



15th September 2023

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to all our new families and our existing families to Ryders Hayes twinned with the Algarve last week! Who could have predicted such temperatures in September.

We started this academic year with two INSET Days, with the first day looking back at the journey of Ryders Hayes since 1969 and the long standing traditions and values we hold true today. Sharing the values and culture of Ryders Hayes and recognising that this can only be translated to the children through the endless efforts, dedication and commitment of the people (staff) at the school, we recognised the people of Ryders Hayes and started our Service Recognition Awards at Ryders Hayes by celebrating 20 Year Service for Mrs Miner, Mrs Webster, Mrs D Griffiths, Mrs Heaton; 15 Year Service for Mrs Day, Mrs Farmer; and 10 Years Service for Miss Thorp and Mr McLuckie - what an achievement!

We looked ahead at the picture we want to paint this academic at Ryders Hayes and explored how this is going to be turned into a reality for 2023/24. Consistency, high expectations and inclusivity were the golden threads shared and agreed by all to achieve the desired outcomes.

The second INSET Day saw staff immersed in phonics training with our RWInc Consultant Jilly Crawford. The Hall was buzzing with conversations around how the tools can benefit our children and support in narrowing the reading gap.

With classroom displays created, rooms organised, resources ready, we welcomed our children to the school. The children started their 2023/24 school journey with a whole school assembly where we shared the expectation, discussed the 'can do' attitudes towards new challenges and the importance of having a Growth Mindset. The challenge was set and accepted by the children, as a sense of 'we can achieve this' was felt across the Hall that morning. Energised, excited and ready the children set off to begin this new journey.

A week and a half on and the children continue to model high expectations, demonstrate self-regulation and a sense of pride and belonging to Ryders Hayes layered with good manners. We are extremely proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and risen up to the challenge of *doing the right thing to be the best they can be*.

The habits we each set in the first days and weeks will, to a great extent, determine the year ahead. Once these good habits form, they become self-reinforcing. And, over time, with application, they become embedded; deeply-rooted, second nature. With a strong parent, school and child partnership we certainly can achieve this!

Mrs J Paul  
Head Teacher



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LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mrs Jas Paul  
Ryders Hayes School  
Gilpin Crescent  
Pelsall  
WS3 4HX

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

*Dear Jas,*

After receiving an overwhelming response to my call for bunting flags to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III and HM Queen Camila, which included many wonderful designs from Ryders Hayes, I selected one from each of the participating schools and created a very special card that I have sent to Buckingham Palace.

It was no easy task! However, after much deliberation the enclosed design was created!

Thank you all once again for being part of this. Many of your designs were used to decorate the windows of my office in Aldridge during the celebrations, and my office at Westminster, and a selection remain on my display board at 82 Walsall Road.

The Coronation was a truly memorable occasion, and one which I am sure we all have many memories of.

Thank you. *+ well done everyone*

*Wendy*



Cooper and Jordan C of E School	Ryders Hayes	St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Old Railway House Nursery	<i>The chosen design in order of which they appear on the card</i>	Holy Trinity C of E Primary School
Rushall Primary School	Lindens Primary	Castlefort JMI Primary School

Sir,

As part of our local celebration on the occasion of your Coronation,  
I invited primary schools from across my Aldridge-Brownhills  
Constituency to design a bunting flag to be displayed at my office.

I was overwhelmed by the response and received over 1,000  
designs. One design from each school was chosen for the cover of  
this card.

With sincere best wishes from Aldridge-Brownhills.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's humble and obedient  
servant.

*Wendy*

Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP  
Aldridge-Brownhills

## What an amazing year in the allotment.

### *A RHS 5 Star Gardening School*

Whilst the weather hasn't been kind to us for getting some summer sun, the allotment has appreciated the changes in weather.

This year we have been very busy and working through the summer to keep on top of it, our keen volunteers have continued to keep it alive.

Volunteer Andrew has been endlessly picking runner beans, in which this year has seen a harvest of around 15kg of runner beans, all being sent to a local food bank.

We also have to thank Mr Day who has worked hard extending our current potting shed, using only reclaimed materials and left-over material around school, we now have an extra area for potting up plants.

It truly has been a summer of colour in the allotment, with absolutely masses of tomatoes, carrots, beetroot, runner beans, kale, rhubarb, radishes.



We would love to hear if you have had any gardening successes, have you grown something exciting? Have you supported Bio Diversity, if so email Mr Ryland at [m.ryland@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:m.ryland@ryders-hayes.co.uk)

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





HIPPODROME  
EDUCATION  
NETWORK

Years 3 and 4 started the Hippodrome Education Network (HEN) Project this week working with Ryders Hayes new Lead Artist Miss Walker. We enjoyed beginning to explore the Stone Age and how the Iron Man came to be!





