

RUSHWICK SCHOOL NEWS

18th February 2022

Our Stars of the Week

Year R - Betsy, Edith

Year 1 - Alessandra, Eli

Year 2 - Harry M, Emily

Year 3 - Bella, Edward

Year 4 - Max, Gethin

Year 5 - Georgia, Bronwen

Year 6 - Finley H, Emma

Rainbow Reader for this half term - Ryan G, Year 5.

Congratulations - we are very proud of you all!

School Council Elections

After half-term we will be electing a new School Council. The children in each class will have the opportunity to vote for 2 class members to represent their views across different aspects of school life. School Council meetings will take place during the school day and will be run by Mrs Hulls. All children are welcome to put themselves forward for the role. The children in each class will take part in a democratic vote to decide who their new school councillors will be. We will announce the new class Councillors after half-term. Good luck to those prospective candidates who want to put themselves forward!

Mr Jeffrey

Mr Jeffrey has been absent from school recently for medical reasons and we are not expecting him back for a few weeks. Any concerns or questions you may have please contact Mrs Hulls in his absence. We send him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Local Author Visit

We are very excited to announce that local author Mark Stubbs, will be coming into school on Friday 4th March 2022. Mark has written a book called, 'Beyond the mountain - Himple's First Adventure' which he will be talking to the children about as well as running some workshops on creative cartooning and storytelling. Mark's book will be available to buy on the day at the special price of £8.50. Mark has kindly offered to sign copies for the children. A special thank you to Charlotte in Year 4 and George in Year 2 for helping to organise this visit.

Year 6 Residential - 16th-18th May 2022

Letters have gone out to all children in Year 6 with details of this year's residential visit taking place from 16/05/22 - 18/05/22 at The Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 children. The total cost of the visit is £185 and a deposit of £50 needs to be paid by Friday 25th March with the balance required by Tuesday 3rd May. School can access special funds for families of children who are entitled to free school meals so please speak to the school office staff about this.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

Please see the information at the bottom of this letter about this year's World Book Day.

Finally...

We would like to thank you for all your good wishes and support over the past half-term and hope you all have a healthy and peaceful half-term.

We look forward to seeing all pupils back on Monday 28th February.

Dates for Your Diary

21/02/22 - 25/02/22 - February Half Term

03/03/22 - World Book Day

04/03/22 - Local Author Visit

08/04/22 - Last day Spring term

25/04/22 - First Day Summer term

02/05/22 - Bank Holiday

16/05/22 - 18/05/22 - Year 6 Residential

30/05/22 - 03/06/22 - Summer Half Term

06/06/22 - Teacher Training Day (no pupils in school)

21/07/22 - Last Day Summer Term



World Book Day 2022

World Book Day this year on Thursday 3rd March 2022, will have a masquerade theme. Children are warmly invited to dress up as their favourite book character. On Friday, the children will be taking home their WBD voucher, which they can buy a special WBD book with or put towards another title of their choice. Books are available in most supermarkets and book stores.

We are very fortunate to be having local author, Mark Stubbs visit the school on Friday 4th March who will be talking about his book 'Beyond the Mountain Himple's First Adventure'. Mark has very kindly donated a signed copy of the book for Rushwick's school library.



The annual Extreme Reading competition will still take place – who can be caught reading in the most extreme place? Please ensure that whilst carrying out any extreme reads you do so with appropriate adult supervision and ensure your safety at all times. All competition entries need to be emailed to the school office with your full name and class as well as the name of the competition in the subject box. All entries need to be submitted by the end of the day on Tuesday 1st March. The winners will be announced on World Book Day.

As a WBD challenge over the half term holiday, we are asking children to design a mask, which they will make in school during WBD. The mask has to be linked to a book of their choice – the more creative the better!

The two texts we are focusing on for WBD are also masked themed! EYFS/KS1 will be looking at *Marcello Mouse and the masked ball*. KS2 will be looking at '*Masquerade*' a picture book, written and illustrated by Kit Williams and published in August 1979, that sparked a national treasure hunt by including concealed clues to the location of a jewelled golden hare that had been created and hidden somewhere in Britain by Williams.

Staff are also going to be doing their very own 'Masked Reader'. The children will be shown video clips of various staff members concealed behind masks, reading extracts from their favourite stories! Will the children be able to guess who's behind the mask?