

RYECROFT ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please can I take this opportunity to warmly welcome both yourselves and your children back to school for the summer term, following the Easter break. It was great to see so many of you at our Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

I am keen to let you know that we will be sharing our summer term calendar with you next week. I know it is really important for you to be aware of up and coming events in good time to enable you to plan ahead. I hope that sharing planned events for the remainder of the academic year will be helpful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to a dear and valued colleague. Mrs Ormondroyd, our Office Manager, has been at Ryecroft for 4½ years and has fulfilled such an important role for us. If you have had the pleasure of linking with Mrs Ormondroyd you will know that she is one of the kindest people you will ever meet! Mrs Ormondroyd moves onto pastures new at the end of next week and it is with great sincerity that I thank her for all that she has contributed to Ryecroft. I know that you will join me in wishing her the very best for her future.

We are keen to develop a 'Community Support Team' at Ryecroft Academy. This will be a team of Parents/Carers and Grandparents who engage in a training programme with us. The training will be centred around two aspects. The first being a fully accredited first aid qualification and the second focusing on 'how to keep children safe on visits'. Our hope is that the team will really help us in supporting trips and visits to ensure that our children enjoy great experiences that link to and deepen their learning. I look forward to coming back to you soon with further details about this.

Have a lovely weekend.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance – 90.3%.

Congratulations to Mr Burn's class for achieving 97.1% attendance for the week.

Reception 1 Miss Wilkinson	89.3%
Reception 2 Miss Brook	90.0%
1A Mrs Smith	86.1%
1B Miss Cade	88.0%
2A Miss Knowles	86.3%
2B Miss Booth	91.3%
3/4A Miss Rosindale	96.3%
3/4B Mr Rollin	91.9%
3/4C Mrs Akhtar	90.7%
5/6A Mr Burns	97.1%
5/6B Mr Mason	79.0%
5/6C Mr Hayes	97.8%

PUPIL CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Congratulations to each and every one.

	Role Model	Superstar
R1	Shanade Mallinson	Mia-Grace Fisher
R2	Casey Smales	Eva-Mae James
1A	Mia Stroud	Kyle Harrison
1B	Billy Brooksbank	Paige Stephens
2A	Carla Smales	Connor Scott
2B	Theo Hirst	Seth Wilkin
3/4A	Cody Hampton	Thomas Harding
3/4B	Jessica Nelson	Damarni Wiltshire
3/4C	Aurita Serelyte	Ester Hass
5/6A	Matthew Smurthwaite	Przemek Lisicki
5/6B	Aniyah Wright	Andy Hebbbron-Gedge
5/6C	Harvey Gates	Lauren Anderson

I would really like to say a huge hello to all the children and parents at Ryecroft Academy for the wonderful welcome I have received here this week. My role here involves working with children, parents, staff, outside agencies and the authority to promote the profile of Ryecroft Academy and all our children.

I also have a key role in regard in relation to attendance, finance and resources at Ryecroft. If you have any queries in relation to your child or any aspect of school life please do not hesitate to make me your first point of call.

Jeni McCormack
Director of Operations and Pastoral Care

Year 6 SATs

In preparation for our pending KS2 SATs our Year 6 cohort are attending a SATs preparation day coordinated by The Farnley Academy. This event has been organised around making fantastic progress, working with specialist high school teachers from the Trust. Our children are in for a highly engaging and enriched experience at one of our state of the art high schools - The Ruth Gorse Academy, in Leeds city centre. To reward the pupils for all their hard work and commitment in striving for excellence, they will make their way to an all-expenses paid private showing at The Everyman Cinema where a buffet will be provided for them. This collaboration within The Gorse Academies Trust is once again an attempt to help our children achieve their goals.

Simon Hayes
Assistant Principal

This week the extra-curricular programme has been great with children putting in super commitment and effort.

Next week we are really looking forward to our West Leeds Netball final – watch this space for the results!

Mr Stephenson

DIARY DATES

Monday 1 May School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8 – Friday 12 May Year 6 SATs Week

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Esafety

<https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents:

<http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>

If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403

Our Designated Officers for Child Protection are Mrs McCormack and Mrs Norris