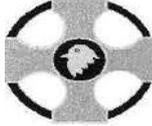


Roysia Review



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It has been a busy start to the second half of the Autumn Term . Pupils and staff are busy preparing for the exciting range of activities planned in the lead up to Christmas.

Staff Training

On the first Monday back after half term, staff of Roysia and Greneway were together for a day of staff training. The first session was focused on the statutory Child Protection Training which involved both teaching and non teaching staff. After a short break, staff were joined by colleagues from Ralph Sadleir and took part in sessions linked to understanding and managing different parts of our brains. It was a successful day where all staff gained from working together across the three middle schools.

Children In Need

Building on the success of Pink Day, next Friday is another charity event. Roysia will be supporting Children In Need with year 8 holding competitions and challenges to raise funds for this worthy cause; thus pupils need to remember to bring in some extra money! As this will be a non-uniform day, we kindly ask for £1 donation for the privilege, with all money raised being donated to Children in Need. The afternoon will culminate in our annual Roysia's Got Talent where pupils from all year groups compete against each other to be the most talented pupil in the school!



Friends of Roysia School

Following the very well attended Disco at the end of term, the Friends turned their hand to their annual Fireworks show. Thank you to Sam Bowen, Beth Morely and their group of willing helpers who spent the whole day on Friday 4 November preparing for the hugely successful fireworks bonanza in the evening. The fireworks were spectacular and a great time was had by all who attended. Their next event will be the Christmas Fayre on Friday 24 November 3.30-5.00 PM. As always, any profits generated will be spent on meeting the needs of the pupils at Roysia.

We look forward to working with the Roysia community to ensure that pupils continue to experience the best possible learning environment.

Mrs L Rawlings & Mrs K Jandu

PINK DAY AT ROYSIA!

As has become a Roysia tradition, in the last week of the autumn half term, year 7 started their fundraising efforts for Breast Cancer Research. This year their fundraising ideas showed real entrepreneurial skills and included activities such as penalty shoot outs, cake sales, bake off and guess the name of the teddy plus a plethora of other amazing ideas!

The enthusiasm and commitment they showed was rewarded by the total raised which was £267. A big thank you to all the helpers at home for your support and also your baking – Mary Berry would be proud!

Mrs E Clarke and Mr N Collins—Year 7 Form Tutors



ROYSIA'S SPARKLING FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Wow, what an amazing turn out!

The weather was very kind to us and it was truly a fantastic evening. The event was supported not only by the families from Roysia, but many from our local community, creating such a friendly atmosphere.

There were children with their parents, and even grandparents, having their faces painted by Mrs Baigent and Lyndsey Langdon who did some wonderful designs. Our glow stick stall sold out and the refreshments were going down well with lots of burgers, sausages, soup and hot drinks sold!

We were very grateful to The Mayor of Royston who came along to support our event and opened the fireworks. The display itself was full of lots of colours, whizzes, pops and bangs and we hope that everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Roysia Friends and school would like to thank all that came and supported. The money raised was roughly £2000 which will go towards something for our children to enjoy while at school.

Finally, we would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone, including parents and staff, who helped on the day from setting up, running stalls during the event and clearing away afterwards. As you know. Friends of Roysia is a volunteer group and I know some took days off from their work. This event is not possible without all the helpers that come out in force.

Thank you
Beth Morely/Sam Bowen
Co Chairs of Roysia Friends



THE FRIENDS OF ROYSIA SCHOOL

Christmas Craft Fayre

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2017

3.30-5.00pm in the School Hall

Please bring in donations for the Teddy Tombola

And do not forget to sell your raffle tickets!

RSAT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The consultation document linked to the RSAT proposal has been released. It can be accessed via the school website. We encourage parents/carers, staff, governors and the wider Royston community to share their views via the response document.

Responses to the proposal can be made:

- Electronic return using the weblink: <http://bit.ly/RSATConsultation>
- Email to clerk@rsat.org.uk
- Hand delivered paper copies, in sealed envelopes for the attention of RSAT clerk, returned to either: Greneway Middle School, Roysia Middle School or Meridian Upper School
- Post to RSAT Consultation, Clerk to Trust, Greneway School, Garden Walk, Royston, Herts, SG8 7JF

All feedback must be received by Friday 1 December at 4pm

Pupil Involvement in the RSAT Proposal Consultation Process

Form teachers have been discussing the consultation with pupils and pupils have then had an opportunity to share their feedback via a pupil friendly version of the survey shared with adult stakeholders. We are keen to help pupils understand the proposals and that any change would be supported. Our key priority is ensuring pupils are focussed on their learning to ensure maximum progress.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The first of two drop-in sessions was held at Roysia Middle School on Tuesday evening. These sessions provided an opportunity for stakeholders to seek clarification and understanding of the proposal and provide any further feedback. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate some points from the consultation:

- The staff will come from the three existing schools of Roysia, Greneway and Meridian and therefore provide familiarity and continuity for both parents and pupils.
- An assessment of the current Garden Walk sites indicates that the current need for pupil places can be comfortably met within current buildings.
- The Trust has excellent staff that are passionate about children's welfare. Throughout the process of transition, staff will continue to focus on teaching, learning and support for the children within their care. Staff will be encouraged to be actively involved with the transformation into the new school.

