

## Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

### Newsletter: 18th February 2022



I'd like to thank our families for their support and understanding during what has been a very eventful half-term. Covid really had us in its grip during January but thankfully, this seems to be easing off now. We are looking to the future and will happily start to invite parents into school more often now that the Covid situation is changing. Watch this space!

#### Important dates

#### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS INFORMATION

##### **Return to school**

Children return to school on Wednesday  
5th January 2020.

**INSET** days for the rest of the year are:

4th January 2022

27th May 2022

6th June 2022

21st July 2022

We are also required to take an extra Bank Holiday so we have chosen to take this on **Friday 8th April.**

We break up for half-term on Friday 18th February

#### **A message from Wendy Seymour, Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body.**

Since I last wrote it's been an extremely difficult and challenging time for everyone. I can't express how grateful the Governing Body are to Mrs Dunn and all the staff. They've had to adapt to the pressure of last minute changes put upon them because of COVID-19. They've worked together so the school could remain open to as many pupils as possible. Your continued support with this is always greatly appreciated. In all of this, I've seen how polite and enthusiastic the children are. Let's hope we are moving on to better times.



We have launched our new Facebook page this week. Thank you to everyone who has liked, shared or interacted with it this week. We are up to 111 followers after our first two days which is fantastic. We will be using this page primarily for publicity for our amazing school to attract new families. Parents will be contacted for permissions shortly. This page will not replace Classdojo for communication with parents.

**Follow us on Facebook:** Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

**Attendance reminder** It is crucial that your child attends school every day. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in school. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you may receive a letter from our Attendance Team. **Remember to contact the school office by 9am if your child is absent.** You will be contacted by a member of the office staff if you don't. Poor attendance will always be followed up by our team.



## School Lunch price increase

From 4th April, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.20.

## Upcoming events

**Monday 28th February**—Our Book Fair will be in school all this week.

**Thursday 3rd March**—World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. They should bring the book to school with them. A reminder that this is an optional activity and we don't want parents to feel under pressure to go out and buy an outfit.



Parents are invited into school from 2.30pm on World Book Day to read with their children. Please come into school via the main office. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all!



**Tuesday 8th March**—KS2 tree planting with Oases. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

**Friday 18th March**—Red Nose Day non-uniform day for a contribution.

**Wednesday 23rd March**—Early Years Stay and Play session. More information to follow shortly.

**Monday 28th March**—School Council have organised a 'Break the Rules' day, More information will follow.



Inspiring everyone to grow

Roseberry has been successful with a bid to develop a sensory garden in our quad. Our local Civic Pride officer will be working alongside members of our Gardening Club to help us with our project. The funding comes from a grant through the Royal Horticultural Society.



## Early Years Outdoor Area development

We are working hard to improve our outdoor provision. We have started with the EYFS nursery garden. Our before and after photos show how much work we have done to remove old, overgrown shrubs so that we can open up provision and offer more challenge when learning outdoors.

Before



After



Unfortunately, we still have a lot of work to do and we need your help. We would appreciate any **volunteers** to shape the outside of our



Secret Den before the birds begin to build nests for Spring.

We also need help to dig out some of the old shrub roots so that we can make new pathways and hidden areas.

We would like to thank Mr Creighton for his amazing support and hard work with the removal of the old bushes. We couldn't have completed it without Bob and his chainsaw!

We will also be thinking of fundraising ideas for after half term to buy new outdoor equipment we would like to replace old, condemned equipment. **We would also appreciate donations of top soil, paving stones/stepping stones, flowers/ filled plastic plant pots/bulbs of daffodils, tulips, snowdrops, bluebells, crocuses etc, and wooden pallets.**

**Please get in touch if you can help out.**



## Performance Poetry Winners

### Performance Poetry Winners

All children from Reception to Year 6 have had the opportunity to take part in our Annual Performance Poetry Competition. Well done to everyone who joined in with this. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your class and perform a poem. We are very proud of you all.

The winners for each class are listed below.

Reception Swallows—**Emma**

Reception Starlings—**Jorgie**

Year 1 Herons—**Rhiva**

Year 1/2 Doves—**Dexter**

Year 2 Swifts—**Clara**

Year 3/4 Wrens—**Isaac**

Year 3/4 Rooks—**Louie**

Year 5 Finches—**Leo**

Year 6 Kingfishers—**Phoebe**



The winners were all presented with a book and a certificate in assembly or in class.

Each class had a runner-up and they also received a certificate.

Thank you to Miss Blakeney for her organisation of the competition.



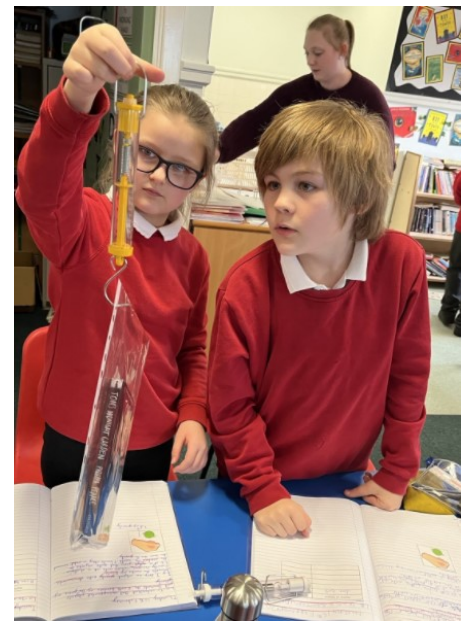
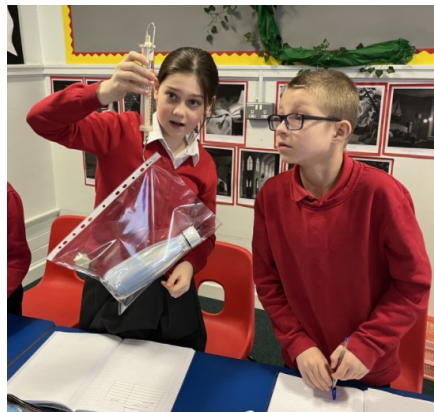
## Photographs from school over recent weeks



Some Year 5 and 6 pupils have been taking part in our archery club this half-term. They have all really enjoyed it and made great progress over the weeks.



Year 5 pupils using force meters in their Science lessons.



Year 5 have been in the cookery room making Shakshuka. This is a Middle Eastern dish that links to their recent History unit about the development Early Islam and the history of Baghdad.





The little chefs in **Y3/4 Wrens** cooked some chorizo frittatas. They did everything as a team, from the chopping of the ingredients, to the frying of the chorizo mix to the cleaning up afterwards. And of course, they did the eating part too! I think some people discovered a new food that they liked in the process.



**KS1** went to visit Durham Cathedral to link in with their History and RE units. They had a fantastic time and they were wonderful ambassadors for our school with their excellent behavior and good manners.



Children in the **Robins Nursery** learnt all about Chinese New Year. They decorated lanterns and sampled some Chinese food.





Children in **Reception Swallows** did an investigation with some ice to help them understand how polar bears keep warm. This links in with their topic about Arctic animals.



Children in **Reception Starlings** sampled some Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Our youngest children in the **Sparrows Nursery** made some lovely winter collages.



### Reminders

Please remove earrings before children come into school.

**PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE UP INDUSTRIAL STREET OR PARK ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE SCHOOL. USE THE CAR PARK PLEASE.**

Have a lovely half term!

From Mrs Dunn and the Roseberry Team.