

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 29th April 2022

Happy bank holiday weekend everyone! We hope that you enjoy the long weekend and that the sun continues to shine for us.



This weekend sees the end of the blessed month of Ramadan, a special time for Muslims across the globe that offers an opportunity for devotion, reflection and celebration. We wish all of our Muslim families Eid Mubarak as they celebrate the end of the fasting period.

Yesterday, the children learnt about Ramadan and Eid during assembly, and it was lovely to see children speaking so passionately about their experiences at home and in their communities.

This week, the children in Reception have been enjoying exploring our new core text 'Malala's magic pencil'. The children identified and discussed what problems Malala faced in the story and then shared what solutions she could use to solve her problems. The children also considered how these problems made Malala feel, putting themselves in her shoes explaining how these problems would make them feel.

Mishael said 'I think Malala should use her magic pencils to make all the children safe'.

Layla said 'Malala could come to our Rockliffe, we would look after her'.

Reception have also really enjoyed learning about odd and even numbers during their maths learning this week. They used Numicon, number squares to help identify these numbers and then looked at any patterns they could notice.

Samuel said 'After an odd number is always an even number'.

Henry said 'I can find odd and even numbers by skip counting'.

During lockdown, Year 5 took part in a competition with Balfour Beatty to name one of their brand new tamping machines. This machine is essential in

railway maintenance and keeps the track level. Excitingly, Chloe won the competition and now her name and the Rockliffe logo are proudly displayed on the machine that will be going up and down the country. Chloe said that she was very surprised about winning but she feels very good about it. As a reward for taking part in the competition, Year 5 have had the amazing opportunity this week of visiting Balfour Beatty at the Hither Green railway depot. They learned lots about what Balfour Beatty do as a company, careers and apprenticeships, railway safety and even had the opportunity to explore the tamper with an engineer/ operator. River, as well as others particularly enjoyed pressing the horn on the tamper. "It was very loud but very fun at the same time." Some of the children such as; Chloe, Joe, Ethan, Marko, Ivanna and Julian said that they would even consider working there once they are old enough.



A huge thank you to Balfour Beatty for organising this trip and allowing us to be the first school to visit!



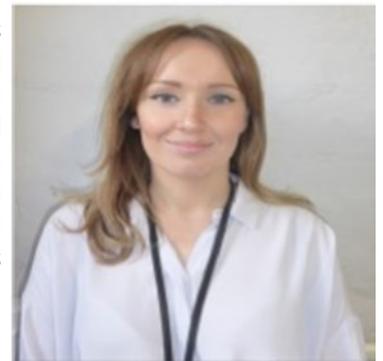
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This week, Year 2 have been exploring the key themes of their core text. Sefa explained, "This book is about kindness and responsibility because the girl planted the seeds." Albi agreed with Sefa by saying, "If the girl didn't plant the acorns, the city would be ugly and dull but now it is full of flowers and trees?" The children using their oracy skills to debate whether the main character did the right thing for stealing a bag from the old lady. Elaina argued that, "No one should be stealing from others but I can understand why the girl did. It is because she was poor and didn't have any food." David built on Elaina's point and he said, "I agree that stealing is not a nice but the girl had no choice but to do it. Now her heart is changed and she wants to everyone to be friendly and happy."

In maths, the children have been describing the properties of shapes using key vocabulary and they used lolly sticks to make different shapes. In addition, the children are delighted to be doing gymnastics this half term. Darcy said, "I love gymnastics because we get to practice making different shapes with our bodies." Each Friday, the children eagerly wait for Ms Stephanie to teach them.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Nelson will be starting at Rockliffe Manor as Assistant Headteacher. Miss Nelson currently teaches at Woodhill Primary School and has been part of the Inspire Partnership for 7 years. She is a fantastic and knowledgeable teacher who makes a big impact on pupil outcomes and has led across our trust of schools on many important projects. For example, she led a team to implement whole class reading across all schools and is currently working on early reading and phonics. Miss Nelson is extremely excited to join and strengthen the Rockliffe Manor leadership team, and will be starting with us this term, one day a week on a Thursday, while she finishes the year with her Year 1 class at Woodhill. Miss Nelson will then be starting fully with us in September. Please do come and say hello to her on the playground next Thursday!



Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all Tuesday,

Mrs Vdovin, Mrs Cook and the Rockliffe Team

We are so pleased to confirm the new lunch menu for children for this summer term. Please check our [website](#) to read the full menu. The cost of a school meal is **£2.15** per child, per day or **£10.75** per child, per week. **All children in Reception and in Years 1 and 2 receive universal free school meals.** Please be reminded that we are no longer accepting cash or cheques for dinner money fees, please make any payments online via your [ParentPay](#) account.



