

Newsletter

'Everyday is a learning day'...

12th January 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back!

As we step into the new year, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. I do also hope that you managed to get some rest and feel recharged for the exciting year ahead and I'm pleased to share with you that all our children have settled back into school really well. As always they are making us proud with their efforts in lessons, modeling excellent behaviors in corridors all with a smile. The Ryders Hayes Team have returned ready for the challenges this term will bring. As always, the team continues to give 100% to our children as they deliver lessons, maintain the high expectations both in and outside the classrooms so that our children have the very best learning environments and ensure that all the back-office functions are running smoothly. Having seen this in my travels around school this week really makes me feel proud to be the Head Teacher at Ryders Hayes.

We started this term with a whole school assembly where we looked at some of the exciting things that are planned across the world in 2024:

- Unlike most years, which have 365 days, 2024 is a leap year, which means it has 366 days.
- Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games in France
- UEFA Euro 2024, football in Germany
- The launch of NASA's Artemis lunar mission

We talked to the children about these events and the need to have goals, plans and actions to achieve them. Many new year's resolutions were shared by the children which included:

- *Putting more effort into reading regularly.*
- *Making sure that I am less distracted.*
- *Making good choices.*
- *Revising daily for an additional 10 minutes to achieve well on my end of KS2 SATs.*
- *Tidy my bedroom regularly.*

I also shared my resolution 'to try to not get so distracted by my phone 'pinging' when having my tea so that this time is appreciated in its fullest.'

The importance of knowing how we achieve our goals and setting small steps which gradually get us closer to achieving our aim was appreciated by all in our first 2024 Whole School Assembly on Monday.

Over the next two terms our EYFS and Year 1 team will be focusing on their phonics, with Year 1 taking their Phonics Screener Tests, Year 2 achieving the expectations for KS1 SATs, Lower KS2 (Year 3 and 4) knowing their multiplication and division facts, with Year 4 taking their Multiplication Timestable checks, and Upper KS2 (Year 5 and 6) working towards the end of KS2 expectations with Year 6 taking their KS2 SATs - all these goals have carefully planned small steps.

With your continued support in fostering a positive learning environment for our children, together, let's make this year one of growth and achievement.

Mrs J Paul
Head Teacher

Looking Ahead

Friday 2nd February—Numbers Day (To wear a top/accessories with numbers on/Maths theme)

5th February-11th February— Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February—Parents Evening Face to Face appointments (Parentmail to follow)

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for Half term
(Last day of Spring 1)

12th February-16th February—Half term

Monday 19th February—Children return to school

Thursday 7th March— World Book Day (Parentmail to follow)

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day (Parentmail to follow)

Friday 22nd March—Break up for Easter Holidays
(Last day of Spring 2)

25th March-14th April—Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April—Children return to School

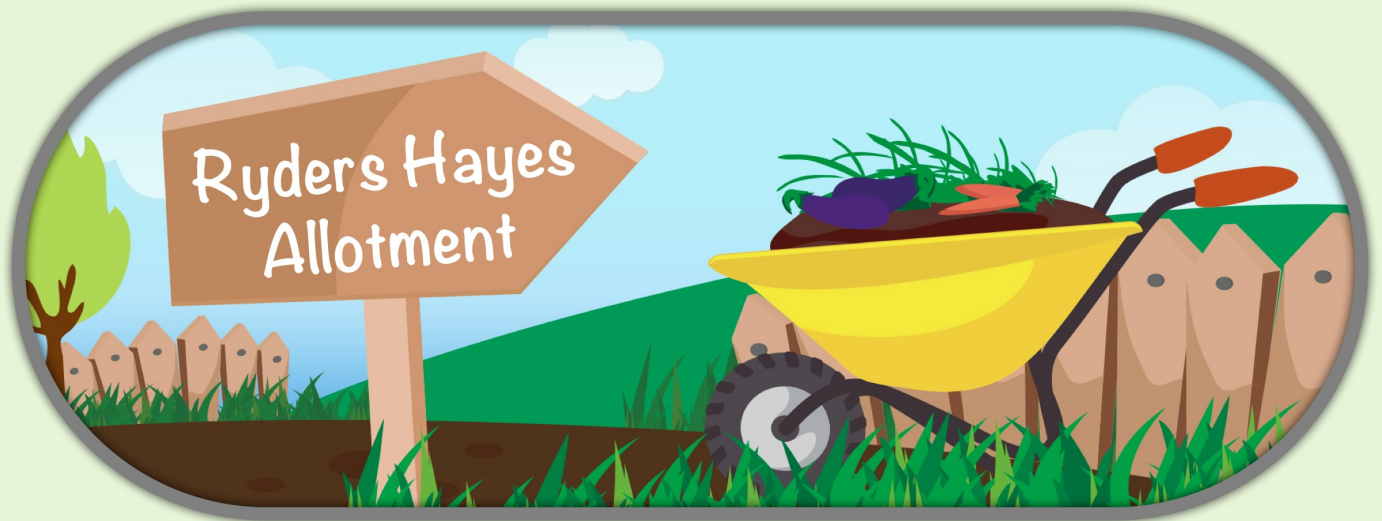
MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

This week the government has launched a new national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. You will be seeing it on tv, social media and hearing about it on the radio. We regularly remind you of the importance of good punctuality and attendance and the negative impact poor attendance has on your child's educational attainment and social and emotional development. In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Please refer to the following link for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts so please ensure your child attends school regularly.



We are looking for more volunteers, will you be able to volunteer on a Monday afternoon from March until July? Then we would love to hear from you!

This project couldn't be possible without volunteers. We continue to look for volunteers if you are interested please contact

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 been learning about the Isles of Scilly in Geography and we have located the Isles on the map. Next week in Maths, we will be continuing to look at numbers 11-20 and discussing tens and ones.

