

Roysia Review



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Dear Parents / Carers

Thursday saw the end of the Year 6 SATs. A particular well done to Freddie Brazil, Riley Naxton, Kelsie French and Phoebe Willcox for attending every session of the SATs revision club which has been running every Thursday after school since Christmas.



We are very proud of the way in which our year 6 pupils tackled the SATs. The effort that they put in was clearly evident and testament to the thorough planning and preparation that had gone into making sure that everything went as smoothly as possible. Many thanks to all the teachers, office staff and TAs who invigilated and in particular to the additional support provided by a willing group of volunteers—Mrs Langdon, Mrs Moorley, Mrs Willis, Mrs Hall, Mr King and Mrs Waldock. Pupils have been treated for their efforts with a trip to Duxford Museum today and a disco tonight—7.00 to 9.00 pm—organised by the Friends of Roysia School and open to all Roysia pupils. In addition to this, in a few weeks, we will be launching the ‘Fiver Challenge’ for Year 6. Further details will follow shortly.

Thank you to all the local businesses who gave their time generously so that our Key Stage 3 pupils could get an insight into the different career paths open to them in the future during Careers Day. We were extremely proud of the way that our pupils conducted themselves during the event and they gained valuable insights into a range of different career paths.

Next week also sees the start of Creative Thinking Week. Throughout the week pupils will be challenged in their lessons to think creatively and have the opportunity to develop and use their creative talents guided by professional artists Maggie Campbell, Michelle Reader, Lucy Sugden and Nicola Burrell. The week will culminate on Friday with each house working together to earn credits for their team by completing a series of challenging and stimulating tasks which this year has a forensic science theme. Even more exciting however is the fact that for this day only, Mr Carter will be welcomed back to help run the Design & Technology activities. We look forward to having him back for the day!

Next Friday will be the end of this first half of the summer term. We have lots of exciting events planned for the remaining seven weeks of this academic year starting off with the Key Stage 3 visit to France during the first week back.

Mrs L Rawlings and Mrs K Jandu

CONTACT INFORMATION

Can we kindly ask that you inform the office if you move house, change email address or phone number.

It is imperative that we are able to get hold of parents and careers in case of emergency as well as ensuring letters and invoices are sent to the right address.

We have had a few instances where details have been changed without our knowledge therefore we would be grateful for your support with this matter.

LOST PROPERTY

We have bags of lost property, most of which is unnamed. If your child is missing any property we do encourage you to come in and look through our lost property before half term.

Anything unclaimed after this time will be donated to the local charity shops.

Many thanks for your support with this.

DINNER MONEY

Please can we ask you to ensure your child's account is in credit.

We are continuing being asked to unlock accounts that are in arrears.

Just to remind you that the cost of a school dinner is £2.60. Payments of £5 or over can be made via Parent Pay or cash via the school office.

We do appreciate your support with this matter.

CHILDREN CHALLENGING INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

5C have just finished their Children Challenging Industry Workshop. They have all had a fantastic time experimenting with viscosity, bubble mixtures and following a soap recipe. This culminated in a trip to Johnson Matthey last week where they went to see science industry in action. We certainly have a few budding engineers and scientists in the making!

“It was one of the most fascinating things I’ve seen in my life” Isabelle Hindley

“It was an excellent and informative trip telling you about how a large company works.” Seren Prosser

“It was a really fun experience seeing how they work in a factory.” Emilie Scott

5T are now every excited about their chance for their workshop after the May half term.



Miss L Tucker
Class Teacher



MINI MUSIC FEST

Roysia has been invited to perform in a joint concert with the Royston Music School at the Methodist Church on **Friday 22 June** from 7.30-9pm.

Our contribution will be choir, orchestra, ensembles, bands and solo items for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music.

Pupils involved will receive letters shortly.

ROYSIA SUMMER CONCERT

Don't miss the Roysia Summer Concert which is on **Thursday 5 July**. Tickets are £3 per adult and free for children.

