



RGS

# Junior School Bulletin

**"Strong, Able, Calm, Kind."**



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## CONGRATULATIONS.....

.... to Raffy B and Fraser H (both in Class 6L) who are now proud members of the **1000 Doodle Club**. This is a monumental achievement and we are all so proud of their tenacity and commitment to improving their mathematics.



Top work, gents - keep doodling!

Mr Lloyd

## GUITAR LEGEND

George T (3S) has been practising his guitar hard recently and is delighted to be able to have face-to-face lessons with Mr Richardson again.



Keep up the good work, George!

## HAPPY HOLI!

Ani K (3T) would like to wish everyone a 'Happy Holi.' Holi, the 'festival of colours', is a two-day Hindu festival that originates in India. It has been very different this year, due to the ongoing pandemic, but Ani enjoyed celebrating the festival at home with his family .



Great pictures, Ani - thanks for sharing them with us!

## CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Poppy M (4M) who recently passed her Grade 1 Piano exam with Distinction.

Well done, Poppy!



## Y6 EVACUEE'S DAY

### Thursday 25th March 2021



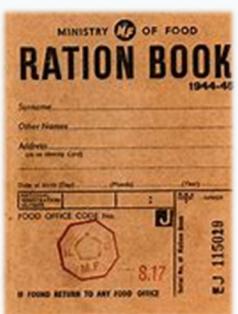
On Thursday 25th March, Year 6 took part in an Evacuee's Day in school. They all wore 1940s dress and we imagined that it was the Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939, 2 days before war was declared and the day that RGS staff and pupils moved over to Penrith to share premises with Queen Elizabeth Grammar School.

The children were all labelled, so that nobody got lost and we spent the day thinking about the life of an evacuee, and how they must have felt, leaving their families to go and live with strangers.

We took part in a session with Beamish, to help them find a missing evacuee, as well as with Victoria Tunnel, all virtually (which is not very 1940s!) and produced our own air raid art work, using chalks. We finished the day by looking at some artefacts from the school archive.

We all agreed it was a great day and we can't wait to continue our topic on World War 2 back in history lessons.

**Mrs Baker**





## Y6 EVACUEE'S DAY QUOTES



"It was cool seeing everyone in costume. I could imagine what it would be like in those times."  
*Aaron N*

"I loved the virtual hunt for the missing evacuee and exploring the houses in the process. It was very interesting and a great mystery!"

*Will*

"I loved the artwork and the quiz. The singing was good and I can see why the soldiers sang the songs as they made me feel good."

*Daniel*

"I loved the evacuee's day and I hope we do it again!"

*Sama*





## CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Class 3D who won the class tokens competition towards the end of last half term. Tokens are awarded to classes when they move around school quietly and calmly and when they keep their classrooms tidy.

As you can see from this photo, Class 3D thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved breakfast!



Don't forget that there will also be an end of year reward for the class that is awarded the most tokens over the course of the year .... so keep up the good work, children, and 'do your bit' to help your class win this much-coveted reward!

**Mrs Cree**

## DJ JAY

Jay V (3T) had a busy Easter holiday and was recently featured in both *The Chronicle* as well and *The Sunday Sun* for the radio show that he hosts each Saturday on Spice FM from 11.00am until 12 noon.



Jay's family are all very proud of him and Jay was really excited about being in the newspaper!

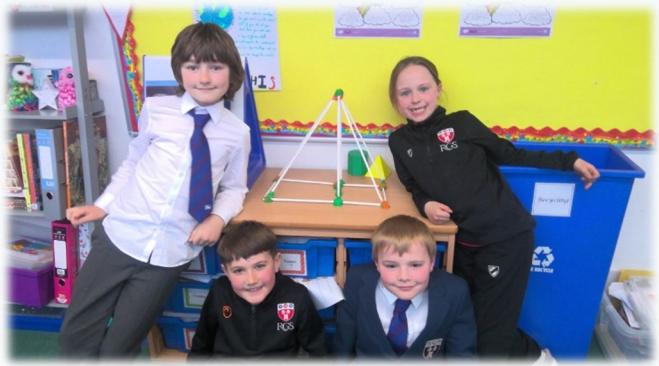
To read the article in *The Chronicle*, please follow this link:

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/spice-fm-youngest-presenter-jay-20378104>

Well done, Jay – how very exciting!

## Y3 NAIL IT!

Look at these amazing 'earthquake-proof' structures built by Classes 3T and 3D! The winning teams' buildings withstood 10 seconds of shaking, with careful thinking about the shapes of their frames, after studying real buildings that have been built to withstand earthquakes. The teamwork was exceptional, too.



Very well done, Year 3!

