



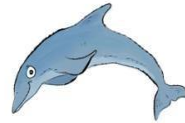
Rode Heath Primary School

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

March 2024 Newsletter



Curiosity



Teamwork



Fairness



Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all made the most of the half term break with the weather starting to slightly improve. We have only been back for a week but we are already extremely busy. Reception have been paper weaving, the Year 1 children are investigating bones on the playground (not real ones!); Year 2 have made Ferris wheels, Year 3 are creating pneumatic toys, Year 4 & 6 have taken part in Bikeability, Year 5 have been investigating air resistance and Year 6 have been conducting yeast investigations. Bring on the rest of the half term!

Achievements and Celebrations

Dougie Mac

As a school, we continue to raise vital funds for Dougie Mac and we like to thank you for your support with this. Through our various activities this year, we have already managed to raise £530.10. The children are all very proud of this and we will continue to support Dougie Mac.

Year 4 had a wonderful time developing their cycling skills this week with Bikeability. We were delighted that not only were they proficient on their bikes but also the great behaviour and good manners of the children was commented on.



Bikeability

Last week, the Year 4 children completed their Level 1 bicycle sufficiency award. The Year 6 children also completed their Level 2 award and had to demonstrate their confidence on the roads! Well done to you all!

Borrow the Moon Experience

The week before half-term, we were lucky enough to take advantage of UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI) 'Borrow the Moon' project. It had been almost 10 years to the day that we had first welcomed the moon rocks to Rode Heath and we eagerly anticipated their arrival on the Monday. Please follow this link to read more about what the week entailed [Borrow the Moon experience – Think Like An Engineer \(thinklikeanengineerproject.com\)](http://thinklikeanengineerproject.com). Thank you to our Science and STEM leader, Julie Wiskow for making this event possible and for creating the article (link above).



World Book Week

We are currently half way through World Book Week and it is pleasing to see all of the children participating in lots of activities to do with reading. I am really looking forward to seeing all of their creative designs and costumes of our favourite characters when we come to school on Thursday.

Parent / Carer Consultation

Spring term parent/carers consultation meetings will be held face to face on **Wednesday 13th March** and **Wednesday 20th March**. Booking information will be sent out in advance. Pre-School meetings will be held on **Thursday 14th March** and **Wednesday 20th March (information to follow)**

Admissions

All Year 6 children nationally have now been allocated their secondary school place. You have two weeks to accept your child's place through Cheshire East Admissions.

Parents/Carers waiting confirmation of their reception child's place for September with us will find out on **Monday 16th April**.

Holiday Club

After careful consideration we have made the decision moving forward to bring our Holiday Club back in house. Although the February Holiday Club was a success with the children that attended we have listened to the feedback from our parents and believe that what we can offer to the children in our school is a varied, safe and enjoyable experience.

Unfortunately, due to rising costs we have had to make the difficult decision to increase our prices from April 2024 onwards. We have agreed a price increase of £2 to both school aged children and pre-school children.

The price for holiday club from April 2024 will be:

School Aged children - £28 per day

Pre-school aged children - £32 per day

We will continue to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in our Holiday Clubs with lots of different activities available for all children to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing you all in our upcoming Easter Holiday Club. Booking will be available via your ScoPay account from Monday 4th March..

Careers

Thank you for those of you who have declared an interest in talking to our children. We are still looking for adults who would be willing to talk to our children about their chosen careers. If anyone would be willing then we would love to hear from you – please contact the school office on admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk.

Staffing Structure

I am very pleased to announce the permanent appointments of Miss Moss and Mr Scott as our two Assistant Headteachers. Miss Moss will also be the lead for Key Stage One and Mr Scott will be the lead for Key Stage Two. It goes without saying that if you need their support with any issues then they are available to support you.

Kind Regards,
John Frankland

Please find a letter below written by a group of children in Year 5 who are very passionate about supporting the RNLI.

Rode Heath Primary School



Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

This letter is informing you about an RNLI fundraiser that will potentially inspire your children forever.

Why we have decided to do this fundraiser?

We have decided to do this fundraiser for the RNLI as the 4th of March is their 200th year anniversary and we would like to give them a birthday donation to celebrate their hard work and bravery. This means a lot to us as we see the RNLI crews as role models and we want the children of Rode Heath Primary to see them as role models too.



When will this fundraiser take place?

This fundraiser will take place on the 8th of March 2024 and to raise this money the whole school (from reception – year 6) will be skipping the daily mile track. Even the teachers will be doing this! We would like to ask you to send your child in with a donation of your choice but this is optional as we know the prices of things are going up.

Kind Regards,

Isla Hattersley, Pippa Jerman and Nancy MacDonal

