

NEWSLETTER 3

June 2019

Dropping off issues in the morning – parents in the corridor and children arriving late

Thank you so much to all the children and parents who arrive on time and who do not enter the school with their children to put items in their lockers.

Other than children who arrive by minibus and those who attend Rise and Shine, all children are to enter the school playground between **8.45-8.50am** and to enter school **by themselves**.

All children should be in their classrooms by the time the gates are locked, between 8.50-8.55am. After this time, the children will have to go through the front door and be **dropped off there**. Mrs Grover or Mrs Mathias will assist your child to their classroom if necessary.

All parents should refrain from entering the school with their children. As soon as children start school in Reception, they are expected to be independent, **putting their belongings in their lockers by themselves**. There is very limited space in the corridor at this busy time and it can be very unsettling for children with unfamiliar adults around them.

Should you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please go back out of the playground and through the school front doors, **not through the corridor**, to speak to Mrs Grover or Mrs Mathias in the office. The office staff will then pass on a more detailed message or make an appointment for you to see the teacher.

Should it be a quick question, Mrs Rean and Mrs Lewis are in the playground to help with any simple queries you may have or to take a message to your child's teacher.

For those attending **Parent Assemblies**, please come through the front doors rather than along the corridor.

Triathlon at Marlborough College

A huge congratulations to the 64 children who took part in the Triathlon at Marlborough College. The sun shone as every child swam, rode their bike and ran their heart out, in their teams of four. The day was great fun and it was lovely to see such brilliant team work.

We raised an incredible £3911 to be split between Restless Development and our chosen charities of

Dogs' Trust Newbury and Ronald McDonald Charitable Housing. A special mention goes to the Rockin' Ramsbury team and Ramsbury Phoenixes who went above and beyond with their fundraising.



Orienteering Festival Winners!

On the 10th of June, all of Class 4 and 5 went to an Orienteering Festival at Marlborough College. We worked in partners from our groups to find all of the numbers from the sheet. We found them by using a map. Then at the end they checked if they were correct and told you your time.

Great news, one of the Ramsbury teams won- YAY!!

By Daisy Cox, Class 4.

New kit for competitions

Our new competitive kit has finally arrived, funded by the Sponsored Run organised at the end of last year. The Year 6 Sports Leaders chose the kit and will be introducing it to the school next week. The children look really smart and are very pleased with their choice!



For those children participating in any competition, we do expect them to wear jet black **(with no logo/pattern)** shorts/skorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings, to wear with our lovely new kit.

Opera project

40 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in two wonderful opera workshops which finished with an inspiring concert at Pewsey Vale School with two other primary schools. At the workshops, opera singers from the Jackdaw Opera Company taught us songs based on a Donizetti opera. They made it more fun by turning it into a modern football story! We were taught by four singers, a pianist and a conductor.



On the big day of the performance, we all dressed up in sports kit and were all given green t-shirts to represent our football team. Lots of our parents came to watch and said it was an extraordinary performance that they will never forget.

By Charlotte Berry, Class 5.

Ramsbury's Rain Garden

ARK is delighted to report that the Rainscapes project that built our rain garden won second place in the 'Best Conservation Project' category of the Wiltshire Life Awards. Our thanks to Wendy Allen, whose design skills found so many ways to catch, slow and clean rain before it gets to the river.

Swimming Cluster Competition Winners!

12 girls and boys from Years 5 and 6 went to the school swimming gala at the Marlborough College pool. We were so excited to compete because swimming is really fun and it is very atmospheric inside, competing against other local schools. I have been lucky enough to be able to compete for the last 3 years, but this one was the best by far. Ramsbury and Preshute were neck-and-neck all the way through, with some brilliant swimming, but in the end we won. We were given a golden ticket and now get to compete in the School Games at the end of the year. YES!

By Jamie Travis, Class 6.

Walk This May

We really noticed a massive reduction in congestion and cars during 'Walk This May', so thank you very much to all the children who took part and to you for supporting the event. We are still collecting the walking passports, as prizes are waiting.....

Tri Golf Cluster Competition Winners!

