

NEWSLETTER 2

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Ramsbury English Hub

At Ramsbury School, we are fortunate to have a wealth of teaching expertise and experience and as such, we have been chosen to share our best practice and teaching techniques as an English Hub. We are one of 32 in the country and our English Hub will be supporting schools in Wiltshire, Swindon, Cotswolds and North Dorset, with an initial focus on the teaching and learning of phonics.

Next term is a very exciting term for all the children and staff as we shall be opening our classroom doors and welcoming teachers from different schools to observe a showcase phonics lesson in Classes R, 1 and 2. The Showcases will take place every Wednesday next term.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February was Safer Internet Day. All classes discussed ways of acting in a safe and responsible manner when using the internet. This year the focus was on how consent or permission works online. This could be within their friendships, how they take and share images and videos or how the children manage their privacy and data. Please discuss this at home, so that your child can enjoy technology and the internet in a safe and positive way.

125+ night readers

As we approach 150 nights reading, here is the current table for all the children who have read every day so far and completed 125 nights:

Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
15	18	19	17	18	23	26

Keep reading!

St Gabriel's Maths Challenge for Year 4

Well done to Luke, George M, Arthur and Jack C in Class 4 for competing at the St Gabriel's Maths Challenge last week. Good luck to all the competitors from Class 5 who are representing the school on Friday!

Ramsbury's Got Talent

We are very much looking forward to our annual 'Ramsbury's Got Talent' next week. The Year 6 team has been extremely busy behind the scenes with auditions and we wish all of the finalists good luck!

Year 1 and 2 Garden Area

A massive thank you to Wendy Allen and Mrs Black for all their hard work designing and creating the Class 1 and Class 2 garden – and a thank you to Mrs Biss who also helped out. Class 2 love role playing in the boat and Class 1 use all areas of the garden for mark making, investigating and small world play. As you can imagine, the children are all looking forward to planting in the 'pallet' gardening area when the weather improves...

Radio Ramsbury!

We were all so proud of Mrs Rean and Mrs McCallum, who were interviewed live on BBC Wiltshire radio on 5th December. Many parents tuned in and listened to our Phonics specialists. Bravo ladies!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation of food for the older members of our community. A special thank you to all the Year 6 parents who helped to sort out the donations and accompany Year 6 when they delivered the goodies!



Y6 Bikeability

Congratulations to all the Year 6 Children who passed Stage 1 and 2 Bikeability. Keep safe out there!

PTA news

This year the PTA are fundraising towards buying **new books** and have been busy organising different events. The Popcorn Club raised £231 and the Winter Wonderland event raised a whopping £1240! Well done and thank you to everyone involved – we really appreciate everything you do for the children at our school.

House Points

At the end of the December, the teams were in the following positions:

Crayfish	Muntjac	Raven	Red Kite
3347	3314	3287	3315
1st	3rd	4th	2nd

Well done Crayfish!

Spelling Superstars Autumn Term

Well done to the following children who passed their class Spelling Bee with full marks:

Class 1: Audrey, Barnaby, Beatrice, Beth, Emma, Evie, Evie-Grace, Gus, Hamish, Imogen, Isla-Rose, Jack, Louis, Maisie, Max, Nicola, Oliver, Peggy, Shyanne, Violet, Isabelle and Thomas;

Class 2: James, Alex, Lola, Dawson, Harry, Ted, Cara, Emma and Zara;

Class 3: Daniel, Naomi, Angus, Reuben, Ewan, Clement, Zeb, Jasper, Andrew, Jude, Evie, Isla and Molly;

Class 4: Daisy C, Ben, Hattie, Elli, Darcy, Luke, Esme, William, Jack C, Annabelle T, Annabelle W, George B, Max and James;

Class 5: Anya, Ollie C, Oliver S, Ruby, Rosie, Laura, Madeleine and Reggie;

Class 6: Ben, Sophie, Jamie, Charlie, Florence, Kitty, Nicholas, Sam C, Emily, Zach, Carys, Ria, Elizabeth and Mollie.

Congratulations to the following children who were nominated as our Most Improved Spellers:

Class 1: Grace

Class 2: Nora

Class 3: Florence

Class 4: Daisy D

Class 5: Verity

Class 6: Iggy

100% Attendance Autumn Term

69 children achieved 100% attendance - a very impressive achievement indeed. But even more impressive was the fact that 9 of these children are in Class R. Well done to all of you!

