

ROKEBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 19th April 2024

A note from Mrs Allan

It has been good to finally see more outdoor learning happen this week, now the sun is out!

This week we have started our new PSHE scheme -it is called Jigsaw. Each half-term there is a different theme, that all year groups will be learning about. This half term our theme is 'Relationships'.

Mindfulness (including Jelli Cat!) underpins the scheme-we will share our new learning with you on Dojo very soon!

On the curriculum page of our website, you will find the half termly learning overviews for each class-please take a look.

Have a great weekend!

We have been made aware of unsafe videos circulating the internet and social media apps. Parents are reminded that children's use of mobile devices and social media should always be supervised.

Most of a child's access to such content happens out of the school day, so we are asking parents for their help in ensuring children are being safe online.

You can find out more on the NSPCC website.

Click [HERE!](#)



Is your child eating healthy?

We understand that children can be fussy or parents might be in a rush however we have seen a significant rise in the amount of 'convenience' or unhealthy snacks children are bringing into school.

A child's diet will massively affect their cognitive development and ability to concentrate. Every meal and snack matters and it is the fuel that provides your child's body with the nutrients it needs to have a successful day.

Snacks and breakfasts such as chocolate brioche or biscuits do not give our brains the fuel it needs to start the day.



We will be sharing healthier snack alternatives every week for some inspiration.



Let's Talk Snacks!

This weeks healthier snack idea is **Popcorn!**

Although you may think it is a junk food, popcorn is actually a really nutritious whole grain. Just don't load it with sugary toppings!



Come in to Connect

Whole school attendance for the week before half term: **91.85%**

Is your child too ill for school?

If your child has a cough or cold the NHS guidance says they can come to school unless they also have a high temperature.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

A reminder that children should be in school by 8.55. The playground gate will be locked promptly at this time to ensure minimum disruption to learning time. If you are late please go to the office to be signed in. Lateness after the register closes affects your child's attendance.

Parking

We have been made aware from local residents that their driveways are being blocked. Please be conscious of where you park during the school day. Thank You.

are your
kids getting
their **5** a day?



only

9%

of children get their
5 a day, every day

With a **quarter** only
getting **2** a day on average



11% never **5** a day
get their



45% of parents give
children **2** or more
unhealthy snacks a day



it is
important to **42%** of parents
that snacks for their children contribute
to their **5** a day*



*data refers to parents of 7-15-year-olds who buy snacks for children, taken from mintel's kids' snacking - uk - november 2018 report



LATEST NEWS

Letter from King Charles!



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

To: The Pupils and Staff
Rokeby Primary School

The King has asked me to thank you for your most thoughtful letters regarding the harvesting of palm oil and its effect on the environment.

His Majesty was deeply touched that you should have taken the trouble to write and to share your thoughts, and I can tell you that your comments on this important matter have been very carefully noted.

I can assure you that The King is deeply committed to protecting the natural world. As Prince of Wales, he spoke passionately about the need to conserve the environment for future generations, recognising that everyone has a role to play in preventing climate change and biodiversity loss. As King, His Majesty continues to support and celebrate global efforts towards a more sustainable future.

I am to thank you, once again, for taking the trouble to write as you did. His Majesty was heartened to learn of the passion that so many pupils felt for protecting the environment, and would have me convey his warmest good wishes to all of the pupils and staff at Rokeby Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Secretary



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

In October last year, Year 6 pupils learnt about palm oil production and its impact upon our environment.

As a result, pupils chose to write to influential figures to try to persuade them to end the use of palm oil in everyday products. This week we received a reply from **King Charles!** He has written to assure children that environmental issues are at the top of his priorities and to thank them for their concern.



Tuesday 3rd October 2023

WALT: Explore the impact of human activity on the environment.

Dear King Charles III

I wanted to write to you because I want to talk about the product palm oil that comes from the fruit of the palm oil tree. The reason I wanted to speak to you just you is because I heard that you like speaking about these types of topics.

Pollution is a horrible thing. Even though palm oil is a ingredient in most foods and products the average person buys it's causing air pollution when people start using palm oil. All they have to do is for example the Amazon how you may know this cause air pollution well I am getting to this part now. In Singapore schools are having to be closed down because of the palm oil trees being burnt down.

The product: Like I said in the second paragraph palm oil is in most foods and products like butter, shampoo and more but they come in different forms. I think that it should be clear that there palm oil is in the product.

Your sincerely
Cassidy Maguire.

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

WALT: Explore the impact of human activity on the environment.

Dear King Charles,

Today I am writing to inform you of the devastating effects that palm oil production is having on our environment. Before reading mine I want to tell you what palm oil is. Palm oil is in nearly every product we buy at the shops like Shampoo, bread and chocolate. It is the most used oil in the world.

Deforestation is awful right? Well if I tell you that palm oil is one of the major problems with the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest. How many ask? Well when people found out about the oil palm they started to cut down palm trees. The animal now had to cut down trees to plant more oil palms. The animal now had to live in palm oil now every single day 28 Orangutans die from losing their homes. It's like a car in 200 years and the whole rainforest is destroyed with which is bad. Nearly every animal is getting hurt. There is only 173,000 Amazonian jaguars left.

