



Our Tree of Values

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day and all children took part in age-appropriate assemblies and follow-up activities in class. This year's theme was **'Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you'**. The theme of respect ties in nicely with one of our school values and is a reminder that Safer Internet Day is all about children's behaviour, not about the technology, websites or apps. To find out more, please visit www.saferinternet.org.uk

Maths challenge at Offham

On Wednesday eight of our marvellous mathematicians from Year 6 took part in a Maths Mastery competition at Offham Primary School. This involved problem solving and reasoning challenges, working in collaboration with higher attaining pupils from other local schools. Our children were a credit to Ryarsh and demonstrated fantastic mathematical skills, determination and teamwork. Well done!

Best wishes to Mrs Harris and Miss Lucas

Today was the last day at work prior to maternity leave for both Miss Lucas and Mrs Harris. I am sure that everyone would like to join us in wishing them all the very best for their next exciting adventures! We look forward to the arrival of their babies sometime in March.

After half term, we welcome Mrs Morris as our new teacher in Seahorse class. Having spent several days with us this term, she already feels like one of the Ryarsh family and is looking forward to working with us. In Penguin class, Mrs Malins is joining Mrs Whittall to continue to teach our Year 2 children. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Burbidge to our school office.

Enjoy your half term break. Remember we have an INSET day on Monday 19th, so we will see everyone back to school on Tuesday 20th February. *Ruth Austin* ruth.austin@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

Diary Dates

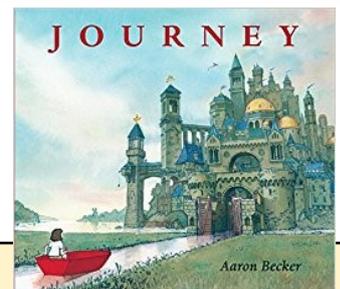
Mon 19th Feb
INSET day

Tues 20 Feb
Start of Term 4

Wed 28 Feb
Parents' Evening

Thurs 1 March
Parents' Evening

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



Book week

In this year's book week (26 Feb—2 March) all classes will base their work on the same book, the fabulous and mysterious 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. As always, we will enjoy our dressing up day at the end of the week on Friday 2nd March. This year there is no specific theme to the dressing up—we would like children (and staff) to come in dressed as any fictional character, but please bring in the book in which your character is found. We look forward to some wonderful creations!

Seahorse Class—our favourite learning

On Monday we joined our science and DT learning together to think about healthy eating! We learnt about the different food groups and how to achieve a balanced diet in the morning and designed a healthy picnic lunch for Mr Grinling. In the afternoon we then decided that Mr Grinling deserved a special meal for his birthday and spoke about how it is ok to have a few 'treat foods' sometimes!

In our Science learning we have been finding out about materials and their properties, and so thought this was the perfect opportunity to find out what happens to different materials when they are heated and cooled. We found out that when jelly cubes are heated they melt, when we shook milk up surrounded by ice it hardened and turned to ice cream, and when we baked the sloppy cake mixture it firmed and went all spongy!

Of course by Wednesday our jelly had set, our ice-cream fully frozen and we were DESPERATE to try it! We had a little party in celebration of Mr Grinling's birthday and Miss Lucas' upcoming maternity leave and tasted our lovely delights!



Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Ava (YR)

20m swimming award

Dougie (Y2)

Level 4 Trampoline award

Ella (Y2)

Gymnast of the week trophy

Taylor (Y2)

Leybourne FC football medal