Musical Success

Congratulations to our very talented musicians:

Seb (Class 6) who passed Grade 3 Cello with Merit;

Amy (Class 6) for passing Grade 1 Violin with Merit;

Ursula (Class 6) who passed her Grade 3 Flute exam;

Elizabeth (Class 6) for passing Grade 3 Flute;

Carys (Class 6) who passed her Grade 2 Violin exam with Distinction;

Laura (Class 5) for passing Grade 1 Viola with Merit

Adam (Class 5) who passed Grade 1 Trumpet with Merit;

Verity (Class 5) for passing Grade 1 Harp with Merit;

Maisie (Class 4) for achieving a Merit in her pre-prep Piano exam.

Children in Need

Thank you for all donations for our non-school uniform day. This year we raised £250.70.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to Year 6 for organising the Poppy Appeal again this year. The school raised £221.52 – what an impressive amount!

Congratulations to:

Florence (Class 3) for passing Stage 4 Swimming;

Bear (Class 1) who has passed Stage 2 Swimming;

Audrey (Class 1) for passing Level 8 Gymnastics and Level 1 Trampoline;

Pippa (Class 3) who has passed Level 3 Swimming;

Naomi (Class 3) who has achieved Level 5 in swimming;

Alex (Class 4) for passing her Green belt in Karate and for achieving a personal best in a Swimming gala;

Annabelle W (Class 4) for winning the Bronze speed award in Backstroke;

Annabelle M (Class 2) who has achieved Level 7 Gymnastics;

George B (Class 4) for gaining his Green belt in Tae Kwando;

James (Class 1) for passing his Green belt in Tae Kwando;

Gus (Class 1) who has gained his Green belt in Tae Kwando;

Cara (Class 2) for gaining her Brown belt in Tae Kwando;

Violet (Class 1) for passing Stage 3 Swimming;

Molly (Class 3) who has passed Level 8 Gymnastics;

Emma (Class 1) for passing Level 8 Gymnastics;

Annabel (Class 2) for passing Level 8 Gymnastics;

Jamie (Class 6) for being awarded as the U11 Leading Bowler in the league and the Best Bowler for Marlborough Cricket Club's U11;

Angus, Zeb, Jasper and Barney (Class 3) whose team the Ramsbury Ravens U8 won Event 1 in a recent football competition;

Sam C (Class 6) for coming runner up in a total of five U12 Winter County Tour tennis tournaments.

Well done to all our sporting heroes – it all takes a lot of dedication!

Treading the boards

Well done to Jemima (Class 5), Josie (Class 4) and Scarlett (Class 2) for your magnificent participation in 'The Raven's Call'. It was a huge community production which told the history of Ramsbury.

Congratulations to Darcy and Annabelle T (Class 4) who were both awarded medals at the Devizes Eisteddfod.

Well done to Emma (Class 1) who took part in the production of Brontë, a show at the Watermill.

RSDT

The RSDT are supporting the school by providing funds for the following: repairing the trail on the field; cookery for all children with Mrs Ritchie; all of our stock for the year and a new server. Thank you to all the parents who contribute to the RSDT.

Open Studios

Thank you to all who came to our Open Studio in November. The children's DT work was amazing; it showed the journey from initial idea to the final creation! Well done!

Kurling

Congratulations to Aaron, Mckenzie, James and Freddie (Classes 3 and 4) for representing the school at a Kurling competition at Avon Valley College.



Boccia

A massive congratulations to Aaron, Mckenzie and Freddie in Classes 3 and 4, who also took part in the Boccia competition at Avon Valley College. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Calling all Parents

Are you able to spare a couple of hours twice a year? If so, could any lovely parents help to keep the churchyard tidy by mowing the grass? Several helpers have recently retired, so the church badly needs new blood to take on this duty. They have the machines – they just need the drivers! If you are willing, then please contact Dr Handford on 520545.

And finally...

A belated well done to Mrs Grover for bravely stepping into Mrs Cullen's Shoes. She was a very hard act to follow and we are sure that you will all agree that Mrs Grover is doing an amazing job!