The BBQ will start at 5.30pm with the concert starting at 6.30pm.

A letter with more details will follow shortly.

PE KITS

Can we remind all of year 6 that they do need to bring in their correct PE kit. We are noticing that a number of the pupils in this year are not coming with the appropriate clothing to PE and Games.

SPORTS DAY

Roysia will be holding its annual Sports Day on **Friday 6 July**. Timings to be announced nearer the time.

FRIENDS OF ROYSIA UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends of Roysia will be running the following events in May.

Disco - Friday 18 May: The disco will be held tonight from 7.00-9.00pm. We normally have a strict, no ticket, no entry policy, however, tickets will be sold on the door this time as an exception.

Bingo - Friday 25 May Doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 8pm. Tickets are £2 which includes your entrance and the last game of the night.

Other games are £1 each.

Sam Bowen & Beth Moorley
Friends of Roysia

CREATIVE THINKING WEEK 21-25 MAY

Can we please ask that your £5.00 voluntary payment for Creative Thinking Week is paid as soon as possible through either Parent Pay or the office.

Thank you!

SCHOOL CROSSING

Please note that there will not be a School Crossing Patrol from **13 June** until the **end of the school year**.

Can we please ask you to ensure extra care is taken when driving your children to school as well as reinforcing with your child the importance of looking before crossing the road.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO KENTWELL HALL

Year 5 will be visiting Kentwell Hall on **Friday 15 June**. A letter will be sent out shortly with trip details, so please do keep an eye out for this.

YEAR 7 VISIT TO HENRY MOORE

Year 7 will be visiting Henry Moore on **Thursday 14 June**. A letter will be sent out shortly with trip details, so please do keep an eye out for this.

CREATIVE THINKING WEEK

Announcing the launch of **CREATIVE THINKING WEEK 2018** featuring **“STEAM at Roysia”**

We are almost there and excitement is building!

From Monday 21 May, four amazing artists with lots of creative ideas to share are arriving to lead construction workshops for our students. Every student has been given a letter about our exciting plans for the week to bring home to share with you. If you have a pupil in year 7, you may already know that they are on a mission to collect your recycling!

Why not check out the websites of this year's artist visitors?

www.maggiecampbellartisit.com

www.michellereader.co.uk

www.lucysugden.co.uk

www.nicolaburrell.co.uk

To conclude the week, we have a very special S.T.E.A.M– Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths– challenge lined up for the whole school to enjoy.

Helping our students understand how creative thinking underpins and links STEAM is an important part of our curriculum. To be able to solve problems, innovate and apply learning to practical situations are valuable life skills. Whilst the creative industries remain the biggest growth sector in the UK's economy for another consecutive year, they are also skills which lead to fulfilling jobs with an exciting future. If you are interested and would like to find out more about creative growth in the UK, visit www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk

Mrs E Baigent
Leader of Art

CAREERS DAY

Last Friday we hosted our Careers Morning for Key Stage 3 pupils, an event which is held biennially. The session began with a talk from Youth Connexions— Hertfordshire which highlighted the importance of making informed choices and set the tone for the morning. The pupils then had the opportunity to talk to representatives from over 20 jobs and local businesses in order to find out how people in various careers spend their working day and what qualifications they needed to set them on this path.

We were lucky enough to have a huge variety of careers represented including Firefighters, software engineers, nursing, catering, sales and marketing and a whole host of others.

In addition, all pupils took part in group interviews with the representative from YC Hertfordshire, so that they could have a more in-depth discussion about their future goals.

The event was highly successful and feedback from pupils, YC Hertfordshire and our visitors was overwhelmingly positive.

We were very proud of the way in which all of our pupils conducted themselves and the respect and interest with which they engaged with everyone involved.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to everyone who gave up their time in order to make our Careers Morning such a success.

Mrs J Hitchcock
Leader of KS3

