



Newsletter 12 – Friday 28th February 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. We're very excited for our Book Week next week!

Role Model Week

Before Half Term we were delighted to host members of community for our annual Role Model Week.

Our week got off to a rockin' start with assemblies and workshops from 'Rocksteady Music School'. It was incredible to hear hundreds of children performing 'We Will Rock You' and 'Seven Nation Army' together in the hall! The energy and enthusiasm continued throughout the week thanks to all our willing volunteers.



Over the week, we invited 25 role models into the academy to share their professions and knowledge with the children. The children experienced presentations, performances and workshops in dance, rock music, cello, dodgeball, video game design, jewellery making, policing, human rights, national crime squad, nursing, skating, film production, film design, fashion design, Disney directing, Amazon adventures, marketing, wealth

management, mental health nursing, rewilding, celebrant ceremonies, Sky News sports presenting, holistic health, fossils and minerals and the history of books!

We feel very lucky to be part of a community full of such talent. Thank you to all our role models for giving up their time. The children are still talking about their future aspirations as a result of such an inspirational week.

The week really showed the success of the PTA and the academy working together to engage the wider community; thank you Carrie Farraday for all your hard work in helping put this together, and to Miss Duncalfe for hours of planning the logistics! Together, we have inspired the children to work hard and dream big.



Car Park Closure

You will have seen the Senior Leadership Team looking stylish in their orange high-viz jackets at drop off and pick up. The monitoring of the car park is going well, with the vast majority of our families adhering to our requests to park away from the academy and walk in. Whilst we still have staff cars and those families with blue badges entering the site, we hope you agree that the situation is safer and calmer for all involved. We will continue to patrol the car park to help ensure everyone is able to arrive and depart safe and happy.

STARS of the Newsletter

Amara J (Yr 5 Laurel) & Jessica W (Yr 5 Cedar) play for U10s Magic NC and both won medals over the weekend! Amara played GK and Jessica played GA. They played 5 games back to back (12 mins each way).

It was a VERY demanding day but the girls played hard from start to finish. What a great achievement. Well done girls!



PTA News

The long awaited container is here! Thank you so much to Sarah, Andi and the fabulous JM Landscaping for completing this long awaited project. Sarah and Andi have been phenomenal perseverance pirates and not given up when many set backs came their way and the smiles on their faces upon delivery show how relieved they are that this is done! This container will allow us to hold regular second hand uniform sales in an organised way as well as Ice Cream sales and much much more. Well done guys!



Thank you also to Carrie for organising an amazing Role Model Week where our children were inspired to be whatever they want when they grow up. Thank you also to all of you who gave up your time to help.

Upcoming Events:

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 11th March

Book Week Reading: 7th March

Quiz Night: 7th March



Ardingly Maths Challenge

Before half term, four Year Six children took part in a maths challenge at Ardingly College. The morning saw them compete in three different activities pitting their skills against nine other schools.

In the first round, the children had a number of problems to tackle. They could decide how to approach them but needed to try and get an answer for each one.

Round two was a logic puzzle which saw the children using clues to place teams in a sports tournament.

Finally, the children took part in the speed round. This saw them split into pairs to solve problems. As soon as pair one had solved a problem, they went and got a problem for the other pair to solve.

The children worked together fantastically and applied their knowledge under the pressure of time limits for each

round! All this hard work paid off though as they came third out of all the schools and received a medal. Well done to Freya G, Eleanor T, Freddie S and Will C.



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Over and Above

Florence Taylor	Rose Cairns
Eirini Jackson	Emma Fry
Holly Penfold	Isobel McCullough
Bella Tullett	Vida Gossage
Rose Keenan	Isobel Sloan
Jude Bailey	James Topping
Willow Andrews	Jacob King
Ella MacCarthy-	Finley Hewes
Morrogh	Lara Morris
Finley Potter	Freya Gossage
April Chalk	Zoe Barham
Freya Pelling	

Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Mrs Anna Heath, one of Teaching Assistants, has left the academy to take up a position at Ardingly College. We wish her well in her new job. To replace Mrs Heath, we are pleased to welcome Miss Asantwa Reid who will predominantly be working with Year 2.

We are also pleased to report that Mr Geddie and his partner are expecting their second child, another girl, in May.

Year 6 Trip to Warner Bros Studios

Before half term our Year 6 children went on their annual trip to Warner Brother Studios as part of their Magical Mysteries work. It was a fantastic day and the children loved every second. Some of the highlights were the walk through the Forbidden Forest with some scary spiders and the dragon at Gringotts. Dylan in Elm had a great time 'I enjoyed every minute of the trip, there were many unexpected attractions. My favourite bit was getting to ride a broom and trying to catch the Golder Snitch!'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 6th March: World Book Day

Fri 7th March: PTA Quiz Night

Tues 11th March: PTA Meeting 8pm

Fri 14th March: Year 4 & 5 PTA School Disco 5-6pm

Tues 18th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip

Weds 19th March: Planetarium Workshop Year 5 & 1

Tues 25th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip

Fri 28th March: CommuniTEA Event 9am

Fri 4th April: End of Term

Mon 7th April - Fri 18th April: Easter Holidays