# Skills Builder

## PARTNERSHIP

### Skills Builder at Ryders Hayes

Ryders Hayes School works with The Skills Builder Partnership to ensure every learner has opportunities to build eight essential skills to support them now and in the future.

Research has shown that building these eight essential skills can support the emotional wellbeing and academic success of children and young people, as well as preparing them for life beyond school. Skills Builder has developed a Universal Framework that breaks each of these essential skills down into 16 teachable steps.



We use this framework to teach and practise each of the eight skills at the appropriate level throughout school life. Skills Builder has a resource platform dedicated to helping parents and carers to build their child's essential skills at home: Skills Builder Homezone (<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>). From Weekly Skill Challenges, to family activities and guidance to share with older children to access independent tools for their own skill development,

Skills Builder Homezone can be enjoyed at a time and pace to suit all families.





**Coffee  
Morning**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

**Children will be asked to bring in homemade or shop bought cakes on Thursday 28th September to support our MacMillan coffee morning.**

**Cakes will then be sold by Year 6 on the morning of Friday 29th September.**

**Further details to follow.**



**It's time for  
Coffee Morning  
and you're  
invited**



**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)**



Why is it helpful to  
know the  
times tables?

Times Tables are the foundations/building blocks for Maths. It is really important for children to practise their times tables regularly. One of the ways we do this is by using Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Your child (from Year 2 to Year 6) will have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars where they can go and practise their times tables. The class teacher will make sure the children are only practising the year group focused times tables.

Please can you encourage your child to log on and play TTRS regularly.

The times tables that we focus on in school are

**Year 2: 2x, 5x and 10x**

**Year 3: 3x, 4 x , 6x and 8x**

**Year 4: 7x, 9x, 11x, 12x**

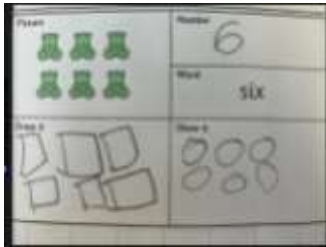
**Year 5 and 6: revision**

The website address is [trockstars.com](https://trockstars.com)

We look forward to seeing the progress the children will make!

# SPOTLIGHT

**What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus is next week....?**



## Year 1

The children have settled into their new classes very well!

This week we have been looking at the numbers 1-10 and representing them in different ways.

Next week in Science, we are learning about hibernation and the animals that hibernate!

## Year 2

The children have been working hard this week. We have been talking about e-safety in Computing and particularly focussing on 'digital footprints' and thinking about our own digital footprint and how to stay safe online.

Next week, we will be finding out all about a famous astronaut who was the first person to walk on the moon!



## Year 3

The children have settled really well into their new classes! As part of our History topic we have been investigating Stone Age poo, hunting woolly mammoths and creating cave paintings as we learn all about the Stone Age!

Next week, we will be continuing to work on our adventure story writing techniques based on the book Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.

## Year 4

The children have had a great start to the year and have been studying the designs of pantomime sets. This week, we have begun designing our set which we will be creating soon!

Next week, Year 4 will be finding out what the internet is made of!



## Year 5

This week, we have been looking closely at the artwork of Leonid Afremov and are looking forward to creating some work in his style.

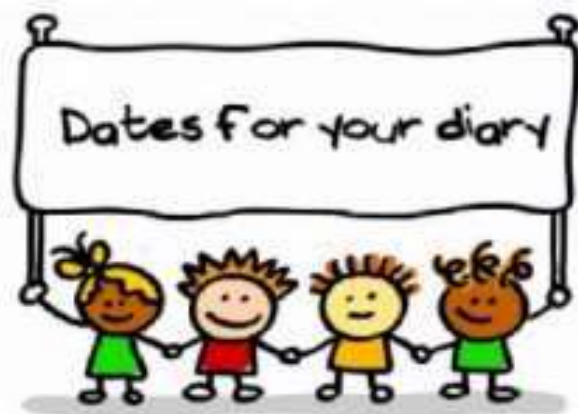
Next week, we will continue to develop our knowledge of different grammatical features that can be used in our writing.

## Year 6

The children have made a great start and have settled well into their new classes. This week we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and started creating a detailed narrative based on the plot.

Next week, we will be continuing with our narrative writing and trying to develop a greater understanding of pathetic fallacy and how this impacts upon our writing.





