



# Newsletter

'Everyday is a learning day'...

11th November 2023

**We Remember those who have fallen.**

**Children took part in our Remembrance Day Service in school today and some children will take part in the Remembrance parade on Sunday in Pelsall.**

**We will join the community at Pelsall Cenotaph where pupils from our Pupil Leadership Team will lay a poppy in remembrance of those fallen.**







*On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November we are asking children to wear odd socks in recognition of Anti-Bullying Week. We will be completing activities in school and look forward to sharing these with the children.*

*Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing the children's bright, colourful ODD socks!*

*Mrs Willis*

[Further information for parents/carers](#) - please [click this link](#).



Dear Parents/Carers,  
**WOOHOO... MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS  
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Verity we are so proud of you.  
With your family over half term you have worked hard to raise funds for other vulnerable children. You are AMAZING!  
Here is Verty's Halloween fundraising story;

## Story

• 3 updates

So a few months ago Verity mentioned she didn't want to go trick or treating, she wanted to make hot chocolate for the trick or treaters. I thought she would change her mind but in true Verity style she hasn't 😊 So this year on Halloween we will be putting a little hot chocolate stall on the drive for trick or treaters with sweets too! 🍬 The hot chocolate is free but if you could we will be collecting donations for Birmingham children's hospital who are raising money for a new MRI scanner, but this is only if you can ❤️ this page is for those that either could not make it or would like to donate remotely to this wonderful cause 🍎👶👶👶👶👶



Nick Sheldon

## Verity's Hot Chocolate Halloween Fundraiser for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity



£686

raised of £100 target  
by 32 supporters





# Angie's Animal Antics®

This week Year One and Year Two had a visit from Angie and her animals. We met a range of different animals and enjoyed taking turns in holding them. We met a skinny guinea pig, (a hairless guinea pig) a snail, an owl, snake, a frogs and a hedgehog.

We enjoyed learning about the animals, their habitats and their diet.





# Congratulations!

Abigail continues with her awards for Artistic Roller skating, achieving second place at Great Yarmouth - annual Championships in October earlier this year. She has been very busy and Abigail's talents have been recognised with her being selected to represent Great Britain travelling to the Netherlands to compete in the 'Interland competition' as part Team GB for artistic Roller skating. Abigail came 11th out of 20 competitors in her category (Mini's) and was really pleased with her programme.

We are so proud of you , well done!







**thinktank**  
Birmingham science museum

**This week Year 3 visited Birmingham Think Tank. The children had a wonderful day exploring all the science museum and learning about the world around them. We have also had our very own interactive lesson all about Forces and Friction to start our new topic in Science all about Forces and Friction this term.**





Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club** is now **online** at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ryders-hayes/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 16th, 2023.**







Ryders Hayes Primary School has a long and rich history. Opened in 1969 in 1<sup>st</sup> Pelsall scout hut with only 17 pupils and in 1971 the school building officially opened, in 1975 the school began to grow and saw a number of mobile classrooms being added. In 2001 the school continued to grow and number of permanent classrooms were built. Since then we have continued to focus on providing outstanding education for the children at Ryders Hayes.

Consistent throughout all these changes are our sense of community and the lifelong friendships formed at school as part of 'The Ryders Hayes Family'.

As part of our Careers 2040 programme we would love to hear from ex-pupils from a wide range of professions to possibly spare a few hours a year to share their experiences with our current Ryders Hayes children.

**We would love to hear from you. Please complete the following questions below and return via email to [postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk)**

It is great for us to know what our past pupils, their families and staff are doing now and we follow with great interest their experiences and achievements in life. Whether you've got into university, starting an apprenticeship, a college course, started your own business or already in the world of work, are we would love to hear from you!

Please answer all fields in an email to [postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk)

Your first name \*

Your last name \*

Your email \*

Were you known by any other name(s)?

In what year did you leave Ryders Hayes School?

Were you a pupil, parent or member of staff?

What is your current location (town, city, country)?

What are you doing now (student, working, retired)

If you are employed, what industry are you working in and in what roll?

Would you be willing to give a talk, either remotely or in person, to current Ryders Hayes pupils about your profession?

Would you be willing to attend a careers day at school?

Would you be willing to answer questions from any current or former pupils that are interested in pursuing a career in your profession/career path?





**Friends**  
of Ryders Hayes

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**



**BINGO NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**



**SUMMER FETE**  
**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**



We are always looking for volunteers and extra support to ensure that we can provide these events for children and families of Ryders Hayes, if you can spare a few hours and wish to join please contact [postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk)



# SPOTLIGHT

**What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus after half term....?**



## Year 1

This week, we have had a visitor from South Staffs water and an animal expert!

