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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

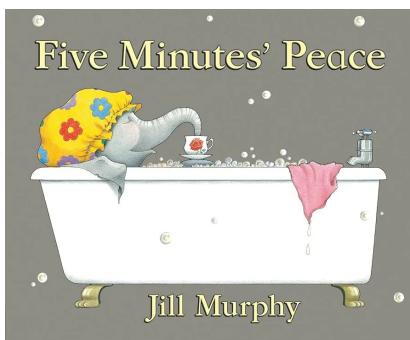
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Welcome to our second newsletter of the term! Autumn air is officially around school, and there is a brilliant sense of momentum across every year group. From exciting classroom projects to upcoming school events. We are delighted to share what's been happening across our community.

Splashtastic Bath Bombs

In our story Mrs Large has a bath to relax. We thought she used a bath bomb for bubbles. We didn't want Mrs Large to have all the bath time fun so we made our own bath bomb.

- We collected all the ingredients and a weighing scale. This helps us to measure. It was our job to say 'stop' on the right number.
- We carefully mixed everything together.
- We then pressed it into a mould like a sandcastle and left them to dry.
- They are wrapped and ready to take home.



Y5 have begun their collaborative artwork inspired by Peter Thorpe

Our Year 5 children have been busy creating a fantastic series of collaborative canvas artworks inspired by the exciting space - themed painting of artist Peter Thorpe.

Using acrylic paints, the children explored a range of painting techniques to bring their ideas to life. They experimented with wet-on-wet painting to blend colours smoothly, used dry brush techniques to add texture and detail, and applied paint with sponges to create interesting effects and backgrounds.

Working together in teams, the children designed and painted vibrant canvases full of imagination, colour and creativity. They carefully discussed ideas, shared resources and supported one another throughout the project, demonstrating excellent teamwork as well as artistic skills.



Class 4 has achieved a space on the golden table again!

By showing great manners, kindness and respect, the children in class 4 got to sit on the golden table with extra luxurious snacks, sat with their teacher and enjoyed table service with juice and snacks being brought to them.

Keep up the excellent work class 4! I wonder which class will be on the golden table next week?



Rotherham School Games Multi Skill Event

An amazing afternoon at Rotherham Leisure Centre as Year 6 children participated in the Rotherham School Games Multi Skill Event. Children participated in a number of different events such as badminton, football, boxing and fitness. The children showed incredible resilience and thoroughly enjoyed participating in a new sport.



Science Tip 🧪

Magic Dancing Raisins! Pour a glass of fizzy drink or sparkling water, drop in a few raisins and watch what happens! At first they sink, but they will soon start bobbing up and down! *The science: The carbon dioxide bubbles stick to the rough surface of the raisins like tiny life jackets, lifting them to the top. Once the bubbles burst at the surface, the raisins sink back down - demonstrating gas expansion and buoyancy in action!*

The Mindful Minute 🧘

This is perfect for transition times - like after the school run or right before starting homework. 1) Ask your child to sit comfortably and place their hands on their tummy. 2) Inhale. Take a deep breath through the nose, pretending to blow up a giant balloon inside their tummy. Feel it expand! 3) Exhale. Gently blow out through the mouth like they are blowing out a birthday candle without blowing it over. Repeat 3 to 4 times.

Quick activity to share with your children! 🧠

Shadow trace art!

Set a piece of paper near a sunny window (or outside on the pavement). Place a few favourite action figures, plastic Animals or household objects at the edge of the paper so their shadows fall across it. Have your child trace the outline of the shadow, then colour it in.

This combines fine motor skills with a bit of natural science - ask them to check back an hour later to see how the shadow moved!



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NOTICES/UPDATES:

After school Clubs - Begin Tuesday 16th September 3-4pm for 5 weeks. Book on Arbor now.

Thursday 1st October - CENSUS Day. Please check Class Dojo to see the menu change. We encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on this day.

Thursday 1st October - Class 6 visit Sheffield Lyceum to watch Horrible Histories. Please sign up on Arbor to confirm your child's place.

Magic Booking - All children must be pre-booked onto Breakfast and Wrap - Around Clubs. We cannot accept children not pre-booked due to safeguarding & emergency contact reasons.

Free School Meals - We encourage all our families to apply for FSM from the benefits office at Rotherham Council

Final Thoughts

New term transitions take time, but every small routine established now builds confidence for the months ahead. It is easy to focus on the big milestones, but real growth often happens in the quiet everyday moments - sticking with a tricky piece of homework, remembering a PE Kit without being asked, or offering a kind word to a classmate.

Whether your child mastered a new skill this week or simply persevered through a tough day, take a moment to celebrate those small wins together over the weekend.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for everything you do behind the scenes to support our school community. Have a restful and wonderful week ahead!

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together"

Vincent Van Goth

Your Class Attendance



Our Target is **96%**. Remember everyday matters at school.

We always call if we have no reason why children are not in school. Please inform the office if your child is not able to attend.

Please be aware that we cannot release children early from school without seeing an appointment letter or card.