

# NEWSLETTER 22ND APRIL 2022

RALEIGH INFANT & ADMIRALS ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our academies for the start of the summer term. It has been an extended Easter holiday which has lifted spirits after a very difficult two years under COVID-19 restrictions. Although infection rates still seem to be remaining stubbornly high, at least we are coming out on the other side of the pandemic and resuming something that approaches normality in schools across the country.

I was fortunate to travel to South Africa to spend a lovely two weeks meeting with family and enjoying temperatures of over 30 degrees. There were many highlights to enjoy, but the best moments were all about having the chance to share quality time together. I'm sure that if you also managed to get away and braved the queues at the airports and ferry ports you will have interesting tales to tell of the chaos. Fortunately for me, leaving the country was trouble-free whilst my transfer flight for my return at a well-known European airport equalled any of the horrors shown on our media streams about travel from the U.K. but I managed to get to the boarding gate for my flight to Heathrow just in time!

This term, at Raleigh and Admirals we will be planning a full programme of getting parents/carers into events and activities including arranging a summer fair and sports days. We are even taking all the children from Admirals to the Royal Norfolk show in June – look out for information to follow nearer the time. Lots of different events and activities, both inside and outside the schools, are planned over the course of the term.

The assessment schedules for children in schools across the country has returned to normal and children at both our academies will be taking part in national assessments. After two years without 'testing' it will be an interesting experience as once more we will be able to measure the progress and attainment of our pupils against national data.

I am looking forwards to working with our class parent representatives over the summer term. My intention is that we will look at parental opinions on the Behaviour Policy, consider healthy eating to include looking at packed lunches and snacks for break times, how to improve parental voice – and of course, being the focal point of organising our summer fair. Dates for meetings will be sent directly to our parent representatives.

I am looking forwards to having a great summer term in our academies and continuing to build a successful future for all our children.

Mary Foreman  
Interim Executive Principal

## Cake Sales

Thank you all for your donations for the cake sales and for buying cakes.

In total we raised an absolutely amazing

**£660.75**

This is a fantastic amount.

All monies will be sent to the Red Cross for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

We are looking forward to a busy summer term with some fantastic learning experiences.

Year 5 started the term with a visiting puppet show, linked to their local heritage project.

## Earrings

We are still having children coming into school wearing hoop and dangly earrings. These are not allowed.

Please, for your child's safety, can you ensure that they ONLY wear studs whilst at school.

## Next week at Raleigh

Year 2 have a Viking visitor from the Ancient House Museum.

All children at Raleigh will be taking part in our International Dance day on Friday 29th April. The children will have a fabulous time participating in dances from around the world. Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit with them for this day.

We are aware that many people are finding the current economic situation quite hard.

We are here to help you if you are suffering any financial or emotional difficulties. Please feel free to contact a member of our Safeguarding team if we can be of any assistance. Speak to either academy office and they will be happy to make you an appointment.



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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that both Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academy continue to take part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse & violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service before 9am or as soon as possible thereafter on the morning after any domestic incident which Norfolk Police have recorded where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school has designated Mrs Julianne Purvis, Mr Chris Harris, Mrs Natalie Ewens and Mrs Victoria Hall as Key Adults. Our Key Adults have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact one of the above Key Adults or myself and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on our school's website and is available from the school office on request

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Purvis'.

Mrs Purvis  
Raleigh Head of School / Designated Safeguarding Lead