Congratulations to our 60 Tri-Golfers who took part in the cluster event in which 160 children participated at Marlborough Golf Club - coming first!



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.

Barney our PAT Dog reader

We now have a very special visitor in school every week to listen to readers - Barney the PAT Dog! Pets As Therapy is a national charity, enhancing health and wellbeing in the community through the visits of trusted volunteers with their behaviourally assessed animals. We are very lucky to have Jayne, and her adorable Labrador Barney, visiting Ramsbury School every week to meet with the children and to listen to readers.



Link Tea

Many thanks to some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 musicians – Carys, Jamie, Jemima, Laura, Bella, Verity, Oliver, Annabelle T and Ben, who all performed at the annual Link Tea for the older members of our community.

St Gabriel's Maths Challenge

We sent two Maths teams to St Gabriel's School in Newbury to participate in an afternoon of Maths challenges. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school very well. Thank you to Ryan, Max, Oliver S and Jemima (from Class 5) and Jack C, Luke, Arthur and George M (from Class 4).

Gymnastics Cluster competition

The gymnastics competition for Wiltshire Schools was the first sports event that I have done since I joined Ramsbury Primary a few months ago. First we went on the beams and did some balancing, then we all went upstairs to do the vault which was really fun. We then went onto our routine. Even though we were all feeling nervous, we still clapped and cheered each other on. At the end we were told the results; Ramsbury Primary came 2nd with only half a point between us and first position! It didn't matter though because we all had fun. I got a trophy for having the girl's highest score of 9.8 out of 10, which I could not believe. We all had a wonderful time, in fact it was the best time ever!

By Olivia Paylor, Class 4.



Hockey County Final Winners!

On Friday the 22nd March the Ramsbury Hockey team worked their socks off despite facing cold weather and injuries. After a nerve racking final, Ramsbury pulled out on top after we scored in golden goal time against Stonar. Winning the entire tournament without losing a single game or even conceding a goal, we had our medals presented to us by record breaker Montelle Douglas.

It was an amazing experience and our golden medals will make us remember the day forever!

By Charlie Macintosh, Class 6.

PTA news

This year the PTA are fundraising towards buying new books and have been busy organising different events. The next events include: PTA Quiz on Friday 14th June, the reading challenge starting on Friday 14th June, lasting the week and the Summer Event at Ramsbury Estates on Saturday 6th July.

300+ night readers

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are working towards our 300 night reader goal. Keep reading everyone!

Tag Rugby Cluster competition

On Friday 29th March, all 60 children in Classes 5 & 6 went to St Johns in Marlborough to take part in an amazing Tag Rugby Festival. Five Ramsbury teams took part against lots of different schools. In the morning once we had arrived we were given tag belts and told what pitch we had to play on. We played 4 different teams twice and the results from these matches put us into a second pool for the afternoon matches. My team was in a pool against three Great Bedwyn teams that were all very good!

We played all the teams and won 6, but lost 2. After the second pool the results were gathered in and we found out what position we came. My team did extremely well and came 2nd out of the whole tournament - 16 teams! We were very proud of ourselves.

Everyone from Ramsbury played really well and tried their hardest. We all had a great day.

By Nicholas Mathias, Class 6.



Year 3/4 Tennis Cluster Competition Winners!

6 teams from Class 3 and Class 4 went to Ramsbury Tennis Club for a tennis tournament. The sun was shining, perfect weather for tennis. Olivia and Arthur were the first people to play, romping to victory. They won their matches, starting a winning streak for Ramsbury. Andrew and I were next to play. We both won our matches as well! We were into the semi-finals!

We played against another Ramsbury team in the semi-finals, who were great, but we beat our classmates again and got a place in the finals. My team did really well. Although we lost one match, it didn't matter because we won the tournament!!!

We had won a Golden Ticket for Ramsbury! Again!
By Elli Biss, Class 4.