**Mrs Cree**



## LOST PROPERTY



Henry S (4AW) has lost his named tracksuit bottoms (age 9-10 yrs) and Eva O-G (5C) has lost her named midlayer. Please can we all keep a look-out for these missing items.

Thank you.

**Miss Gravely, Miss Noble & Mrs Evans**

## EASTER TREATS

During the holidays, Ariya N (4M) enjoyed using her Easter eggs to make cornflakes cupcakes to share with her family.



They look delicious! Well done, Ariya!

## RALPH REACHES DIZZY HEIGHTS!

Ralph M (6W) made it to the top!  
Ros Hill is also known as Ros Castle an Iron Age hill fort. It was a hard 4 hour return hike from Chatton with amazing views across Northumberland.



Well done, Ralph!

## YASH ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

Yash N (4AW ) enjoyed his Easter holidays. He particularly enjoyed his day at Plessey Woods where he climbed trees and took his dog, Lara, out for long walks.



Well done, Yash - it looks like you had great fun!

## FOOD IN SCHOOL



This is just a quick but important reminder that all food brought into school, whether it be birthday treats, healthy snacks for break-times, or packed lunches, **MUST** be nut-free as we have several children with allergies.

**Mrs Wall**



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS....**

... to Ava C, Georgina D, Yogam V, Finley B, Jeffrey L, Aadhav S, Samuel L, Poppy M, Rory C, Horatio X, Archie T, Pranay M, Jack C, Hal K, Toby J, Charlie B, Shivika P, Max H, Milo H, Sonny H, Hemadri P, Thomas T, Derek B and Phoebe S who all celebrate their birthday this month.

**ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

## CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Shuquan G (5S)  
who passed her Grade 5  
Piano exam with  
Distinction last  
December.

## EGG-CEPTIONAL EGGS!



Mina J-L (3S) won some  
egg-cellent Easter eggs  
as first prize in the  
*Sainsbury's Local* Easter  
colouring competition.

**Well done, Mina!**

## MORE DIZZY HEIGHTS!

Jamaima Q (3T) climbed to the summit of Simonside Hill during the Easter break. She was very good and braved strong cold wind and climbed without any significant help with her hiking gear. She also spotted and learned loads about various trees on the hill.



**Well done, Jamaima - what an achievement!**

## CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Jack A (6L)  
who recently  
passed his Grade  
3 Piano exam with  
Distinction.

**Well done, Jack!**

## BUSY TIMES FOR ABHI

Abhi K (6W) had a busy Easter break. During the first week, he attended school sports camp and during the second week he was busy playing tennis, walking, going on bike rides and, his favourite hobby, reading books.



PIC-COLLAGE

## TAYLOR RUNS WILD

Taylor M (6N) ran her first track event of the season last Sunday at the Kieran Maxwell Open in Darlington..... a 1K race, finishing 2nd with a new PB time of 3.32:55.



Well done, Taylor - what a brilliant result!

## LITTLE LITTER PICKERS



Here is Artie M (soon to be in Year 3 at RGS), supervised by big sister, Olive M (4LW), doing some litter picking on the streets of Heaton over the holidays!

What a thoughtful thing to do - well done, both of you!

## ARTISTE EXTRAORDINAIRE

Annabelle Z (4M) would like to share this wonderful drawing of hers:



Well done, Annabelle - what amazing detail!



## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music Competition is ordinarily an opportunity for the whole school to come together, celebrate music and to also have a good old sing-song! Everyone normally leaves the theatre with a smile on their face and a spring in their step. Sadly, this event still isn't permitted to run in this way due to the Covid guidelines.

We have therefore made the decision that this year will be a soloists only competition, with none of the usual choir and small group categories. Whilst this might seem disappointing on one hand, on the other hand it gives us an opportunity to truly focus on the excellence of our performers in our soloists category. I also guarantee, that the soloists' performances will still leave you all with a huge smile on your face and a springy step!

The soloist performances will take place in school and will be adjudicated by a guest judge. The whole event will be recorded and sent out for you all to enjoy and appreciate.

Those of you who watched the Spring Concert (made up of children who had performed superbly in the House Music Auditions) will understand what a challenge it has been to select one finalist for each house in each year group. I have had to seek advice from our Senior School Music Department in many cases as it has been such an extraordinarily difficult task!

So without further ado...drumroll please...it gives me great pleasure to announce the finalists for the RGS Junior House Music Competition 2020-2021:

House	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Collingwood	James B	Samuel L	Sisi Z	Mengze H
Horsley	George C	Evangeline B	Harvey T	Anya J
Eldon	Freya S	Eliza T	Shuquan G	Clara L
Stowell	Allan Z	Jeffrey L	Archie T	Jack A

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to these finalists - I can't wait to see you all perform again!

Further information will come directly to you, regarding recording dates etc .

*Mrs Clappison*

