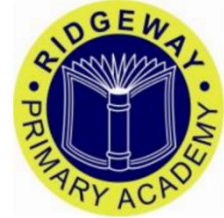


# Ridgeway News Letter

Wednesday 12th 2023



## The holidays are here!

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

What a jam-packed and exciting term of events; the last half-term has whizzed by in a haze.

The sports days were enjoyed by all children across the school who had fun taking part in both the traditional and inclusive sporting events. The House Teams all collected valuable points towards their final house points totals.

Leicestershire Fire Brigade visited the children in Year 1 and 5 to explain how to stay safe in the home, and how to be fire safety aware. The children learned a very important message and also had the chance to try out some fire fighting equipment.



Trips were plentiful this half-term, and thankfully the weather was brilliant for all of them. The children in KS1 had a fabulous trip to Hunstanton in Norfolk. Sandcastles and ice creams were definitely the order of the day!

In year 5/6, the children's knowledge of evolution and science was developed further by a fascinating and informative trip to the Cambridge Museums.

Year 3/4 had an enjoyable local visit to Great Bowden park, and our Reception children had a delightful visit to Gallone's ice cream parlour. The teachers are already planning the trips for next year.

Our Year 6 children enjoyed an amazing Life Skills days, organised by Georgie Willock, and supported by pupils from Robert Smyth Academy. The children learnt valuable skills such as fixing a puncture and making a bed, and had the chance to speak to current students about what life at

secondary school was like. Everyone had a great time and found the day incredibly informative.

A big thank you to David Wilson Homes; their hard work this week saw the completion of the Sensory Garden. The fencing work and Totem Poles painted by the children in Year 6 have given it that final finishing touch.



We had the pleasure this half-term to welcome Y10 students from Robert Smyth Academy who visited us to complete their work experience placements. They were a fantastic help, and I know our children thoroughly enjoyed the support they gave them.

It was wonderful to host local author, and one time Ridgeway teacher, Mr Simon Wellard this term, who carried out writing workshops with all of our children in KS2. He shared with them the process he uses when creating new characters and crafting his story adventures. It was

fabulous to see him, and I know the children enjoyed his visit.

Although everyone is feeling happy and excited about the start of the summer holidays, it is tinged with the sadness that we have to say some goodbyes and fond farewells.

Mrs Wynne, Mrs Tiday, Mrs Clewlow-Miller and Mrs Bladon will all be sadly leaving us at the end of this term. They have all be wonderful during their time at Ridgeway, and they will be missed by one and all.

Finally, it is time to say bon voyage to our fabulous Year 6s. They have been a brilliant group of children, and it has been a pleasure watching them grow into the super young people they have become. (Good luck...and do keep in touch!)

Have a fantastic summer holiday!!

Warm Wishes

Dave Turner  
Head of School

# Summer Term Round Up!

## EYFS Updates

Reception have been looking at the life cycles of Sunflowers and the work of Vincent Van Gogh and other artists who painted sunflowers. They have explored using different tools such as brushes and forks to create textures in their sunflower paintings. They have planted sunflower seeds (as well as broad beans) to notice the roots and shoots as they grow into seedlings and then plants, and have observed the changes in the sunflowers that they painted as they come to the end of their life and the petals fall off.

The children really enjoyed their end of year trip to Gallone's and all of the EYFS team would like to thank you all for your support this year. The children have all been superstars and we are sure they will continue to do well in year 1.



## Year 1 and 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Hunstanton. The beach was fabulous, and they learned lots about the ocean at the Sea Life Centre.

To develop the children's understanding of caring for animals, KS1 were lucky enough to have some special visitors on Thursday. Petunia and King came to say hello to the children. The children were very brave and everyone either held or stroked the snakes.





### **Year 3 and 4**

Year 3/4 have been learning about the Romans. One of their lessons involved having debating teams arguing FOR / AGAINST Boudica i.e. whether she was a good Queen or not.



Whilst the Year 4s were at Beaumanor, the Year 3s designed some fantastic 'Visit Italy' travel leaflets.



### **Year 5 and 6**

The children in Year 5 and 6 have been busy this half-term preparing for their end of year performance, whilst the year 5 concentrated on developing their English and Maths skills. The Year 6s absolutely smashed it during their performances and were absolutely fantastic. They have set the bar high for our Year 5s, but I'm sure they will be up for the challenge!





# KS2 French

## Year 3/4

This half term the children have been learning to talk and write about sports and activities. They linked this with their knowledge of days of the week to write a diary of activities.

They also learned how to say the date in French by using days, numbers to 31 plus the months.

The children had a fun lesson recently all about le Tour de France (which started on July 1st). They learned about time trials, the peleton, riders jerseys & much more. Everyone loved the video of last year's Tour highlights - especially the crashes – as well as designing their own Tour rider's jersey.

Year 5/6

The children in year 5/6 have learned how to tell the time in French, focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter past & quarter to. They also looked at 24 hour times and numbers up to 100.

Over the past few lessons, the topic has been schools in France compared to the UK. The children have learned about the French school system, lunchtimes, homework, holidays, school bags, subjects, timetables and much, much more.

**Bonnes vacances à tous!**



## PE, Sport, Events and Wellbeing at Ridgeway

A big congratulations to everyone who took part in the Move It March event.

Mr Hussein Khan from the Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (LSLSSP) visited Ridgeway to present the Winners trophy with the help of Active Anita!



A massive congratulations to Mrs Jennings who was awarded the Improving Health and Well-Being Award for supporting the wellbeing of our children at Ridgeway. Her super work in developing the well-being of our children was recognised by the judges at the LSLSSP award ceremony. We are all incredibly proud of Mrs Jennings achievement.

Thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of £250 to support the growth of our girls' football team, a wonderful donation from Castle Lane nursery of £500 and the £138 raised during our Girls Football day earlier in the year, we have been able to purchase new kit for our football and sports teams.

Over the last 12 months, Ridgeway have successfully developed 3 football teams, 2 mixed and 1 girl only team.

In addition to this, with the support of coaches from Borough Alliance Football Club and their 'boot bank' donations we have managed to support every child who wishes to take part in football. This will continue next year with training and the football league starting in September.





## Pre-Loved Sale

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the pre-loved sales. This year, these events have raised a staggering £800, which can be used to support the children's learning at Ridgeway Primary Academy. A big thank you to everyone who has donated, and to Mrs Wendy Cooke for organising this wonderful event.





## House Team Points Competition

The house points competition this term has continued to be incredibly close with 3 teams vying for the top spot. The positions at the end of the year were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Curie 890

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Attenborough 880

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Turing 830

4<sup>th</sup> Place- Johnson 680

### **Some Key Dates for the Autumn**

**Holiday Club... 31<sup>st</sup> July- 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**School Starts... Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**Half-Term... Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**End of Autumn Term... Break up on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**



**We are a collection point for the Market Harborough Hygiene Bank. This can be found in the school foyer. The following items would be gratefully received:**

**Shower gel, Soap, Razors, Shaving Foam, Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Hair Brushes and hair ties, Sanitary products, Nappies, Laundry detergent, Surface cleaner, Washing up liquid.**

## **Useful contact numbers for Family Support:**

Children family and wellbeing services - 0116 3058727

First response children's duty - 0116 3050005

CAP 24 hour mental health advice for parents - 0808 800 3302

Living without abuse Leicestershire help and support for anyone suffering abuse - 0808 80 200 28 01509 550317

Jubilee food bank - jubileefoodbankmh.uk (GP and doctors surgery can make a referral)

Household support grant - [communityhub@harborough.gov](mailto:communityhub@harborough.gov).