

Welcome Back

It has been a real pleasure to welcome all of our school community back to Ryarsh this week. A special welcome to our newest members: all of our new Dolphins, Sienna in Penguin class, our new Lion class teacher Miss Snow and our new TA Mrs Taplin. We hope that you will all be very happy as part of the Ryarsh team!

Children have had a great first week back and have settled in well to the routines of their new classes. Our whole school focus has been the Olympics and thinking about what we could learn from Team GB medal winners. We looked at the confidence of athletes like Mo Farah and how their sustained hard work brings success- so we have all tried to be a bit more like Mo this week!

Attendance

Improving our children's attendance is one of our key priorities for this academic year. Our target for the whole academic year is for attendance to be 97%. Last year it was 96.7%, which is good, but not outstanding! Ofsted use the overall attendance figure as an indicator of how much children enjoy school and how supportive parents are of their children's education.

Naturally there are times when children are too ill to attend school, but other than this, it is important that children do attend regularly. Over the next couple of weeks, our newly elected school council will be designing a new range of rewards for attendance. For example, all children who maintain a 100% attendance record throughout Term 1 (6th September - 21st October) will be recognised. We will also focus on weekly attendance rates per class, which are on p2 of this newsletter.

New Newsletter

A big thank you to Huw, Isla, Dixie and Tilly from Orang-utan class for designing the 2016-17 newsletter format, which is based on our school colours. Well done!

Enjoy your weekend. *Ruth Austin* ruth.austin@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk



Our favourite Learning by Orang-utan class

Over the past two years we have used the visual model of the Learning Pit to remind children of the importance of a Growth Mindset. In our Year 6 classroom this year the Learning Pit is Olympic themed. Here are Isaac and Francesca with their Learning Pit display, which features wise words from our children:



"Give it a go, just like Mo"

"It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, everyone can achieve what they want to" (Francesca)

"If you believe, you can succeed" (Dixie)



If you have any old pots, pans, pan-lids or utensils at home we would love them for a music wall in our KS1 area. Please send them into Penguin Class. Many thanks, Mrs. Harris

Diary Dates

Mon 12th Sept
Meet the Teacher

Tues 13th Sept
Roald Dahl Day
Clubs start

Mon 3rd Oct
Children's photos

Wed 5th Oct
Harvest Festival at
Ryarsh Church 9.30

Tues 11th Oct
Open morning and parent
Workshops

Wed 12th Oct
Orang-utan class
assembly

Complete dates are at
www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

Superstar Corner

Congratulations
Ria (Y3)

Distinction in Tap exam

William (Y4)

1 mile swim badge

Connor (Y2)

100m and 200m swim
badges

Georgia (Y3)

50m swim badge

Kiera (Y3)

600m and Bronze swim
award

Huw (Y6)

Player of the week at MUFC



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
100%	98.8%	99.6%	99.2%	98.3%	98.0%	98.5%

A great start! Congratulations to our new Dolphin class for their 100% attendance this week. We hope that you have enjoyed every day of your first week at school!

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child ...
Dolphin	We have been attending school for half of the day. We have had such a good first week, exploring the classroom and making new friends.	We will be meeting the other half of our class and we will be staying all day! The Dolphins will be having lunch and will be seeing their buddies on the big playground. How exciting!	What colour group are they in? Red, blue, orange, yellow or green.
Seahorse	WOW! What a brilliant start to year one for the new Seahorses! We have had a lovely week getting to know each other and meeting our new year 5 friends! In English we have been talking about ourselves and our goals for the year. In Maths we have been recapping our counting and number skills.	English—In English we will be celebrating Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday by looking at George's Marvellous Medicine and the BFG. We will learn about adjectives (WOW words) Maths—We will be ordering and sequencing numbers and finding one more or one less.	What has been your favourite part of your first week in year 1?
Penguin	What a great start all the Penguins have had to the new school year :-) This week we have been learning about penguins and writing facts about them remembering to punctuate our sentences correctly. In Maths we have been working on the value of numbers. We have been making lots of different penguins!	English—we will be starting work on the book 'Eat Your Peas' by Kes Gray. Maths—we will be working on addition. Adding three numbers and the addition of 2 digit numbers. We will also be starting work on our Healthy Living topic.	Can you name some different types of penguins?
Lion	What a fantastic start to Year 3! Well done everyone :) This week we have been learning about number sequences and place value. In English we have started reading 'Hodgeheg' and have started to describe the setting using adjectives. We have used a thesaurus to look for alternative words. In Topic we have also looked at animal riddles, and have started to write our own. I was very impressed!	In English we will be continuing reading the Hodgeheg and starting to write our own version of it using a character of our choice. In Maths we will be working on 3 digit place value and addition. We also have 'Petaholics' coming in with their animals, which is very exciting!	What is a predator? What animals are you looking forward to see on Monday?
Koala	We have really enjoyed our first week in Koala class and already produced some really impressive pieces of learning. We have worked hard to improve our place value skills in maths. In English, we have found out what makes a good mystery story.	In maths, we will be continuing to improve our place value knowledge. In English, we will be reading more of 'The Roman Mysteries' and starting to improve our use of description and dialogue.	What makes a good mystery story?
Leopard	Well done everyone for a great start to Year 5! This week we have been using the Olympics to inspire our learning including descriptive writing and researching facts. We have also reminded ourselves about reading and writing large numbers.	We will be starting reading a class text - 'Ice Palace' - as the basis for our English work. We will be comparing and ordering decimals in Maths. We are looking forward to starting our main topic by comparing the modern and ancient Olympics.	Why were the Rio Olympics so great for Team GB?
Orang-utan	Well done to all of the children for a fantastic start to Year 6. This week we have begun our work on World War 2—using Friend or Foe as a starting point. In maths we have been learning how to create pie charts.	We will be continuing with Friend or Foe and using this to inspire first person recounts. In maths we will be looking at how algebra is used in mathematical calculations.	Why were children evacuated?