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Dear All,

We have come to the end of another half term, which marks the half way point of this academic year.

Our thoughts are with the family, friends and entire New Rickstones Academy community this week since finding out about the very sad loss of the school Principal, Simon Gibbs.

At the beginning of March, there will be a change to our site team. It is with sadness, that Mr Mike Bevan will be leaving his role as Site Manager to pursue new opportunities. Mr Bevan is an important and well respected member of our school and has been for a number of years. I know that he will miss all of our children and I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the very best for his future.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you all a restful half term break.

Mrs Natasha Robson
Headteacher

Recent Letters And Communications

- Wide Awake Club booking forms for week commencing 4th, 11th and 18th March
- Dinner Orders for week commencing 4th, 11th and 18th March
- A gift for someone special - message from Friends
- Hip Hop classes after half term
- World Book Day - Thursday 7th March
- Year 3 - Colchester Zoo trip



Events Diary

If there are any changes to the dates listed, we will notify you as soon as possible.

19.02.24 - 23.02.24: Half Term

26.02.24: Non Pupil Day

05.03.24: Year 6 Height and Weight checks

05.03.24: EYFS Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

07.03.24: World Book Day

07.03.24: Book Sale from 3.20pm run by Pupil Parliament

12.03.24: EYFS Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

15.03.24: Forest School - Eagles PM

19.03.24: EYFS Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

22.03.24: Forest School - Hawks PM

22.03.24: Progress - Years 1 - 6 and EYFS Learning Journey at 2.50pm in classrooms

26.03.24: iRock Concert for parents at 2.30pm in KS2 hall

27.03.24: Year 3 - Colchester Zoo Trip

27.03.24: Year 4 Easter Performances at 2pm and 6pm

29.03.24 - 12.04.24: Easter Holidays

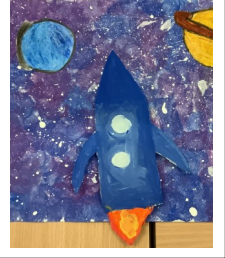
Community Information

Information regarding the following has been included in the community section of our school website, please take a look if you would like further information. These are all third party events/information, not endorsed by the school, but they may be of interest to you.

- February Half Term Football Camp - Witham
- Mindfulness Drawing - Online Event
- Colchester Prep and High School Open Evening
- KidAround - Free Parenting Magazine

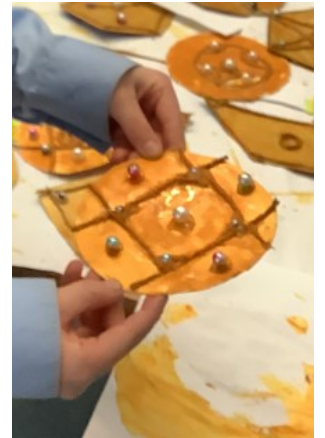
Year 5 - Arts Theme Day

During our arts theme day Year 5 completed some amazing space art.



Year 4 - Arts Theme Day

Last week Year 4 enjoyed the arts theme day. We decided to link art to our History topic where we are learning all about the Anglo Saxons. We researched Anglo Saxon jewellery and then designed our own brooches taking inspiration from the geometric designs which were popular at the time. We then made replica brooches using card, string, glass beads and metallic paint.



OPAL - dressing up and small world toys and Lego request

We would like to thank everyone that has donated items for our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Programme so far. Going forward we will issue a 'call out' for any specific resources prior to launching this new area with the children. The first two areas that we are planning to launch with the children are dressing up and the small world areas. So we would like to ask for donations to support these two areas. After half term, please could you bring in any items to the office.

Dressing up

- Dressing up outfits- all sizes
- Adult's clothing that can easily be put on over existing clothing- e.g. shirts, jackets, large tops
- Accessories- e.g. scarves, hats, glasses with the lenses removed
- Career items- any items that are specifically linked to different jobs such as tabards, hard hats, aprons, work uniforms

Small world and Lego

- Toy vehicles, cars, trucks, animals, dinosaurs, toy figures, small dolls
- Bear in mind when choosing these items, that they will be played with outside so they need to be durable and able to withstand potential wet weather!

- Lego/Duplo bricks and figures
- Lego/Duplo large base boards



Many thanks,

Mrs Laura Hubbard, EYFS Teacher and OPAL Co-ordinator

Spring Term Clubs

MONDAYS:

Choir (Years 1 - 6): From 8th January to 11th March, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

KS1 Multisport (Years 1 & 2): From 15th January to 18th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6): From 15th January to 18th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£40)

TUESDAYS:

Tennis (Years 1 - 6): From 16th January to 26th March, finishing at 4.05pm (£50)

Boys Football (Years 3 & 4): From 16th January to 19th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Tag Rugby (Years 3 - 6): From 16th January to 19th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)



WEDNESDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6): From 28th February to 27th March, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

Boys Football (Years 5 & 6): From 17th January to 20th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2): From 17th January to 20th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)

THURSDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2): From 29th February to 28th March, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

KS2 Multisport (Years 3 - 6): From 18th January to 21st March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)

Netball (Years 5 & 6): From 18th January to 21st March, finishing at 4.15pm

FRIDAYS:

KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6): From 19th January to 22nd March, finishing at 4.15pm

Girls Basketball (Years 2 - 6): From 12th January to 22nd March, finishing at 4.15pm (£50)

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 26/02/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 1

Week commencing 04/03/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 2

Week commencing 11/03/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 3

Week commencing 18/03/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 1

Orders for week commencing 26/02/24 have now closed.

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 4th, 11th and 18th March are now available to view on the school website and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. Paper copies have also been sent home with all children today, and spare copies of the menu can be collected from outside of the school office. The deadline for placing orders (either online or by returning the paper copy to school) is 1pm on Wednesday 28th February. Please note that these menus are part of a new menu rotation so please ensure you check the allergen list carefully.



Payment Reminders

Year 3 - Colchester Zoo Trip - Payments and permission slips are due by Wednesday 20th March. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

Year 5 - Year 6 Residential Payments and Consent -

If you are following the payment plan for the above trip the next instalment of £28.00 is due by 29th February. Whether you are following the payment plan or not, please ensure consent for your child to take part in the trip is received by the office by 4th March so we can confirm the number of children taking part.

Balances for WAC and SSC - please remember that balances for Wide Awake Club and Super Supper Club will need to be cleared prior to bookings being made for after the Easter holidays. Booking forms for this period will be sent out next half term.

If there are any problems making payments please speak to the office. Thank you.