

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOL?

October 2023

"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now we are in the second month of the academic year; it is very evident that the children are really back into their stride with new classes, teachers, reading habits and their fantastic attitude to learning. In order to ensure we maintain our high standards in teaching and learning, the senior staff have been spending a considerable amount of time in each classroom and it has been wonderful to see our school values of **curiosity, teamwork, fairness and resilience** shining through.

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers back onto the school playground at the start and end of the school day. **Please remember that the play equipment should not be used before the school day.** At the end of the day, *it is for parents and carers to supervise their own children.* After a short period, Mr Chadwick will need to close the perimeter gates and hence all children, parents and carers will need to vacate the school site. Finally, could I remind families, that sadly, dogs are not permitted on school premises.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Individual parent/carers consultation evenings will take place after the October half-term. These on-site meetings will take place on the evenings of **Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 8th November.** Information will be sent out shortly and booking will be via the Scopay system.

Inter School Sports

Our cross-country team were back in action yesterday with the first race being held. Congratulations to everyone who took part and a special well done to Masie (Y6) who won the girls race and Zac (Y5) who came second in the boys race. The football league will start after the October half-term and all matches will be played at Sandbach Utd.

School Office

The office is open from 8:30am until 3:30pm each day (term time only). Outside of these hours, parents/carers can leave a message that will be acted upon as soon as possible. Contact for our **All Stars before and after school provision (outside of office hours) is via 07778027570.**

Illness

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please phone the school from 8:30am on the first morning of the illness to speak to a member of staff or you can leave a voicemail prior to this time. If we have not received a phone call by 9.15am the school office staff will contact you by phone asking you to contact school immediately. The safety of your child is paramount.

School Tours

School tours for January and April 2024 starters in the Pre School and Reception starters for September 2024 are now underway. Please book an appointment via the school office. Email admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk or call 01270 314414.

Pupil Premium Funding – Is your child eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

As you will know, all of the children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes receive a Free School Meal under the Government initiative "Universal Infant Free School Meals". However, some children will also qualify for Income Related free school meals due to their personal circumstances. Whilst this does not affect your child's receipt of a free meal, if you are registered for free school meals via the Cheshire East Council website, the school will receive additional funding. This funding is known as Pupil Premium and brings in up to an additional £1385



per child that is registered. Please follow the link to see if your child is eligible https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of our children's education. Currently, we allocate each child £50 annually towards uniform, 50% towards the cost of day visits and overnight residential visits and attendance at an after-school club. The remaining funding supports educational programmes throughout school.

Pupil Voice

We are very pleased to announce our new representatives for our school and we believe it is vitally important that the children in our school are given a voice. Alongside our pupil voice surveys, we also have three dedicated teams across our school. We have 14 school council representatives, 12 Eco Ambassadors and 4 House and 4 Vice-House Captains.



House and Vice House Captains



ECO Team



School Council

'Every day when I come to school, I feel like I'm stepping into a world of adventures, learnings and friends. School is not just a place it's a community, our community, and I want to make it even more fantastic for all of us.' Sienna (Y6)

'Things in school that matter to me are that we treat each other with respect, we don't accept bullying, we are kind and courteous to each other and the school staff; and that we all follow the school values of resilience, curiosity, teamwork and fairness.' Ned (Y6)

'In school, my favourite things to do are maths, art and Hearts and Minds – I love how it helps you to stay calm' Scarlett (Y6)

Our school website is regularly updated with school information. This monthly newsletter, parent letters and school holiday dates can all be found on our website. Our school Twitter and Facebook feeds are also updated regularly. <https://twitter.com/rodeheathschool>
www.facebook.com/rodeheathschool

Thank you all for supporting our recent MacMillan Coffee Morning; we have managed to raise £353. We are also so proud of Ned and Tilly-Anne from Year 6 who have managed to raise £507 for the Dougie Mac Hospice.



Wow! What a treat the school had this morning as part of our Coronation celebration. The incredible **Rob Pointon Artist** popped in to share with us some of his amazing paintings, including the painting he did live in Trafalgar Square during the coronation last weekend. He also treated Year 3 to a portraiture workshop, which included sketching a beautiful portrait of Mrs Dobson. The children were mesmerised by his work. Thank you for inspiring them, Rob!



Our athletics team have won the Sandbach Town Sports Small School Shield and came second overall from the ten schools involved. Well done to all who participated! Lots of gold, silver and bronze medals amongst the team. A big thank you to all the adults. [#smallschoolbigheart](#) [#makingmemories](#) [#winners](#)



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Our Year 5's have been involved in the NFU Farmvention Engineering Project. They have carefully considered the real-world problems that farmers face and were all involved in designing and creating the final products: a heated jacket and a cold jacket for calves. Some of our Year 5's were lucky enough to visit a farm in Lancashire on two occasions earlier in the year, where they were filmed for a Countryfile episode that aired last Sunday! To find out more about what the class have been up to, as well as to watch the Countryfile clip, have a look at the latest blog post on our [Think Like an Engineer website: Designing for Countryfile – Think Like An Engineer](#) [thinklikeanengineerproject.com](#)
Here are some of the children with their final creations! 🐾



This week is our Sky Arts Week in school. Tune in to Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year on Thursday 22nd June to see Dexter's (Y6) portrait of Mrs Hulse featured on the show. A huge well done also to Tilysha (Y6) and Gabriella (Y6) whose portraits were also chosen as competition winners.

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Year 1 have loved this year's art week theme of 'Identity'. We have been looking at 2D mark making, and so far we have found out about the illustrator Johanna Basford and drawn 'All About Me' circles in her style. Then we completed the first layer of our layered self-portraits, using the work of Mike Barrett as inspiration. Look at some of the children's amazing portraits! Can you guess who they are? Great job so far Year 1!! [#skyarts](#) [#AccessAllArts](#)



Year 5 have had a great time creating their own perspective images as part of Sky Access All Arts week. Here are some of their creations! #AccessAllArts



Some of our lucky Rode Heath children were selected to take part in a special Engineering Masterclass event, experiencing exciting challenges and learning to use the Engineering Habits of Mind (EHoM) developed by the Royal Academy of Engineering. And they were fabulous!



The teamwork's been fantastic; the balance has been impressive; the cooperation has been magnificent. If it wasn't for all the giggling, more of our Year 4 children might have made it out alive!



Year 5 and 6 had a lovely surprise this morning, when we welcomed Adam and Nathan into school to do a super skateboarding demonstration! Adam and Nathan will be running our after-school Skateboarding club on a Friday for the Autumn term, which is open to children in Year 5 and 6. There are still some spaces available; please see the club letter, that was sent out yesterday, for details of how to sign up.

