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Roseberry Academy News

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Pupils of the week



- Jesse Williamson
- Lara Grainge
- Isla Bulman
- Luca Sharp
- Evie Bint
- Harley Austick
- Harry Woodroofe
- Tyler Danks
- Alfie Bunn



Home discussion question

**Stan asked...
Should we ever judge a person by what they choose to wear?**



This week has been one of pride - sharing everything that is great about Roseberry! On Monday, I had the pleasure of walking our Chair of Governors, Sam Kelly, and professionals from other schools around school. We observed practice in classrooms, explored learning environments, looked at children's work and spoke to children about their learning. Later in the week, I was delighted at the response received from parents who had come to tour our school - they were amazed at the high standard of work produced and the happy, calm atmosphere that pervades our school! Three cheers for Roseberry! Mrs Channing



Act of Kindness

This week's award goes to Ted Lanceley for tidying Mrs Murton's classroom without being asked to do so. Hanni has nominated Izzy West for being a super friend and Tom would like to nominate Alfie Huggins because he gave up part of his lunchtime to help him with his Reading Eggs homework even though he had finished his work! Lilly-May Penrose has helped Miss Thompson, delivering lost water bottles! What lovely, thoughtful, children we have within our Roseberry family!



Lunchtime Award



This week, our lunchtime award goes to Alfie Bunn, Aaron Caveney and Ted Lanceley for giving up their lunch time to hear KS1 readers!



Being safe - not bah, humbug!

I am aware that some parents are unhappy with my decision not to invite families into school to see live performances of Christmas plays this year, despite the fact that other schools may have chosen to take a different approach.

I would like to reassure you that this decision was not taken lightly, but was done so following guidance from the Enquire Learning Trust to make reference to Public Health and Local Authority advice in order to try to keep everyone safe.

The advice we received from our Local Authority is as follows: *'COVID-19 cases are high in the community so we would urge you to be cautious in your approach to activities.*

Remember to risk assess the impact on your school if staff members attending contract COVID-19. Regardless of this guidance and your risk assessments, if you have live cases in your school or local community cases are high then activities are not advised.'

At the moment, cases in our local area are on the rise and we still have live cases within school. I do not, therefore, wish to put people at risk by inviting large amounts of people into our school hall. I would like to assure you that our staff are still working hard to ensure that children experience practising and performing a Christmas play. They will perform for their peers and their performances will be filmed for you to share with family members. Please be sure to let me know if you DO NOT wish for your child's face to be visible during the filming of their performance and our Carol Service.

I met with Dorothy Walton, Headteacher of Marwood CofE Infant School, and Reverend Peverell this week to discuss our joint carol service. Although we are all keen for both schools to be together, it was felt collectively that, at this moment in time with live cases of Covid within the village, joining two schools together in the Church would not be sensible. We feel that it is important, however, for the Carol Service to take place and so this will happen virtually, via Zoom, and will be recorded.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Please remember to let us know straight away if your child tests positive for Covid.



Christmas dinner!

We will be having a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like your child to have a scrumptious Christmas dinner, please order the Roast of the Day for 15th December on the MCAS dinner menu. Meals cost £2.25, payable online via MCAS.



Clubs

Football team (free)	Wednesday 3.20pm - 4.20pm Mark Shimwell	Years Five and Six
Cross Country (free)	Thursday Starts 23rd Sept 12.00 - 12.30pm Mrs Davis	Mr Moore and Mrs Murton's class
Gardening (£3 per session, payable on MCAS)	Thursday 3.10pm - 4.10pm Miss Tucker	Key Stage Two
Multi sports (Charge applies)	Friday 3.00pm - 4.10pm Mark Shimwell	Years One to Six



Club facilitators will send letters home to children interested in attending these clubs. Consent slips MUST be completed by parents before children attend their chosen club.

Please book your child's Gardening Club place via the My Child At School app. Thanks!



Do you need high quality after school care?

Roseberry Kids Club has vacancies! Call 07837 073970 for details.

Important December dates

6th: School closed!
14th : Years 3,4,5,6 Christmas parties - info to follow on Teams
15th: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day! Please book your child's Christmas dinner via MCAS (it will show as Roast of the Day but a Christmas dinner will be served)
16th: EYFS, Y1, and Y2 Christmas parties - info to follow on Teams
17th: Roseberry and Marwood carol service (recorded on Zoom)
17th: Break up for the holiday!

Global Council Top Tip:

Use Single Use Plastic (SUP), such as empty bread packets, fruit bags etc as padding when posting packages.



My Child At School (MCAS) Important!

It is really important that you download and use the MCAS app. In the future, we will be moving our texting service from Teachers2parents to the MCAS app and so this will be our main communication method (along with your child's class Teams page). As we no longer use ParentPay, MCAS is the only way to make payments for visits, meals, events etc. If you are struggling to download or use the app, please let us know and we'll guide you through it!

RAFT has received some fantastically generous raffle prizes from some of our local businesses. A book of 5 raffle tickets will soon be sent home with children for parents/guardians to sell to friends and family. Tickets are £1.00 each and may only be sold to those over the age of 16. RAFT would be grateful for all ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets to be returned to school by Friday 10th December. The raffle draw will take place on Monday 13th December at 7pm via a RAFT Zoom meeting. The top prize will be £50.00 cash. There are M&S vouchers a Ringtons hamper and many more prizes to be won!

RAFT will post full prize information on their Facebook page.

Gymnastics success!

Congratulations to Hannah Van Loo for her success in the City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy gymnastics competitions.

In October, she came 2nd on bars and in November she came 4th on vault, 6th on bars and 7th overall in her age group! Wow!

HUGE thanks to RAFT

RAFT will be running a stall on the High Green at the village Christmas Fair this weekend to raise money for our school. Why not go along to see them, play some games and win a prize?

