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Headteacher's news:

It has been a busy week in school with nasal flu immunisations, sporting events and parents' evenings. Covid cases have also been on the rise and earlier in the week I had to send out letters to 5 different classes to inform parents of positive cases. Historically, I would have had to close class bubbles causing significant disruption to everyone. Thankfully, we have moved on from this requirement but schools are still under enormous pressure supporting home learning and covering staff absences; and parents and carers will also be feeling the strain.

As a school, we need to continue to be supportive and the feedback I have had from parents' evening suggests we are working together to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. Providing an engaging curriculum, school trips, special themed events and extra-curricular opportunities is important to pupil well-being; I sincerely hope that your child is happy here at Rufford Park.

Have a good weekend.



Sporting news: On Tuesday night, the U11 football team played their first game of the season against Horsforth Newlaithes and won 2-1 in a competitive match - [click here to read more](#).

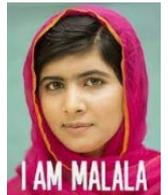
Yesterday, we took 8 teams to Wharfe Meadows in Otley to compete against local schools in the Y3-6 School Games cross-country pathway event. Qualifying runners will go on to represent the school at the Leeds Finals later in the year. [Click here](#) for a short report.

So ... it has been a busy week of sport and there is no let up as we have a further cross-country event tomorrow at Cardinal Heenan.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

- [Nursery](#)
- [Reception](#)
- [Y1 Pear](#)
- [Y1/2 Lime](#)
- [Y2 Cherry](#)
- [Y3 Willow](#)
- [Y3/4 Cedar](#)
- [Y4 Beech](#)
- [Y5 Oak](#)
- [Y5/6 Ash](#)
- [Y6 Maple](#)

In assembly... this week we continued to talk about British Values. The children remembered the 5 values and were able to recite them. Some children told me that they had been quizzed at home too! We looked at the British Values in the context of learning about Malala Yousafzai and the work she does campaigning for the individual human right of girls to have an education.



Parent Governor Vacancy: Ongoing

Item. We currently have 1 parent governor vacancy at the school. We have a very strong and supportive governing body and if you are interested in joining this team and taking on the role, please [click this link](#) to find out more. The deadline for applications is Friday 29 October 2021.

Halloween Fun:

The FORP are running their 'Spooktacular Halloween Trail' in the half term holidays (Sunday 31 October). This is a ticketed event so if you haven't done so already please [sign up here](#).

In school, we are marking the occasion with a special Halloween Menu. This will be available to all children on Thursday 21 October. If your child does not normally have a school meal and would like one on this day, please contact the office before the end of Tuesday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thurs 21 Oct: Halloween Menu
- Fri 22 Oct: Half term holidays begin
- Sun 31 Oct: Spooky Halloween Trail
- Mon 1 Nov: School opens for Autumn 2
- Fri 19 Nov: Teacher Training Day
- Sat 27 Nov 12:00-2:00pm: Christmas Fayre