What a fun first week back!

Next week, we will be using our five senses to discover different foods, smells, noises and sounds.

## Year 2

This week, we have learned about post and how to write an address on an envelope. Can you explain why we need addresses?

In Science, next week, we will be learning all about the things that animals need to survive.



## Year 3

This week, we have visited France with our very own French breakfast to start our new Geography topic.

In Science, next week, we will be investigating contact and non-contact forces acting during different activities.

## Year 4

This week, we have continued our work with HEN Project focusing on our new text 'Aladdin'. We studied the different roles in a pantomime and linked this to our Art work last half-term. Oh yes we did!

Next week, we will be using our technology skills in our DT lessons and using the SAM Labs kits. What is an input? and what is an output?

Can you find examples in your home?



## Year 5

This week, we have been developing our touch-typing skills in our Computing lesson.

Next week, we will be discussing Anti-bullying week and participating in a Commonwealth workshop! We can't wait!

## Year 6

This week, we have been developing their knowledge about parliament.

Next week, we are looking forward to anti-bullying week as well as participating in a Commonwealth games workshop. Y6 will also begin their science topic on the circulatory system. A busy week ahead!





# Reminder's...

## **November:**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Anti-bullying week

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Odd socks day

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need (Non-School uniform) £1 cash donation

**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Non uniform day (Christmas Fayre tombola donations)

## **December:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day

**22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – Children break up for Christmas

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Christmas Holiday

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Children return to school

**A gentle reminder that parents and carers are expected to make arrangements for medical and dental appointments where possible outside of school hours, we understand that at times this can be difficult and emergency or hospital appointments may be difficult to change.**

**Proof of medical appointments are required and this must be shared directly with the main school office and attendance team, examples of medical appointments can be an appointment card, text confirmation/reminder or hospital letter.**



# **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**



## **Friday 17th November**

Ryders Hayes is proud to be supporting Children in Need again. We invite children to come to school in non-uniform for a small cash donation of £1.

Yellow, spotty or Children in Need themed clothes are encouraged!



**OFSTED SAID:**

*"The groundwork for success starts in the excellent early years"*

*"The youngest children show a keenness to learn, cooperate and talk that is impressive"*



# OPEN EVENING

**FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**



**20th September 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

**11th October 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

**29th November 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

We will be opening up our doors and welcoming families to visit our EYFS Pre-School, Nursery and Reception provision.



**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

**RYDERS HAYES SCHOOL, GILPIN CRESCENT, WS3 4HX**

**CALL: 01922 683008**

**EMAIL: [POSTBOX@RYDERS-HAYES.CO.UK](mailto:POSTBOX@RYDERS-HAYES.CO.UK)**





**Christingle Service - Sunday 2nd December at 4pm in church** Families and children gather in preparation for Christmas as we celebrate the Christingle

**Christmas Toy Service - Sunday 17th December 10am in church.** Church and community will be working together to collect toys for the Black Country Toy Appeal which is part of the Mayor's Appeal. People bring their toys to the special toy to be blessed and then taken to the Black Country distribution place. (more details nearer the time)





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# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH Barr Beacon SCITT?

## Primary Teacher Training places available for 2024-2025!

### Walsall Partnership

Lead Partner:



3-7 route  
5-11 route

Find out more



### Wolverhampton Partnership

Lead Partner:



3-7 route  
5-11 route

Find out more



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# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH Barr Beacon SCITT?

## Secondary Teacher Training places available for 2024-2025!

### Our Secondary Partnership

#### Walsall



#### Nuneaton



#### Birmingham



#### Staffordshire



#### Wolverhampton



#### Sandwell





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## Teaching Internships

### earn £900 for a 3 week internship

Are you an undergraduate looking to find out if a career in teaching maths, physics, computing, chemistry or a foreign language\* is for you?

Undergraduates looking to teach maths, physics, chemistry, computing or a foreign language\* at any stage within their degree may participate in the Teaching Internships Programme.

The 3 week programme will commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The internship will give you a real insight into what it is like to be a teacher. You will shadow some of our most accomplished teachers, work with pupils to support their learning and even get a chance to try your hand at some teaching as well!

**Participating placement schools can be found on our website.**

**You can find out more here:**

[www.bbscitt.co.uk/teaching-internships](http://www.bbscitt.co.uk/teaching-internships)



Application form

\*We offer Foreign Language places for those wishing to teach Spanish, French or German

Apply by  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June 2024

## Further Information



Email Michael (SCITT Director)  
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