Rufford Park Post





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Headteacher's news:

It has been a very busy and productive half term and I am sure that the children and staff are looking forward to a break from school to rest and recuperate. I have just glanced through the 6 preceding newsletters and we should all look back and reflect on what has been a positive start to the school year. New starters (children and staff), meet the teacher drop-ins, school trips, workshops, sporting fixtures, parents' evening, PTA events and more have complimented the ongoing daily teaching and learning.

Since the last issue of Rufford Park Post, a group of children enjoyed an after school club with instructors from West Leeds Activity Centre (see pictures below) and we took part in the second Saturday cross-country event of the year at Cardinal Heenan (results here).

I hope you have a good half term break and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday 1 November. If you are looking for any activities to keep your child busy and active next week then Fisical (our PE partner) are running this holiday camp.





Children from Y4-Y6 enjoying bushcraft activities with instructors from WLAC in a special 'one-off' after school club (Friday 15 October).

Squid Game - Online Safety Alert & Guidance for Parents

On Tuesday, a news message was added to the website about Squid Game (you should have received an alert via the School Jotter App). Please <u>click here</u> if you missed this important item. The main purpose of the message was to raise awareness amongst parents and carers of the potential hazards to children. The 15+ rating of Squid Game has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites and this is what you need to be aware of and what you need to monitor. Here is a further link that would be useful to read: https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know

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 discussed the importance of RESPECT. We have a new display in the hall to remind the children of our British Values and we will refer to this at regular points in your child's time at Rufford Park.



FORP - 'Raisin'
Funds. Your child should have come home with a box of raisins and this leaflet. Please help raise money for the Friends of Rufford Park by engaging with this challenge. There

is a prize for the



class that returns the most boxes. Good luck!

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.

Staffing update: On Wednesday, we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Peel (formally Miss Jones) who worked in Y2. Mrs Peel is leaving the education sector and moves on with our best wishes. As a result, we currently have a TA <u>vacancy</u> which is live on our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today: Half term holidays begin
Sunday 31 Oct: Spooky Halloween Trail
Mon 1 Nov: School opens for Autumn 2
Fri 19 Nov: Teacher Training Day - school
closed to all children

Sat 27 Nov 12:00-2:00pm: Christmas Fayre