Ramsbury Run

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Ramsbury Run. The winners were:

U5s 1st Girl: Olivia Willis; 2nd Girl: Abigail Fellows;
2nd Boy: Cassian Cresswell;

U7s 1st Girl: Maisie Scott-Harden; 2nd Girl: Isla Anker; 1st Boy: Bear Dallas; 2nd Boy: Max Reade;
U10s 1st Boy: Barney Williams; 2nd Boy: Zeb Scott-Harden; 2nd Girl: Florence Dallas;
U13s 2nd Boy: Sam Clague;
U15s 1st Girl: Carys Hughes; 2nd Girl: Laura Jones; 3rd Boy: Reggie Scott-Harden.

Netball Cluster Competition Winners!

The netball festival was loads of fun! Our team played against St Mary's and won, then played against St Michael's and won!
 I think I enjoyed playing St Michael's more because they really pushed us. Now we are going to the County Finals and are really looking forward to it.
 By Carys Hughes, Class 6.



Girls' Cricket Cluster Winners!

Congratulations to Kitty, Camille, Mollie, Florence, Elizabeth and Carys (all Class 6) and Laura, Phoebe, Amelia, Annabel, Charlotte, Grace L, Michelle, Anya, Kate and Jemima (all Class 5) who represented the school in the Cluster Cricket competition and played amazingly well - coming first!



Congratulations to:

Florence (Class 3) for passing Stage 4 Swimming;
 Bear (Class 1) who has passed Stage 2 Swimming;
 Phoebe (Class 5) who won the Wiltshire Girls U11 Squash county competition, who represented Wiltshire in the Five Counties Squash tournament, winning a 'Star' award and for passing Grade 1 Cello with Merit;
 Zara (Class 2) who gained her brown stripe belt in Taekwondo, passed her Blue belt in Taekwondo

and for winning the 'Tournament Award' for the U8s for Marlborough Hockey Club;
 Isabelle T (Class 1) for passing Stage 6 Gymnastics, Stage 2 Swimming and Grade 1 Ballet;
 Charlie (Class 6) for winning the Marlborough Hockey Club 'Tournament Award' U12 boys 2018/19;
 Ben (Class 4) for winning the Marlborough Hockey Club 'Most Improved Award' U10 boys 2018/19;
 Jasper (Class 3) for passing Stage 5 Swimming;
 Ted and Reuben (both Class 2) who have been selected for Swindon Town Elite Football Team;
 Verity (Class R) who can now float on her back and has passed her Puffin 5m Floatation;
 Isla-Rose (Class 1) for passing Level 6 Gymnastics;
 Iris (Class R) for passing Levels 8, 7 and 6 in Gymnastics;
 Molly F (Class 3) for passing Levels 7, 6 and 5 in Gymnastics and for passing Primary Cecchetti Classical Ballet with Distinction and passing Stage 5 in Swimming;
 Emma F (Class 1) for passing Levels 7, 6 and 5 in Gymnastics and passing Stage 5 in Swimming;
 Louis (Class 1) for being nominated for 'Warrior of the Week' in Taekwondo;
 Annabelle T (Class 4) for passing Grade 3 Trumpet with Merit;
 Oliver M (Class 3) for becoming a Deputy Black Belt;
 Florence and Amy (both Class 6) for passing Grade 2 Imperial Classical Ballet with Merit;
 Audrey (Class 1) for passing Level 2 in Trampoline and Level 7 in Gymnastics;
 Zara Mc (Class 4) for passing Grade 3 Piano;
 Josie F (Class 4) for passing Grade 1 Clarinet with Distinction;
 Alex E (Class 4) for coming 6th in Butterfly in a Marlborough Swimming competition;
 Angus (Class 3) for being awarded the 'Players' Player' in the U8 Ramsbury Football Club category;
 Barney (Class 3) for being awarded the 'Most Improved' in the U8 Ramsbury Football Club category;
 Zeb (Class 3) for coming 2nd in the Ramsbury Tennis Club U8 tennis tournament;
 Kitty (Class 6) who came 2nd and 5th in the North Farm Stud Equestrian competition;
 Sam Cl (Class 6) who continues to excel in the tennis world. Sam's national ranking is now within the top 250 for the 12 and under age group; he has been awarded a GLL Sport Foundation Athlete Award and has won the venue 'Road to Wimbledon National 14 and Under Challenge' at Ramsbury, which means he now qualifies for the County Final in mid-July, the winner of which progresses to play at Wimbledon!