

### Pond clearance

This week every child in our school has been involved in tidying our school pond and investigating the creatures who currently live there. Thanks to fantastic team-work and some expert advice, we have been able to transform the pond area, as shown by these 'before' and 'after' photos. We will be making further use of our school pond during the summer term.

### Last chance to complete Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our Parent Survey, which closes on Monday. We have now had 31 responses, compared to 86 in total last year. If you haven't yet found the time to complete the survey, please try to do so, as we really do value your input and will make changes based on the feedback received. Please visit [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ryarsh](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ryarsh)

### Swattenden trip for Leopard Class

Last week our Year 5 children left school for their 2 day residential trip to the Swattenden centre. Children enjoyed a range of activities including crate-stack, climbing wall, raft building and a night walk. In doing so, they achieved beyond their expectations. We were really proud of their attitude and behaviour, which was exemplary. Thank you to Mrs Malins, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Speake and Mrs Burbidge for giving up their time to make this trip possible.

Enjoy your weekend. *Ruth Austin*  
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## Diary Dates

### Friday 24th March

PTFA Quiz Night

### Tues 28th March

Koala class production  
2pm and 6pm

### Thurs 30th March

Easter service at Church  
9.30am

### Fri 31st March

End of Term 4

### Tues 18th April

Term 5 begins

### Wed 26th April

Class Photos

Complete dates are at  
[www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk)

Reminder: extra-curricular clubs do not run in the last week of term (27th March onwards).

## Our favourite learning by Koala class

We all had a fantastic day with Steve, the Egyptologist, and Sally learning about the actual way the people used to live in Ancient Egypt.

We had a go at Egyptian dancing, measuring each other- using Royal Cubits, Palms and Fingers- and a quiz on interesting and unusual Egyptian facts.

My favourite part of the day was learning the different stages of mummification and we all found it disgusting when Steve removed the (fake) brain and heart from a mummy!

We re-enacted a funeral procession- with canopic jars, Anubis, musicians and professional mourners.

By Connie



## Superstar Corner

Congratulations

**Esme (Y4)**

Lexia award

**Kirstie (Y6)**

Trampolining award

**Ria (Y3)**

Grade 1 Ballet award

**Isabella (YR)**

Gymnastics Level 7 award

**Noah (Y5)**

Parents' player award for  
Kings Hill FC

**Tristan & Alex (Y4)**

Rugby medal from U9  
tournament representing

Vigo  
RFC



## Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
96.0%	97.7%	100.0%	97.7%	96.0%	97.2%	93.6%

Congratulations to Penguin class on their 100% attendance this week.

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child
Dolphin	Take a look in our learning journals!	We will be continuing learning about 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we will be writing up directions for our maps we made this week. In Maths we will be learning to add using a number line.	Can you re tell the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'?
Seahorse	We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes in maths this week—we have solved problems using their properties. In English we have been learning about the features of newspapers as well as completing our AMAZING Grace Darling Diaries!	Next week in Maths we will finish our topic on shape before learning about direction and positional language. We will be applying our new learning about Newspapers when we plan, write and type our own newspaper article about Grace Darling.	How many sides and corners does the naughty Triangle alien have? (The one who stole Mrs Suttons lipstick!)
Penguin	This week we have been working on subtraction when you have to exchange a 10. It was tricky but we learnt how to swap a ten for ten 1s (we call it a squiggle for a swap). We then applied this to problem solving. In English we have started to write the story of the Lorax. We also did some pond clearing which was fun!	Next week we will be looking at temperature in Maths and reading thermometers. We will also be working on inverse calculations. In English we will be completing our stories about the Lorax. We will be continuing to learn about Florence Nightingale in our topic lessons.	What do you know about Florence Nightingale?
Lion	This week we have been learning all about money! We have added different amounts and found the change. We used 'The Man on the Book' book and problem solved using Bob's souvenir stall to add and subtract different amounts. In English, we researched facts about Victorian schools and have created a fact sheet using different conjunctions and sub-headings. We have had lots of fun in Science investigating shadows. We also had a wonderful morning clearing our pond, it was wonderful to see such great team work :)	In Maths next week, we will be learning more about time and solving word problems. In English we will be using our pond photographs to develop our descriptive writing using prefixes and suffixes. In Science we will continue with our topic of Light and we will be creating a shadow puppet show.	What sub-headings did you use in your fact sheet?  What are conjunctions? And which ones did you use?
Koala	This week we have learnt so many new things! We all enjoyed our Egyptian Day on Monday - particularly learning about mummification. Then on Tuesday we held our auditions for our Year 4 performance before spending Wednesday getting mucky learning about the Eco-system of our school pond! In maths we began to look at the topic of Money and we will continue next week.	In English we will be focusing on our class production and the editing of our scripts as we begin to add drama. In maths we will continue to look at money, focusing on finding totals, giving change and using written methods for the four operations.	How did the Egyptians measure things?
Leopard	We have revised our understanding of shape and angles this week in Maths. We used our amazing Swattenden trip to inspire different forms of writing including news reports. We had a wonderful time working on the pond which now looks brilliant!	We will be looking at position and direction including how to reflect and translate shapes. We will be starting a new English unit about stories from other cultures based on 1001 Arabian Nights.	What did you learn about the environment of the school pond?
Orang-utan	In maths this week we have been calculating the area and perimeter of 2D shapes by using formulas and seeking out relationships between shapes. In English we have created our own non-chronological reports with a focus on adaptation and evolution.	In maths we will be looking at shapes and how to reflect and translate them using a co-ordinate grid. In English we will be looking at traditional Aboriginal creation stories.	What can be found in the school pond?