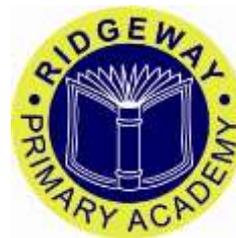


November Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a good half term. We have a busy half term to look forward to in the lead up to Christmas.

Key Stage 2 Results

We are delighted to report that our Key Stage 2 attainment results in reading writing and maths put us in the top 20% of schools nationally, and that they were significantly above national results. This is a testament to the hard work of pupils and staff and the support you give them as parents. Thank you!

Aldi Stickers

Thank you to everyone who sent in stickers to complete our sports poster from Aldi. We hope to be in with the chance of winning £20,000 to spend on sports provision within school.

School Council - A note from Mrs Johnson

Before half term, classes in Key Stages One and Two had the opportunity to vote for their school council representatives. After a brief discussion about the qualities needed to be on the council, the children nominated themselves for election. Each child was encouraged to stand up in front of their class to say why they should be elected. A vote was then taken and the representatives were elected.

The council this year is made up of eighteen members with at least three representatives from each class. These are our councillors for this year:

Year 2: Zach Delve, Lottie Stratford, Lottie Sharp

Year 3: Jack Watkins, Sebb Smart, Anayah Clements

Year 4: Ben Styles, Izzy Wiggins, Issac Clarke, Eva Stringfellow

Year 5: Malachy Creighton, Warwick Smith, Rosalyn Jackson

Year 6: Stanley Smart, Charanjot Samra, Chloe Longster, Archie Masters, Emily Sunderland

Before half-term we met briefly to discuss rules for council meetings. They decided that these would be appropriate:

No shouting out

Take it in turns to speak

Use inside voices

Treat each other how you would treat other people

Listen carefully

I very much look forward to meeting with the new council in the coming weeks, where our first area of discussion will be Anti-bullying week which is the week beginning 11th November. It is hoped that they will be instrumental in deciding what activities each class should do to reinforce this year's theme.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that our Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7:45am. We serve a selection of cereals and toast, with fruit juice, milk and water. We have regular themed breakfasts as well where we serve pastries and pancakes. If you would like your child to attend the breakfast club, please speak to the office who will be happy to explain how to book in.

Pupil Premium

Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development?

The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development. Ridgeway can help you find out if your child could receive the extra money.

Who could benefit from this money?

Children from Reception to year 11 may be eligible if they:

- are registered for Free School Meals (FSM)
- have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years
- are or have been in care
- have parents in the armed forces

How can I ensure the school gets the extra Pupil Premium funding for my child?

You need to find out first if you can register your child for Free School Meals (FSM). The eligibility criteria is that you need to be in receipt of certain benefits to include some of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax run-on
- Universal Credit

If you think you may be eligible, please speak to the school office who will provide you with a form to fill out. All requests will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Boost News - A note from Mrs Libby Harris

FORA kindly agreed to fund the purchase of inclusive books during the summer term. I have been busy researching into a selection of recommended books which have a range of characters with different needs and characteristics. An order has been placed and will hopefully be in school soon for children to borrow.

Having celebrated Dyslexia Week and ADHD Awareness Month in October, we continue to raise awareness throughout the school. Dyslexia Awareness

The Boost Committee will be shortly be having the first meeting of the year when aims for the year will be discussed and outlined. We look forward to holding another Boost Afternoon Tea.

PE Update

Y5/6 Table Tennis

Three teams took part in the Inter School Table Tennis tournament in September. All teams performed brilliantly, with the boys' team qualifying for the district tournament at Leicester Grammar School.

At the district tournament, four boys (Hayden, Jack, Stanley and Bailey) played skilfully and came third, missing out on second place by only two points. The school is incredibly proud of their performance.

Y2/3 Tag Rugby Festival

The mixed Y2/3 team had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at the Harborough Town RFC. They played incredibly well, and won all but one of their games. A stunning performance!

Y5/6 Girls Football Danone Cup

The girls' team showed great resilience and team work whilst playing in the football tournament. All of their games were closely matched and they successfully won one of their games. Mr Moss was very proud of their performance, and feels they have the makings of a great team.

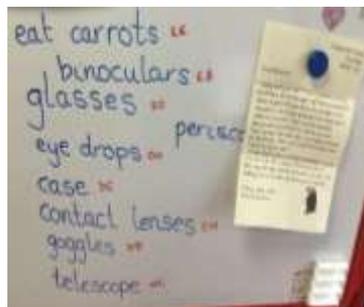
Cross Country

Children from across KS2 took part in the Harborough cross country event. The children showed great resilience and determination to complete the arduous course. All children should feel incredibly proud of themselves for taking part.

A big well done to the following children: Alfie 3rd, Ben 4th, Malachy 2nd, Anna 10th and Jack 4th.

Where My Wellies Take Me - Reception Class

The first term has been really busy for all children in Reception. We have been reading Percy the Park Keeper stories and we have helped lots of Percy's friends! First of all, we had lots of ideas about how to help the mole to see better. We made him glasses, telescopes and even some contact lenses!



Then we thought about how we could help the hedgehog fulfil his dreams and fly high in the sky! We have written a list for the badger and we have been really helpful like the mice.

Percy made a treasure hunt for us to follow the clues and there were chocolate coins at the end of it.



Last week we went on an Autumn walk to find the animals homes and tell Percy what he needed to tidy up after the windy Autumn storm. It has been so much fun!!



Arts Update

As part of the Congregational Church's annual Christmas Fayre on the 6th of December, Ridgeway will be contributing a display. The theme of the evening is 'Journeys', our display will collect all of the journeys that have touched lives in our school.

Do you have old postcards that you have either received or collected from a past holiday? Do you have a relative or friend who might be able to send you one from somewhere? Are you going to a local attraction soon where you might pick one up? We are hoping to collect as many as we can to add to the story of journeys that touch our lives. Please hand them into your class teacher or the office before Friday 29th of November

Wear it Wild Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Wear it Wild day in support of the World Wildlife Fund. We raised £185.00 which was gratefully received.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th November - Children in Need. Dress as you please and please bring £1.00 donation

Monday 18th November - 43J Trip to West Burton Power Station/Voluntary Payment Due

Saturday 30th November - FORA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 4th December - 43R Trip to West Burton Power Station/Voluntary Payment Due

Monday 9th December - Reception Nativity play 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th December - KS2 Performance (evening performance)

Wednesday 11th December - KS2 Performance (matinee and evening performance)

Thursday 12th December - General Election (RPA polling station)

Friday 13th December - Flu Immunisation programme (please fill in the online consent form)

Monday 16th December - Carol Concert at St Dionysius Church 2pm

Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Aladdin Pantomime

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner