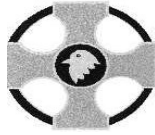


Roysia Review



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Happy New Year! The Christmas break seems like rather a long time ago now, but nonetheless, I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful break and are ready for the challenges that are undoubtedly in store for us in 2016. Already here at Roysia, year 5 enjoyed a 'voyage through the universe' yesterday in a mobile planetarium which was very interesting and everyone learned a great deal.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming actor Anthony Glenn back to Roysia to work with year 8 on producing their unique interpretation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". We look forward to seeing the results of their creativity and hard work when we watch their performance on Friday 22 January. It's always something to look forward to.

*Z J Linington
 Headteacher*

JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

A New Year and a new term so we start with a request to adhere to our safety rules. Firstly parking is always an issue outside of school. Please can you park safely when dropping off/collecting your child. Parents should **not** drop their children in the school car park, which is for staff and visitors only. You may think it only takes a minute to pop into the office to deal with something but this can cause parking problems for members of staff when trying to get to school in time for lessons. We also would ask you not to park on the grass verges and on corner as this is illegal. Parking in front of the entrance/exit gates blocks emergency access routes, which is a health and safety matter, so please be mindful of others. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated.

AUSTRALIA DAY

On **Tuesday 26 January** the Kitchen will be celebrating Australia Day by cooking up dishes such as 'Outback' burgers, 'Sticky' vegetarian sausages and 'ANZAC' biscuits

CHINESE NEW YEAR

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, the kitchen is serving a Chinese Festive menu on **Monday 8 February**

The cost will be £2.40 for the meal. Packed lunch will also be available.

PANCAKE DAY

On **Tuesday 9 February** it will be Shrove Tuesday when the kitchen will serve pancakes

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the 2015 Poppy Appeal. Here are the totals raised by the school:

Human Poppy - £144.72
Poppy Collection - £62.10

YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING

Swimming will start for years 5 and 6 on Monday 8 February 2016. The approximate cost will be £3.70 per session. (Four sessions for Year 5 and six sessions for Year 6)

Kit required will be swimming trunks or shorts for boys - not beach shorts or shorts below the knee, and a full swim suit or 2-piece sporting swimsuit for girls - no bikinis. Long hair will have to be tied back or a swimming cap worn.

Further details to follow.

REHEARSAL SATS WEEK

A letter has been sent out this week outlining the timetable for the year 6 rehearsal tests week beginning 18 January.

If you have not received this letter it is also accessible on our web site.
www.roysia.herts.sch.uk

SATs REVISION CLUB

SATs Club started this week and is on for all Year 6 pupils on Tuesdays after school from 3.30-4.30pm. Please encourage your child to attend. A letter was sent home with your child but should you require another one please either download one from the website or come to the office as your permission is required. The club will run up to and including Tuesday 3 May.

WEST ROAD CONCERT

The West Road concert, run by the Rotary Club, is due to take place on Friday 11 March 2016. As always it is a chance for us to showcase our musical talent and your children are encouraged to participate. A letter has gone out to our musicians this week.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ Please ensure that all containers sent in for your child's food technology lessons are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ◆ Pupils do **NOT** need to bring in ingredients such as salt, pepper, cooking oil, herbs and spices. School provides these items every week.
- ◆ Please contact the school office if you require assistance with food technology ingredients as far in advance as possible.

SCHOOL SHOES

Please provide your child with a pair of black school shoes daily. Anyone not wearing the correct shoes will be temporarily given a pair of black plimsolls which they must return to the office at the end of the day. Boots are not allowed in school so additional footwear must be provided.

CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE DVD

If you would like to order a copy of The Christmas Showcase DVD please send in £3 in an envelope marked with your child's name. The cut off for orders is Friday 22 January.

HOME - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please remember if you wish to communicate with any teachers as well as phoning/writing in the diary, you can also e-mail a teacher using the address of: admin.roysia@rsat.org.uk and we can forward this to the relevant member of staff, or email staff direct on initial.name@rsat.org.uk.

SCHOOL SNACKS

Please note, your child can purchase snacks at lunchtime to supplement their packed lunch, ie drinks, fruit, yoghurt, cookies, wedges, with prices starting at 40p for a drink.

TERM DATES 2016

Spring Term 2016

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| INSET: | Monday 4 January 2016 |
| Term begins: | Tuesday 5 January |
| Half-term: | 15 – 19 February |
| Easter Bank Holidays: | Friday 25 March & Monday 28 March (school closed) |
| Term ends: | Thursday 1 April at 1.00pm |

Summer Term 2015

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| Term begins: | Monday 18 April |
| Bank holiday: | Monday 2 May |
| Half-term: | 30 May – 3 June |
| Term ends: | Friday 22 July at 1.00pm |

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

Autumn term 2016

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| INSET: | 1 and 2 September |
| Term begins: | 5 September |
| Half-term: | 24-28 October |
| INSET: | Monday 31 October |
| Occasional Day: | Friday 2 December |
| Term ends: | Wednesday 21 December at 1.00pm |




Spring Term 2017

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| INSET: | Thursday 5 January |
| Term begins: | Friday 6 January |
| Half-term: | 13-17 February 2017 |
| Term ends: | Friday 31 March at 1.00pm |

Summer Term 2017

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Term begins: | Tuesday 18 April |
| May bank Holiday: | Monday 1 May |
| Half-term: | 29 May-2 June 2017 |
| Term ends: | Friday 21 July at 1.00pm |
| INSET: | Monday 24 July 2017 |

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

| EXCELLENT Attendance/Punctuality 96% at- tendance | GOOD Attendance/Punctuality 92% at- tendance | POOR Attendance/Punctuality 83% at- tendance |
|---|---|---|
| ½ a day missed every 3 weeks = 2 months missed over 5 years | Just over 1 day missed every 3 weeks = 4 months missed over 5 years | 3 days missed every month = a whole year missed over 5 years |
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| 3 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades | 2 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades | 1 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades |

93% attendance = 73% CHANCE of getting 5 A - Cs

90% attendance = 27% LESS CHANCE in achieving 5 A - Cs

1% attendance UP leads to 6% increased SUCCESS IN EXAMS

GOOD TIMEKEEPING MATTERS

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school?*

5 minutes late = 3 DAYS LOST

10 minutes late = 6.5 DAYS LOST

15 minutes late = 10 DAYS LOST

20 minutes late = 13 DAYS LOST

30 minutes late = 19 DAYS LOST

*over a full academic year.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

but every minute is important

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING

MOBILE PLANETARIUM

On Thursday Year 5 flew across the Universe with the Astronomy Roadshow.

They experimented with gravity and density on the planets of our Solar System and our Sun. They were also shown pictures of famous astronauts and a scale model of Apollo 13. Finally, they were shown how to recognise the planet, stars and constellations in our sky. The children will be able to test their newly acquired knowledge of our sky at night when we go on our night walk at Aylmerton.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the show and, as their Science teachers, we are looking forward to carrying on with our current topic 'Earth and Space'!

Dr Miquel
Year 5 Teacher

UPDATE FROM FRIENDS

The Friends of Roysia raise funds which go to the school for the pupils

Fundraising events coming up that are run by the Friends of Roysia in 2016:

100 Club: The 100 club is an easy way to support the school with the chance of you winning a cash prize every month. Maybe you would like to support the school but find it difficult to attend fund-raising events; perhaps you just fancy a flutter. Either way you are benefitting the pupils of Roysia Middle School by becoming a member. It is not too late to join the 100 club, we have 7 draws left for this year and it will cost you £7 for the 7 draws. Draws will be on these dates: 15 Jan, 12 Feb, 11 March, 8 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July & 29 July. Please go to the office for an application form (one per person) or download it from the school web site.

School disco 12 February 7-9pm. Tickets available at break times from 8 February

Bingo 26 February: doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Tickets £2, this includes your entrance and last game of the night. Other games £1 each. If interested please contact Sam Bowen: sam.bowen@gntlworld.com, as we are restricted to 100 places.

Fashion Show 10 June 7-10pm: doors open 7pm Fashion show starts promptly at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each and this includes your entry into a competition to win a voucher to spend on the night. Clothes are from high street stores at 50% less than you would pay, so you can grab yourself a bargain! If you are interested please contact sam.bowen@gntlworld.com, as we are restricted on places.

If you are interested or have a little free time, the Friends welcome any new members. Please leave details at the school office.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sam Bowen

EX PUPIL RETURNS TO ROYSIA

Last week we were delighted to welcome back an ex pupil Safwaan Choudhury from the Royston Tandoori Restaurant. Safwaan came in with his 2 chefs to offer a cooking lesson in Indian cuisine to our year 8 pupils. They made sag aloo then the favourite Chicken Tikka curry. This was very well received by our pupils and our thanks go to Safwaan and his team for giving up their time. Please read his blog below giving his view on this experience.

www.roystontandoori.co.uk/2016/01/11/returning-to-roysia



'On Tuesday the 5th, 8S got a surprise. People from Royston Tandoori came for a visit. They made really nice food like Korma and potato and spinach. We found it all very interesting because the Manager who ran it, is the youngest man to own a business in Royston.'

Written by Caitlyn Grace, 8S

ROYSIA SCHOOL CLUBS - SPRING TERM 2016

| DAY | BEFORE SCHOOL | LUNCH CLUB-1.45-2.10pm | AFTER SCHOOL CLUB-3.30-4.30pm |
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| MONDAY | BREAKFAST CLUB From 8am | HOMEWORK CLUB ART CLUB YEARS 7&8 CHOIR | |
| TUESDAY | BREAKFAST CLUB From 8am | HOMEWORK CLUB ART CLUB YEARS 5&6 BUDS UPPER SCHOOL SINGERS BASKETBALL YEARS 5&6 | HOMEWORK CLUB BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS SATs REVISION CLUB YEAR 6 |
| WEDNESDAY | BREAKFAST CLUB From 8am | HOMEWORK CLUB RECORDERS | ORCHESTRA |
| THURSDAY | BREAKFAST CLUB From 8am TABLE TENNIS 8.15-8.40am | HOME WORK CLUB ART CLUB YEARS 7&8 COMPUTERCLUB BASKETBALL YEARS 7&8 | ART CLUB BOYS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS |
| FRIDAY | BREAKFAST CLUB | HOMEWORK CLUB | |