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Roseberry Academy News

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Pupils of the week

Jakey Langan
Jacob McCulloch
Layla Bint
Natalia Botez
Lilly-May Penrose
Matthew Johnston
Jake Wright
Oliver Tombling



Home discussion question
Stan asked...
Why is it important to tell the truth?



What a brilliant week we've had! I've seen lots of beautiful work! *Mrs Channing*

A new member of our school family!

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr Bourne to teach Miss Harmar's class from 4th January (Monday to Friday) until 22nd February, when Mrs Davies will return to school from her maternity leave. Mrs Davies will then teach the class from Monday to Thursday until the end of the academic year, with Mr Bourne continuing to teach every Friday, thus ensuring continuity for our children. Mr Bourne will be coming into school on 9th and 10th December to plan with Miss Harmar and get to know the children.

Miss Harmar will still be in school from January until her maternity leave starts but will be working with small groups of children. Again, this will offer continuity and reassurance for the class. Mr Bourne has lots of teaching experience and comes highly recommended. He is passionate about teaching and making a difference for every child in his care. I am sure he will be a great asset to our school family.

Messages from RAFT



Our RAFT sponsored walk to Lapland will end on **Friday 11th December** when there will be a box on the school gate during morning drop off time for children to put their sponsor forms and money into (please put these in an envelope!). If you have family who want to sponsor children, or you wish to pay online instead of sending cash, please visit the JustGiving website and search for Roseberry Academy to find our page.



It's been great to hear that the children have really enjoyed this!



RAFT has been given some fantastic, very generous, raffle prizes from some of our local businesses. A book of 5 raffle tickets will be sent home with children and RAFT would be really grateful if parents/guardians could sell them to friends and family. Tickets are £1.00 each and may only be sold to people over the age of 16.

We will be grateful for all ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets to be returned to school by Monday 14th December. The raffle draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm via a RAFT Zoom meeting. 1st Prize £50 cash, £40 M&S Vouchers, 3rd Prize Ringtons Hamper, plus many more great prizes to be won! RAFT will post full prize information on their Facebook page.



Act of Kindness



This week, our award goes to Mr and Mrs Gardner and Mr Murton for putting up and decorating our beautiful Christmas tree in the hall!



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Another great School Council meeting!

On Tuesday, I met with the School Council. We talked about reminding our friends to take part in the RAFT sponsored walk to Lapland and the fact that the money raised will be spent on providing lovely things for us. I explained that RAFT is currently exploring the possibility of funding exciting new playground markings on the playgrounds, choosing to install them on the upper playground first, as the lower playground has had the pirate ship installation in recent times. Children agreed to take the design ideas back to their classes to see which three designs they like as a class. I will then share children's preferences with RAFT. The children have been busy making thank you cards for RAFT to show their appreciation for the playground equipment that was recently given to each bubble. We all agreed that playtimes are now much more fun!

We then looked at suggestions from the School Council Suggestions boxes for each class:

- * *Books on planets for the library - We agreed to check what we already have in the library*
- * *Hoola hoops for the playground - Mrs Channing will ask RAFT if they would be able to provide some of these*
- * *Have a day off on your birthday - We agreed that a birthday at school is fun, as we are surrounded by our friends!*
- * *Bring a pet to school day - We talked about health and safety and allergies, agreeing that it would be better for children to post pictures of their pets on Teams instead*
- * *Build a swimming pool - We talked about cost, as well as health and safety and agreed that, although there was a swimming pool at Roseberry years ago, it wouldn't be practical or affordable to have one now*
- * *Have a pyjama day or non uniform day - We will plan these throughout the year*
- * *Have two pieces of cake each Friday - We agreed that this wouldn't be a healthy option!*
- * *Have a birthday hat - Children will ask their teachers about this*
- * *Have a covered reading shelter on the upper playground (like the shelter on the lower playground) - this is something that we may wish to mention to RAFT for future fundraising*
- * *Have a surprise party instead of Golden Time when teachers feel their class deserves it for behaving well and working hard - Mrs Channing will mention this to teachers!*
- * *Bring your bike or scooter to school day - We said that it would be better to do this when it's safer to bring things into school from home*

Phew! What a busy meeting! Thank you to our School Council members for being great to work with. You always make me smile.

Please remember, folks, if you have a suggestion for the School Council to discuss, please pop it into your class suggestion box.



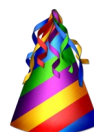
It's nearly time for our Christmas parties!

Children don't need to bring anything with them but may wear party clothes, rather than uniform, on the day of their party (remember to bring a coat, though!)

Monday 14th December: Mr Moore and Mrs Charlton (upper hall)

Tuesday 15th December: Miss Harmar (upper hall), Mrs Meadows and Mrs Murton (lower hall)

Thursday 17th December: Mrs Barker (classroom), Miss Lindo and Mrs Kearns (lower hall)



Our next **Bag2School** collection will be on **9th December**. Please bring unwanted clothes and bedding in a bin liner and leave it by the front gates on the morning of 9th December before 9.15am. Please don't bring them to school before 9th December as we have no storage!



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