Pollution is getting horrible now but we are losing trees. If they keep on burning trees then there will be no oxygen. They wish to have a better world. Now 200,000 hectares of the rainforest are being burned in the Amazon each day. Without trees we are losing oxygen. It's like a car in 200 years and the whole rainforest is destroyed with which is bad. Nearly every animal is getting hurt. There is only 173,000 Amazonian jaguars left.

Child labour is happening now children as young as eight are being exploited to work when they should

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

WALT: Explore the impact of human activity on the environment.

Dear King Charles III,

I am writing to inform you about the big consequences of palm oil. Collecting is having on our environment. Why we have to stop the trees. Half 50% of a supermarket has things with palm oil in them. And sometimes it doesn't even tell us that it is in it. The oil comes from a large range of rainforests now including the Amazon rainforest. We cut down trees to plant palm trees which is hurting our planet. Please help.

Finally, because of people chopping and burning down trees, 25 orangutans a day are dying. Deforestation will make a variety of animals extinct including orangutans and Amazonian jaguars. There are only 173,000 jaguars left. Only 173,000 left. If we keep doing deforestation for palm oil, in 200 years there will be no rainforest left.

Secondly, this is also polluting our air. In 2015, the hope from Indonesia for its highest level, close to forest fires that are caused by people burning down trees for palm oil. Over 200,000 hectares of rainforest is burned in the Amazon each day. Making bad things go into the air that destroys our earth. You have to defend and help our home.

Also, palm oil production is causing child labour. In 2016, children as young as eight or nine were used to collect palm oil. As they are working they are missing out on school. Which is affecting their future.

Be the best you can be!



Stowe Valley
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Rokeby PTA

Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 23rd April 2024



**Wear whatever you like on St George's Day or
you could dress as a dragon, a historical figure
or come to school in a national costume**

£1 donation please

All profits raised go to the schools PTA who fund trips/equipment for the children

Join us at Hunt's Bookshop for weekly storytime!

We are extremely excited to be launching our new storytime events for younger readers. A different story will be chosen each week and read aloud by one of our fantastic Booksellers. Make sure to pop along to Hunt's every Saturday at 10:00am to catch it.

The first of our regular storytelling events will take place on Saturday 4th May, where we will be reading 'One Springy Day' by Nick Butterworth. Storytelling events will be free to attend and children of any age are welcome. We will also be holding special story events throughout the year to celebrate reading for pleasure!

Booking will be limited to 10-15 children, so please book your child's space in advance !



TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

Please register your interest by the
Thursday 2nd May, contact us on:

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Email: enquiry@huntsbookshop.com

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Please ensure your child has two
refillable drinks bottles and a lunch



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Holiday Club 9am – 3.45pm

Early drop off from 8.15am

Late Pick up until 4.30pm

To book your place or for more information;

Email: pdm@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

Phone: 01788 818925

Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

Please also ask about our Bikeability
courses that run during holidays.
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HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

Bikeability – May 2024 Half Term Courses

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. Children **must be able to cycle independently** (no stabilisers) before coming on the course. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended if it is cold. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink. Due to potential allergies, we ask that no nut products are brought onto school site.

Course: Tuesday 28th May 2024 from 10:15am to 12:30pm

Cost: £15 per person payable in advance with a booking form. *Please note that payment is accepted by card only.*

LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5, 6 & 7:

This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as from home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby. It is **strongly recommended** that children complete the Level 1 course before attempting Level 2. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended if it is cold. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink. Due to potential allergies, we ask that no nut products are brought onto school site.

Course Dates (over 2 days. Both days must be attended):

Course: Wednesday 29th May 2024 & Thursday 30th May 2024 from 10:15am to 2:15pm

Cost: £0 *Fully funded* via a Warwickshire County Council/DfT Grant provided a completed booking form is received before the closing deadline.

Early booking is essential as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

**** Closing deadline for bookings is Monday 13th May 2024. None will be accepted after this date. ****

Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.

Please note that refunds are not available unless the course is cancelled by Harris Sports Centre.

For more information, or to book a place, please call Debbie on 01788 812549 ext 2909

or email: ssp@harris.covmat.org

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<http://www.harris.covmat.org/welcome-2/>



Eventbrite.com have some fabulous half term activities taking place at the local country parks. Take a look in their Whitsun Fun section for more.



Bumblebees and Solitary Bees - Identification Talk and Walk

Mon, 27 May, 10:30

Ryton Pools Country Park

From £9.15



Environmental fun and games at Kingsbury Water Park

Tue, 28 May, 10:00 + 1 more

Kingsbury Water Park

From £5.40



Pond Dipping (5+) at Ryton Pools Country Park

Tue, 28 May, 10:30 + 7 more

Ryton Pools Country Park

From £5.40



Bubble Wands (5+) at Ryton Pools Country Park

Wed, 29 May, 10:30 + 3 more

Ryton Pools Country Park

From £5.40



Minibeast hunting at Kingsbury Water Park

Wed, 29 May, 10:30

Kingsbury Water Park

From £5.40



Duck antics at Kingsbury Water Park

Thu, 30 May, 10:00 + 1 more

Kingsbury Water Park

From £5.40