the golden mile activity (12 laps of the playground).

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been learning about gymnastics. This has involved learning about symmetrical and asymmetrical balances, completed individually or in pairs. This has then linked into using different and creative ways of travelling between the balances. This will progress towards us creating performances that use a variety of travelling and balances in canon or synchronized styles. This means each performer will complete the movement in order one after the other or move all at the same time.

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Year 6

Year six has been developing their throwing and catching skills within their cricket unit in PE. They have become more accurate as their technique and confidence improves. We have played a wide range of games that allow movement and refinement of our skills. In addition, we recently combined our skills to play a short game of 4 x 4 field and strike using wickets and cricket bats.

Last week at Raleigh, the school was buzzing with excitement for British Science Week. As the theme was Growth, the children had lots of opportunities to discuss a range of Growth related Science. Miss Peck introduced the theme of Growth with a range of experiments in assembly, including making a huge mess by growing bicarbonate of soda. The children also learnt about a famous botanist 'Carl Linneus', who classified animals and plants and gave humans the scientific name 'Homosapiens'. Each class had a science lesson on Growth, ranging from worm hunting and measuring trees to growing in our skills and knowledge. Our most exciting part of the week was when a beekeeper came into school to show the children an empty hive and a frame of live honey bees. The children asked some brilliant questions and have been talking about bees since. Outside the school office, we have a science display that includes real caterpillars which the children can watch grow. Well done to all the children who took part in science week, and a particular congratulations to Imogen in Year 2, Clara in Year 1 and Tommy in Year 1 who won our science week competitions. Tommy made a fantastic outdoor gym in his garden, showing us how our bodies need to become stronger to grow.

Free School Meals

Registering for free school meals will enable you to obtain peace of mind to know that your child is receiving a nourishing and healthy meal each day. In addition it could raise extra money for the academy to use to fund valuable support such as extra tuition, additional teaching staff, after school activities or reduced rate residential trips for those children receiving free school meals.

It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals if you are entitled.

If you are unsure whether your child would be entitled to free school meals, please speak to the academy office staff. They can support you in completing a form which will enable the Local Authority to check for entitlement.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We have a 48 hour absence policy for anyone with sickness and diarrhoea.

Could you please ensure that you keep any child who experiences sickness and/or diarrhoea at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Thank you for your help with this.

Please check out our Twitter feeds

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**RED
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DAY**

We raised a fabulous
£289.72
For Red Nose Day
Thank you

Extreme Reading

Don't forget our Extreme Reading Challenge. We would like you to get a photo of yourself reading your books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a trampoline (make sure you are safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved too.

Email a copy of your pictures to Raleigh or Admirals office on
office@ral.eastern-mat.co.uk

or

office@adm.eastern-mat.co.uk

or send in a hard copy. All of the pictures will be added to what we hope will be a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places.

The winner will receive an Easter Egg.

Thank you for your support.

Easter Link

Monday 28th March 2022

Come and join us for our Easter Link event and have some fun with your child and other families.

9.00-10.00am

In class with your child

10.00 – 10.30am

Adults can leave their children in class and come to the hall to purchase refreshments.

Family Link will take place in your child's classroom. If you have more than one child you will be able to visit more than one classroom.

A maximum of 1 adult per child is allowed to give as many people as possible a chance to take part.

Year 1 and Year 2 to arrive at the school office

Reception to arrive at the burgundy gate



Family Link

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Come and join us for our Family Link event and have some fun with your child and other families.

There are a choice of times to choose from: -

9.15am or 1.45pm

Each event lasts for approximately 1 hour.

There are a limited number of spaces available so please ensure you book early to get your first choice of time slot.

A maximum of 1 adult per child is allowed to give as many people as possible a chance to take part.

To book, go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/s7e5h>

or ask the academy office, who will be happy to book you a space.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day



Term dates

- 28th March.....Raleigh Easter Link
- 30th March.... Admirals Family Link—booking required
- 31st March.....Raleigh Mother's Day Assemblies—please see next page for times and information.
- 1st April 2022.....Olly Day to visit Year 2 children
- 1st April 2022.....Last day of the term
- *2nd April 2022 to 20th April 2022.....Easter holidays*
- 21st April.....First day of the term
- 29th April.....Raleigh International Sports Day
- *2nd May.....Bank Holiday*
- 16th May..... Class and Year 6 leaver photographs
- 27th May.....Last day of the half term
- *28th May 2022 to 5th June 2022.....Half term holidays*

Certificate Winners



Raleigh Mother's Day Assemblies

Come and join in with your child's class assembly in the Raleigh Hall.

9 - 9.30am Year 1 Mrs Hall

9.45 - 10.15am Year 1 Miss Marsh

10.30 - 11am Both Year 2 classes

1.40 - 2.10pm Reception Miss Peck

2.20 - 2.50pm Reception Miss Cousins

For all of the above assemblies, please arrive at the school office as the assemblies will be held in the hall.

11.00 - 11.30am - Nursery

If you are attending the nursery assembly please go directly to the nursery entrance.

Due to space please ensure there are no more than 2 adults per child.



The Year 3's had a fantastic day on Tuesday as we explored Ancient Greece by participating in an all-day workshop. Children dressed up as warriors, God and Goddesses. We learned about armour, fighting techniques, ancient puzzles and the Olympics games. The year 3's got to participate in





CELEBRATIONS

Reception - Miss Cousins - Zach for working hard to achieve more in his learning.

Reception - Miss Peck - Blake for aspiring to make the right choices and challenge himself with his learning.

Year 1 - Miss Marsh - Patricia - For always trying her best and for producing really good writing this week.

Year 1 - Mrs Hall - Ethan - For developing his confidence in all areas and taking part in class discussions.

Year 2 - Mrs Ewens - Seth for aspiring to always do his best and transform his handwriting.

Year 2 - Mrs Purvis and Mrs Ellis - Sylar for tremendous effort with his learning in school and amazing homework this week. Sylar is very determined and keen to improve his learning.

Year 3 - Miss McIlroy - Freddie, for always showing aspiration and resilience in school.

Year 3 - Miss McLeod - Patrick, he aspires to be the best person that he can be by always giving his best effort in everything that he does.

Year 4 - Miss Mota - Teodora for settling in well in her new school.

Year 4 - Mr Titheridge - Shane for listening carefully in class and sharing his ideas and thoughts with respect.

Year 4/5 - Mrs Howard - Henry for always aspiring to be the best he can be; an excellent friend and a focused student.

Year 5 - Mrs Render - Jasmine for always meeting the academy values every day and showing aspirational learning behaviour to achieve a handwriting pen.

Year 5 - Mrs Harvey - Cruz for working hard and making an active contribution in all lessons.

Year 6 - Mrs McArdle and Mrs Bishop - Nathan for aspiring to do his best in all of his learning.

Year 6 - Miss Gabriel and Mr Harris – Finlay for being a great friend and role model for others.

Nurture - Mrs Gray - Amellia for showing resilience and persevering with her work even when she finds it tough.