Year 2

This week, we have been learning about the properties of different materials and why things are made of certain materials. Next week, we will be continuing with our work on multiplication in Maths.



Year 3

This week, we have been learning about why animals have a skeleton. We created and labelled the main parts of a skeleton. Next week, we will be continuing our learning in Science discovering the different types of skeletons.

Year 4

This week, we have been learning about how sounds are made. They have carried out investigations to see if sound travels through different mediums. Next week, we will be learning how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.

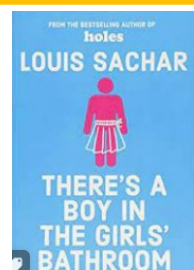


Year 5

This week, in Maths we have been learning to use written methods for multiplying. We have also started learning about the planets in our Solar System in Science. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming families into school to share our World War Two learning from last half-term.

Year 6

In English this week, we have started reading, 'There is a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom,' by Louis Sachar. We have been trying to understand the main character, Bradley Chalkers, and have started to feel empathy towards his character despite his unkind behaviour towards others. Next week, we will delve further into this book and begin to understand his challenges. We will be writing from his perspective and showing an awareness of character through word choice.



Reminder's...

- ♦ **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.**
- ♦ **A reminder that metal topped bottles and hydroflasks are not to be used in school. There have been incidents with children chipping their teeth and a full metal bottle is very heavy and a possible H&S risk. Please send children into school with plastic water bottles only. School bottles are available to purchase through the ParentMail shop.**
- ♦ **Many children come to school on scooters and bikes, we ask that the children dismount from their bike/scooter upon entering the school ground, to keep everyone around them safe. If children are seen using their scooter/bike on the playground we will be forced to ask individuals not to bring these items into school.**
- ♦ **Please can you ensure all your child's uniform and other belongings are clearly labelled as we are having a high volume of unnamed lost property.**

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS @ RYDERS HAYES

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that we will be providing the following extra curricular clubs at Ryders Hayes School this Spring term...

Y1 - Y3

Mondays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

MULTI SPORTS

8th Jan- 5th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1- Y3 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Tuesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

DODGEBALL

9th Jan- 6th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

Y1 - Y2

Wednesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

GYMNASTICS

10th Jan- 7th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1-Y2 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Thursdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

FOOTBALL

11th Jan- 8th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Fridays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

GYMNASTICS

12th Jan- 9th Feb (4 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £20

Why Premier?....

Attending our club will provide your child/children with a series of fun sessions to improve not just sports skills, but also many other important assets in the process; Social skills and key motor skills are the successful by-products of the clubs we host. Our qualified coaches deliver fun sessions, allowing your child/children to enhance their skills and techniques vital towards successful short and long term athletic development. Premier strives to ensure each club is a place for your child/children to find new friends, enjoy themselves, be rewarded for success, boost self-confidence and obtain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Book your place now at...
www.premier-education.com

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BOOK THIS ACTIVITY / CREATE LOG IN OR SIGN IN / FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO FINALISE BOOKING

Discover more...



The award-winning Baby Buddy app is also packed with practical tips on topics such as:



BREASTFEEDING
SUPPORT



EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING



DAY-TO-DAY
BABY CARE



PREGNANCY
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GIVING BIRTH
& PAIN RELIEF



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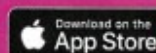
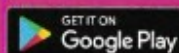


FREE APP



**With you every step
of the way through
pregnancy and your
baby's first year**

Baby Buddy, developed by UK charity Best Beginnings in collaboration with parents and healthcare professionals, is the go-to app for mums, dads, parents-to-be, and caregivers.



Welcome to Baby Buddy



Baby Buddy is user-friendly and easy to understand, with trusted information from the NHS, leading experts, and other partner charities.

From bonding to breastfeeding, teething to crawling, Baby Buddy is your personal baby expert and guide, helping you to navigate the joys and challenges of pregnancy and early parenting.

Your Baby Buddy app includes:



Personalised bite-sized daily tips



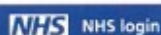
Over 400 video clips featuring expert advice and real parents' experiences



Tools to support you in making choices about birth and the care you receive



Free 24/7 emotional support text line



... and much much more

NEW! Just for parents in Walsall

In partnership with the Walsall Family Hubs, Best Beginnings created a 'Local' feature for the Baby Buddy app.

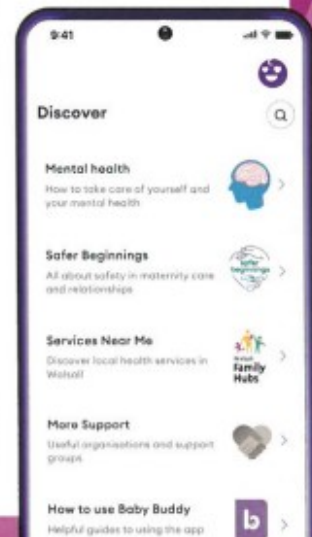


**Walsall
Family Hubs**

Supporting families to live happier lives

This feature offers personalised support and resources for new and expecting parents and caregivers in Walsall. It is a one-stop shop for the antenatal and postnatal services recommended by your healthcare teams. Located in the 'Discover' section of Baby Buddy, you will find details on:

- Local hospitals, maternity units, and mental health services
- Family Hub services
- Local support groups, charities and helplines
- Food and Baby Banks
- Activities in your area, such as sensory play and baby massage, and ways to meet and connect with other families.





Barr Beacon
School Centred Initial
Teacher Training
Your Future | Their Future

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





Barr Beacon
School Centred Initial
Teacher Training
Your Future | Their Future

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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Barr Beacon
School Centred Initial
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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 24th 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



Application form

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

Apply by
Friday 14th
June 2024

Further Information



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