The staff at all three schools are professionals who understand the needs of the children they are responsible for and I know that Roysia staff will continue to ensure that the quality of teaching and pupil care remains high, as was reported by Ofsted in April 2017.

David Brynjolffssen, Chair of Governors

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Friday 17 November "Children in Need" Day
Tuesday 21 November KS3 Trip "The Adams Family"
Friday 24 November Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm
Bingo Evening 7.00-10pm

December

Friday 1 December Occasional Day –SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5 December 8H Old Barn
Tuesday 12 December Christmas Celebration 2.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 13 December KS2 Trip to Pantomime
Year 5 Christingle
KS3 Credit Trip to Cambridge
Thursday 14 December Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 Finish - 1pm

SPORTS NEWS AT ROYSIA

On the 19 October, Roysia hosted the Annual Small Schools Festival as part of the NE Herts School Sports Partnership.

The event was organised for year 1 and 2 pupils from Therfield, Barley and Barkway First Schools. This was the first event the Roysia Sports Leaders have taken part in this term and they did an amazing job. They took control of the stations they were in charge of and displayed a very mature approach to the running of the festival. They ran stations that included core skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping.



I had many emails from the staff of the first schools to say how impressed they were with our students and how much fun was had by all! This is something they should be very proud of, well done!

Seven year 5 students took part in the Speed Stacking Festival at Greneway on 9 November. Competing with a range of pupils from Greneway and Ralph Sadleir, they all had great fun and they managed some really good times. We will follow this up with a lunch time Speed Stacking club at school -details to follow shortly.

*Miss B Williamson
Leader of PE*

STAR OF THE MONTH

At the end of each month we mark our pupils' achievements in a Celebration Assembly. This includes Star of the Month awards nominated by KS2 and KS3 teachers.

We are delighted to announce that the winners for October are below along with why we think they deserve recognition. Well done to both!



This year 6 pupil has impressed everyone at Roysia for always being such a polite and well mannered young man. He is always looking to help those around him and has demonstrated a very strong work ethic since the start of the year. Well done.

Jake Araniello



The thing that has impressed us about this year 8 pupil is the amount of progress that they have made in just a half a term. This young lady has demonstrated a super work ethic and has produced some really high quality work. She has really got involved in school life this year and we are beginning to see personal qualities which make her a true asset to Roysia. Well done.

Lily Evenden

ROAD SAFETY

Please can we remind parents that the parking spaces in school are purely for staff members only and not for parents dropping off pupils. It is important that we minimise the cars in the school for the safety of your children.

With this in mind, can we also ask you and your children to walk on the pathways and not on the roads to ensure safety.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The applications process for places at middle schools in September 2018 opened on Monday 6 November 2017. This process is for children currently in year 4 (in first schools). The closing date for applications is 15 January 2018.

To apply go to:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If you do not have access to a computer you can request a form by calling the customer service centre on 0300 123 4043.

UPPER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The deadline for applications for places at upper schools in September 2018 has now passed. If you have not already applied you must now make a late application on line at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline is 31 January 2018.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ROYSIA

Roysia Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday 14th December with the kitchen once again making a festive meal fit for a King or Queen!

The cost of this will be **£3.60** and we kindly ask you ensure your child has enough funds on their parentpay account.

KEY STAGE 3 TRIP TO THE ADAMS FAMILY

Meridian School has kindly invited all of our Key Stage 3 to go and watch their dress rehearsal of their annual production, "The Adams Family" on Tuesday 21 November. The Meridian performing arts department has an excellent reputation for their dramatic productions so it looks to be a very good afternoon for all those attending!

A letter has been sent out this week with regards to details for the trip which we would kindly ask all Year 7 & 8 parents and carers to return to the office at your earliest convenience.

BIKES & SCOOTERS

Can we ask parents to remind your children that the use of bikes and scooters are not allowed once inside the school gate. These need to be stored in the bike shed once your child arrives at school.

ROYSIA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

For the first time, all the children at Roysia will be attending a Christmas Celebration at Royston Parish Church on Tuesday 12 December between 2-3.30pm. Children will be singing carols as well as taking part in dance, drama, games and readings.

We are very excited about this unique opportunity and a letter will be coming home shortly with further details.