

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

I hope that this issue of Rufford Park Post finds you and your family well. Whilst 'World News' is being dominated by coronavirus, school has been running as normal and, as ever, we have been busy.

Administering Term 2 Assessments has been the main focus for most teachers this week and the children have responded well to the demands and stresses of these formal tests. A distinctive and special characteristic of Rufford Park Primary School is that the children do get a broad and balanced curriculum; the teachers plan and deliver a range of interesting and enjoyable lessons. Formal assessments, like those delivered this week, are used to help provide additional information as to how the children are performing in the core subjects. They provide a snap shot of attainment at a given time and are not used in isolation but are used to supplement ongoing teacher assessments which are made on a daily basis.

Other news this week included:

- Year 4 Boys Cross County Team participating in the West Yorkshire Finals at Temple Newsam
- A Year 5 and 6 group accessing a BMX event at Yeadon Tarn
- Year 4 taking part in a Skipping Festival at Leeds Trinity
- Andy the vet of Tweed House Vets who spoke to Nursery about poorly pets, x-rays and operations

Tomorrow is a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed to the children. Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

**BMX Bandits...** A group of our Year 5 and 6 children thoroughly enjoyed the first ever active schools BMX event at Yeadon Tarn BMX track on Wednesday - despite the wet and cold conditions. The session was delivered by two experienced British Cycling coaches who commented on the excellent attitude and progress displayed by Rufford Park



children in the 1.5 hour session. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the event at the local venue and all seemed determined to revisit the track in their own time and practise the skills they have learnt. Many thanks to Mr Spence for organising and supervising the event.

**Cross Country:** The Year 4 Boys Cross Country Team competed at the West Yorkshire Cross County Finals yesterday and should be very proud of their achievements. There were 148 children in their race and we had two top 50 places from our very talented team of runners. A very well done to all the children and a big thankyou to Mrs Senior and Mrs Bond who accompanied the children at the event.



This week in assembly I took advantage of a sunny morning to talk about Spring and how it is the time of year when some people have a good tidy up around the house and in the garden. I talked about the sound of lawn mowers, the sight of feather dusters and the planting of bulbs. I used the analogy of a 'spring clean' that we could all have inside ourselves. I spoke about reflecting on what we could do better and what bad habits we could clean up on.

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Did anyone notice the change of email at the top of Rufford Park Post? Due to the volume of junk and spam emails that we are receiving, we have changed the generic school email address. There will be a period of time when the old 'admin' email will still work but this will be terminated in the next week or so. Please spread the word amongst the school community.

## Skipping:

Today, the whole of Year 4 took part in a skipping festival at Leeds Trinity. Competing against 5 other schools, the children did really well gaining medals in several categories.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**TEACHER TRAINING DAY:** FRI 13th MARCH

School will be closed to the children.

**Y6 BIKEABILITY:** W.B. 16TH MARCH

**CAKE SALE:** FRI 20TH MARCH - contributions from Y2 and Y5 please.

**Y3 NELL BANK TRIP:** 24TH MARCH

**Y4 RESIDENTIAL:** TUES 31ST MARCH & 1ST APRIL

**WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S**

**CHURCH:** THUR 2ND APRIL am - we need parent volunteers for this visit so if you are able to help, please let us know.

**EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE:** THUR 2ND APRIL pm