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Polling Day—Thursday 5th May 2022 - School Closed to children from Nursery to Year 5

On Thursday 5th May, Rockliffe Manor is being used a polling station and so the school will be closed to all pupils, **with the exception of year 6.**

At Rockliffe Manor Primary School, we encourage our children to strive for excellence and understand that for a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school engagement is needed. Every opportunity is important for the children to learn and grow. With this in mind we will be utilising the Google Classroom platform to provide children with online learning on this day.

The day will begin with a welcoming zoom at 9am, children will be given a suggested timetable for the day before a zoom at the end of the day at 2.30 to review the learning of the day. Each class has a zoom link identified below.

| Class | Zoom Link | Morning zoom time | Afternoon zoom time |
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| Nursery | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9449535244?pwd=ZGNJY3lEVlJ0RnhIUHBWbFhKbkpNZz09 | 9am | |
| Reception | https://zoom.us/j/3764676195?pwd=Ry9tcFhPWVpHNGtWTGI4Yk9kbVhpZz09 | 9am | 2.30 pm |
| Year 1 | https://zoom.us/j/95026229693?pwd=bWlqcFJldC9GTFNVbno1ZE96RTBaUT09 | 9am | 2.30 pm |
| Year 2 | https://zoom.us/j/96847327139?pwd=eG1aMzEzK2lWeERKWxQ3YUY3bFhwdz09 | 9am | 2.30 pm |
| Year 3 | https://zoom.us/j/97715928115?pwd=UURxazBKY0s2RjlRenVBZDRWdVZqQT09 | 9am | 2.30 pm |
| Year 4 | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73843030355?pwd=u4ETKkzjLEh1q22euSZwzmWR6_e6W.1 | 9am | 2.30 pm |
| Year 5 | https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77895923059?pwd=0bt3TmXtCsYCaAFJpnhqfTforTwpXw.1 | 9am | 2.30 pm |

Plastic bottle top collection!

This half term the Eco-Team are going to be creating a mural or sculpture made out of plastic bottle tops to enter into the Message in a Bottle Top competition.

Details have been sent out to ask for design ideas from your children so please do remember to get your children's designs in by **Friday 29th April.**

The Eco-Team are also asking for any donations of plastic bottle tops that you may have at home. Please can they be placed into a bag and given to your child's class teacher.

Please can all donations be in by **Wednesday 11th May 2022.**



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| Attendance This Week | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Reception | 94.3% |
| Year 1 | 92.3% |
| Year 2 | 96.7% |
| Year 3 | 93.9% |
| Year 4 | 95.9% |
| Year 5 | 98.0% |
| Year 6 | 97.9% |
| Whole School | 95.6% |

Happy Birthday to:

*until 6th May 2022



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| Raine | Year 1 |
| River | Year 2 |



Merits

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| Reception | Samuel |
| Year 1 | Prince |
| Year 2 | Cassidy |
| Year 3 | Cairon |
| Year 4 | Hani |
| Year 5 | Joseph |
| Year 6 | Korede |

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 2nd May 2022** — Bank Holiday School closed
- **Wednesday 4th May 2022**—Young Voices Concert Rehearsal
- **Thursday 5th May 2022**—School Closed to children for Polling Day—Year 6 Children to attend school
- **Monday 9th May 2022**—Year 1 Trip Hornimans Museum
- **Friday 20th May 2022**—Year 2 Trip Greenwich Park

SO MUCH MORE THAN
fantastic food

**Which hat will you wear today?
Become part of our fantastic team**

Chartwells are looking for:
Assistant Cook at Foxfield Primary School
25 hours per week.

Also Kitchen Assistants at Rockliffe Manor
10 hours with chance of overtime.

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Street Tag is a free, child and family-friendly mobile app that uses virtual location tags to encourage communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

You can read the full letter by [clicking here!](#)

Steps to join the Rockliffe Manor School team

- Download the App "Street Tag" from Play Store/ App Store.
- Click on Sign up and fill in your details.
- Password should be at least 8 characters with 1 special character, 1 upper case, and 1 number.
- Click **YES** for **Team QR Code** and scan the school QR Code on this letter.
- Click Sign Up and verify either by email or phone number.
- Fill in the questionnaire and then you are ready to go!

**Scan the QR code to join the Rockliffe Manor
STREET TAG team!**

