

Laying Foundations for Life-long Learning!

Ridgewell C of E Primary School Newsletter



4th March 2022

'GOOD' NEWS

Updates from the past weeks

We were delighted to share our recent Ofsted with you all last month and we have really enjoyed celebrating this updated judgement. It came at a nice point in the school year, enabling us to reflect on our journey so far and giving us time to consider the exciting plans we are making for the future of our school.

As COVID restrictions appear to have relaxed for now, we are slowly returning to a normal school calendar year with standard assessments returning and annual events slowly coming back into school. As we were not sure in September what this year would hold, we were initially reluctant to plan the whole year ahead. Please keep checking for updates from school as we add events for the coming weeks/months.

It was lovely to hold our second welly walk of the year last month and the children were busy chatting as they walked over to Ashen. There were lots of ideas coming from the children about how we could make our summer welly walk even more special. Please encourage your child to add any great ideas they may have in our suggestion box in the hall.

On a more sobering note, our thoughts and prayers have been with the people in Ukraine over the past weeks. We will continue to offer our school as a collection point for any donations and will keep you up-to-date if we receive any specific requests for certain items. Members of staff have been taking donated items to local organisations who have scheduled vehicles to take them on to Europe. We will be happy to do this for as long as is needed.

Mrs Stuart

FORS (Friends of Ridgewell School):

The FORS are already making a huge difference to our school by organizing and supporting fundraising events for the school. We will be able to complete some brilliant projects in the future with their support. Look out for the Easter raffle coming soon...

YIDDISH SINGING

Music Workshop

Last week, we were lucky to have a group of Yiddish singers and musicians visit our school. They held an amazing performance in the hall and encouraged the children to join in where they could.

At the end of their visit, they commented about how warm and welcoming the school felt during their visit. They were especially blown away by some of the children's knowledge about the Jewish faith as they made connections from their RE work.

We look forward to some of our older KS2 children practicing one of the songs again. This will be filmed and sent along with films from other schools for a virtual joint performance.

World Book Day 2022

Congratulations to all who designed a jar!

This year, our children voted in our School Council meeting not to dress up for World Book Day, which took us by surprise.

Instead the children simply wanted to enjoy reading throughout the day. During the day, each class focused their work on book themes and after lunch our whole school went into their coloured teams for some paired, mixed-age reading.

We held a 'Story in a Jar' Competition in school and we were so impressed by the children's amazing responses. Each jar had been so carefully thought out with some children even decorating the lids, as well as the inside and outside of their jars.

Our KS2 winner was Maddie in Y5, with her '13- Story Tree House' design, a series of books she has enjoyed reading. Her design seemed to grow out from her jar!

Our KS1 winner was Joe in Y1 with his 'Spiderman' story jar. He proudly explained how the buildings and road had been drawn and coloured in on his jar.

Other highly commended entries were: Dylan in Y4, Tommy R. in Y5, Effie in Y3, Charlie in Y2, Hunter in Reception and Jake H. in Y1.



Looking
forward
to...

- 15th March – Class photographs (from 9am)
- 15th March – FORS meeting in school at 2pm
- 18th March – Red Nose Day (Non-uniform/wear something red for £1)
- Saturday 26th March – Ridgewell Litter Pick in Village
- Sunday 27th March – Mother's Day Service at Birdbrook Church 10:30am
- Week beginning 28th March – parent consultations
- Friday 1st April – Easter Service in church at 9:30am/ tea/coffee in hall first
- Saturday 23rd April – Working Party – improving outdoor areas, all welcome!