## 2023/24 Academic Year

INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAY: Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Children return to school: Wednesday 6th September 2023 (AUTUMN Term)**

INSET DAY: Friday 27th October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023**

**Children return to school: Monday 6th November 2023**

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 8th January 2024 (SPRING Term)**

**Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 19th February 2024**

**Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 8th April 2024 (SUMMER Term)**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024**

**Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024**

INSET DAY: Monday 3rd June 2024

**Children return to school: Tuesday 4th June 2024**

**Last day of Summer Term: Friday 19th July 2024**

**Summer holidays begin Monday 22nd July 2024**

INSET DAY: Monday 22nd July 2024

*'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...* 



## **2024/25 Academic Year**

### **AUTUMN Term**

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd September 2024

Children return to school: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

INSET DAY: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Children return to school: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

### **SPRING Term**

INSET DAY: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Children return to school: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Children return to school: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Easter Holidays: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **SUMMER Term**

Children return to school: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd June 2025

Children return to school: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Last day of Summer Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Summer holidays begin Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

INSET DAY: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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*'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...* 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟



**MacMillan Coffee morning - Friday 29th September 8.45am - 12noon in the church Hall.** We do hope that parents and friends will come along with friends to share coffee, tea, cake and fellowship on the day.

**Harvest & Scarecrow Weekend - 6th - 8th October**

10am Holy Communion Service Come to give thanks to God for our Harvest.

Enter the **Scarecrow Competition** - each school, community group and association are invited to make a scarecrow for the church at Harvest. Prizes are available. Each group is asked to design their own scarecrow (male/female) using their own materials as appropriate and no taller than a human being of 5ft 10inches. Scarecrows are to be in church by Friday 6th October. (Contact Rev. Alison for more details).

**Pet Service - Sunday 1st October at 4pm in church.** God loves all creatures. Mavis the Vicars dog invites you to come along to an informal service and bring your pets to be blessed.

**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)

# 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 Autumn term...

**Y1 - Y3**

**Mondays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**MULTI SPORTS**

11th Sept-23rd Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in Y3-Y6 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Tuesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**DODGEBALL**

12th Sept- 24th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**Y1 - Y2**

**Wednesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**GYMNASTICS**

13th Sept- 25th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in Y1-Y2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Thursdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**FOOTBALL**

14th Sept-26th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Fridays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**GYMNASTICS**

15th Sept-27th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

### 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](http://www.premier-education.com)**

#### HOW TO BOOK

BOOK A COURSE / SEARCH SCHOOL OR POSTCODE / VIEW COURSES / VIEW RELEVANT COURSE  
BOOK THIS ACTIVITY / CREATE LOG IN OR SIGN IN / FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO FINALISE BOOKING



# Rising to the Challenge

## Autumn 2023

### Dates

19/9/23

26/9/23

3/10/23

10/10/23

17/10/23

24/10/23

10.30am to  
12.30pm

Topics include:

**Autism as a Spectrum**

**Autism and Communication**

**The Sensory World of Autism**

**Autism and Anxiety**

and more!

### Walsall

A free six session course for parents/carers who want a better understanding of their autistic child and ways to best help and support them.

Free for Parents and carers of an autistic child/children, (or on the assessment pathway) living in the Blackcountry.

**St Matthew's Centre, St Matthew's Cl, Walsall WS1 3DG**

To book a place please visit: <https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/>

For more information please contact Amanda:

T: 07881 109 496

E: [amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:amandap@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

THE MINDKIND PROJECTS PRESENTS



# PLAY & STAY SESSIONS FOR DADS

16th & 30th September 2023

11-1 pm

Bring the little ones along and enjoy some chat time with fellow fathers/stepdads/guardians.

Toys and Games Provided

Contact For Details - No  
Booking Needed

**01922 632 170**

**[sanj@themindkindprojects.com](mailto:sanj@themindkindprojects.com)**

Ilmington House, Crescent Rd,  
Darlston, Wednesbury WS10 8AE



Walsall Council

# KOMBATKIDS

*The Right Choice!*



**First 3  
classes  
FREE!**

WELCOMING NEW BEGINNERS AT

Ryders Hayes school thursday 3.30pm  
(after school class in the school hall)

Pelsall Community Centre Thursday 5pm

other days are available please text 07761772924

To register text: child name / class location

t: 07730 899722

e: [info@kombatkids.com](mailto:info@kombatkids.com)

w: [www.kombatkids.com](http://www.kombatkids.com)

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IN MARTIAL ARTS



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## OUTSTANDING PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES

### AGES 3 - 18



## TWO WEEK TASTERS AVAILABLE

### ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS FOR OUR AUTUMN TERM



**AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
 ERDINGTON ROAD, WALSALL, WS9 0RN

**STARTING MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))

		
<b>Group 1</b>	<b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 4 - 6</b>
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>6:30pm – 7:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 7 - 8</b>
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>7:30pm – 8:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 9 - 12</b>

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY MONDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£28) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT**  
**'ST FRANCIS' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)**  
 and receive confirmation by text  
**07856 315 637**

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

