

RAVENSDALE

AUTUMN 2

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What a wonderful term we have had here at Ravensdale. From a superbly attended open afternoon, the best clay mammoths we have ever had, to four excellent Christmas performances and everything in between. Staff are ready for the carol concert and the Christingle – which is always such a magical way to end the year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a fun-filled and restful break.

Communication:

Our new website is now up and running – please check this out for curriculum overviews and contacts. Please use Dojo as a way to see updates and communicate with your child's class teacher.



star of the week

Each week, a pupil from each class will be recognised for excellence. The child's teacher will invite you in to school to celebrate them.



PTFA

The PTFA are a volunteer group of parents who meet half termly to discuss upcoming events. We had a very successful fayre and coffee and biscuits were sold at the recent performances.

PTFA@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk inbox for more information and to volunteer to help.

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming events- please see the school calendar on the school website. We look forward to a fantastic half term with you.



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attendance

Whole School

Autumn term 2 93.87%

Highest Year Group: Year 4

Highest Class: Owls and Magpies at 96.14%

WELL DONE TO ALL – KEEP IT UP!



Other info

REMEMBER

We have a number of music lessons on offer CONTACT US if you are interested.



COMING SOON

The parent open afternoon was so successful – we will be holding another one in Spring 1 – look out for details on Dojo soon



After school sports club are available.

Book through Premier Sports.

Mr Scarratt would love to see you there.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned for a child's welfare please speak to any of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Wright, Mrs Staley-West, Miss Hayford, Miss Martin and Miss Scolah. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Helen Fordham. Please contact the School Office if you wish to speak to any of these members of staff. Should you need further information or guidance on matters that are safeguarding related, please visit the safeguarding area on the school website. You can find it under 'Key Information'.

What's been happening ..

On the 5th of November 2024, the Year 6 football team travelled to Derby High School to represent the school at the Derby Mini Soccer Competition. The team played four matches, winning three and drawing one. Thanks to their fantastic performances, the team came out on top and won the competition, earning a place in the Derby City Finals!

The competition was fun and we enjoyed socializing with children from other schools.

Josh and Zavier - Flamingos.



On 13th November, a mixed group of Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to Silverhill School to represent Ravensdale at a Cyclo-Cross Competition. When we arrived, we were greeted by members of staff from Cycle Derby who helped us to become familiar with the racing bikes that we would be using for the competition. We had to cycle around a grass track on the field using our gears to get up and down the hills. It was a tough competition but it was a lot of fun. As a school, we came third overall and second in the mixed relay.

Abigail - Owls



On 27th November, a group of 10 children visited Derby Tennis Centre to participate in a Dodgeball Festival. When we arrived, we were taught how to play dodgeball by the Derby County coaches and then we played some games against children from other schools. It was a great day and we were surprised to win and come first out of all the other schools taking part.

Kobe - Eagles



ROSCARS

This half term we celebrated our first Roscars Awards, where we recognised children for reading at home regularly and completing at least 50 reads.

The children who received their Roscar got to enjoy the day in their own clothes and had red carpet treatment in our special awards ceremony. Ella O'Neill in Year 6 became our first Bronze badge winner having completed 100 reads in the Autumn. We are sure to be giving a few more out in our Spring ceremony, we may even get to give out the Silver badge for 150 reads.

The Ravensdale Writer's Award

We concluded our Roscars ceremony by awarding this term's Writer's Award. One child from each class was selected for their effort and achievement in writing. We had some very worthy winners and their writing is now displayed for all to read in our corridors.



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SPRING TERM EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

- 13.1.25 - PTA meeting 6.15pm
- 14.1.25 - Yr 6 SATs parents meeting 5.15 start
- 6.2.15 - Parents Open morning – 9.15-10.30
- 11.2.25 – yr4 trip to Conkers
- 12.2.25 & 13.2.25 - Parents evening
- 27.2.25-28.2.25 Yr 4 Residential to Castleton
- 14.3.24 - Comic relief
- 21.3.24 - Yr5 trip to Conkers
- 27.3.25 – SEND coffee morning

Please note further details of events and trips will be sent to you and put on Dojo in the new year.



And finally ...

We say goodbye to Ms. Farenden, who has been a dedicated and invaluable support to children, staff, and families. Her commitment to her role has been remarkable, and we wish her every success in her future endeavours and the next steps she takes. She will be sadly missed by all here at RJS.

Miss Martin will be taking over as our Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead from January. Many of you already know her from her work in the school office.

We would also like to say goodbye to Mrs. Hunt, who has decided not to return after her maternity leave. She has been a valued and key member of staff for many years at Ravensdale and has dedicated her time and care to numerous families over the years. We wish her all the best for the future and extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. Bembridge will be joining us as a TA in January. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome her back to the team at RJS.