

It's the end of a very busy term where pupils have had numerous opportunities and have put tremendous effort into achieving the ambitious targets they have set. We would like to thank you all for your continued support during this term.

World Book Day—Friday 2 March

The school was awash with characters from a whole range of books. The detail that had gone into some of the costumes was amazing.

According to Dr Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

Thank you very much to Miss Tucker who organised a lunchtime quiz that kept everyone busy and has facilitated the significant progress in reading that has been taking place during Accelerated Reading sessions across Key Stage 2.



Aylmerton Residential Visit—w/c 12 March

The attitude and behaviour of the pupils, the commitment of the staff involved and the unpredictable weather, all made of a very successful and interesting residential visit that was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. Well done Year 5 and huge thanks to Mr Carter, Miss Tucker and Mrs Mitchell.

Youth Makes Music—Friday 16 March

This impressive event was held at the West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge. The pupils of Royston and the surrounding villages shared their talent in this musical showcase. Congratulations and thank you to all the pupils who made this event so successful. Thanks to Mr Collins for leading Roysia's contribution and to Royston Rotary Club for their organisation. It was a tremendous evening of music and pupil talents were much admired and recognised by the audience.

Farewell to Mr Carter and Mr Streeter

Today we will be saying an emotional farewell to Mr Carter and Mr Streeter. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success in their new positions and thank them both sincerely for the commitment and dedication that they have put into Roysia School.

We hope that everyone has a chance to have a break over the holidays, reflect on achievements and look ahead to the to many opportunities and developments next term. School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 10 April.

Enjoy the Easter break.



Mrs Rawlings and Mrs Jandu



WORLD BOOK DAY WIINERS

As reported in our last issue, lots of fun was had at Roysia for World Book Day. The children made a tremendous effort and once again, thank you to those parents that assisted their children with making some fabulous costumes.

The winners for Best Costume for 2018 were:

Katie Hall—Year 8
Tia Knight—Year 7
Garner Heath—Year 6
Emilie Scott—Year 5

The overall winner—decided by a ‘clapometer’ was Katie Hall.

Congratulations!



FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 14 March, the under 11 boys football team played their last fixture of the season and league. Due to some players being unable to take part, we called in some of girls to the team and they played fantastically. All the team listened carefully to Lewis from Cambridge United who was coaching them. The team played very well against St Mary’s and Greneway. A great effort by all and thank you to everyone who took part.

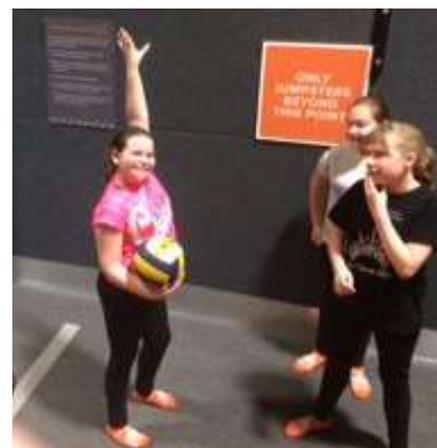
Miss B Williamson
Leader of PE

Key Stage 3 CREDIT TRIP

This week Key stage 3 took part in their Spring Term credit trip and I am delighted to report that almost everyone was eligible to go, due to the hard work and positive behaviour seen in Year 7 and 8 this term. We returned to the ever popular AirSpace in Stevenage for a morning of freestyle trampolining - great fun, super exercise and many of the children were even able to improve their skills as a result of coaching by the support staff at the centre.

On return to school the pupils were given a special lunch followed by a relaxing afternoon of DVDs. It was a really enjoyable day and a lovely way to reward the pupils for their efforts this term.

Mrs J Hitchcock
Leader of KS3



YEAR 6 MANDIR TEMPLE VISIT

On Wednesday 7 March, Year 6 visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden, London—a Hindu Temple. This visit was part of the RE curriculum and allowed the pupils an understanding of this faith, which is very much a part of our multi-cultural society in modern Britain and the British values curriculum.



Below are some comments from the pupils regarding their experience:

I enjoyed it because I learnt lots of things about the history of Hinduism. I really enjoyed the exhibition as it was eye catching.

My best thing was the film which showed us how the temple was put together like a giant jigsaw in just three years!

When we first saw it, we were astonished as it was so gorgeous! The sculptures were in marble and limestone. The carvings and the walls were so immaculate it was incredible.

The praying ceremony was amazing with the priests in orange robes waving the candles and bowing to the little statues called "murtis".

I enjoyed the trip to the Hindu Temple as I learned a lot about the Hindu faith and experienced some of the things that happen at a Hindu temple.

I learned a lot of things like it was the first Hindu temple outside of India. They have a lot of gods. I found the Artie ceremony very interesting as it showed us how they pray.

I think we were very lucky to go on this trip to see such a different culture.

SCHOOL LEAVERS HOODIES



In the past, we have offered our leavers hoodies for our Year 8s. As however, we will all be “leaving” this year, we have decided to extend this to the whole school. A letter has been sent out with all the details and sizes which would kindly ask you return to the office by **Friday 20 April** to allow us time to process all orders. Any orders arriving after this date cannot be processed.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Orla Swann from Year 7 who secured the role of a ‘villager’ in The Chelmsford Ballet Company production of The Snow Queen.

The Snow Queen was performed every night between 21-24 March and very impressively, Orla managed to take part every night and still come to school. Well done Orla!



CELEBRATING PASSOVER

Year 5 have been learning about the Jewish festival Passover and the Christian festival Easter and how they link together. Pupils tried food from the Seder plate. The parsley and lettuce were particularly popular - Jamie Oliver would be most pleased!

Mr N Collins

Class Teacher



FRANCE TRIP

Please be advised that information evening for the Year 7 and 8 France Trip will take place on **Wednesday 2 May**.

Final payment is due in full by **Friday 4 May**.

PARKING

Please can we remind parents once again, that parents are not to park in the school car park.

This is reserved for teachers who need to be able to come in at different times throughout the day.

UNIFORM

Can we remind parents that all children are to wear a Roysia jumper when in school. Other jumpers can be worn while walking to school but must be removed when arriving for registration.

Can we also ask all children to wear black shoes to school and not black trainers.

YOUTH MAKES MUSIC

On Friday 16 March, 19 children from Roysia made the journey to the annual Rotary Club Youth Makes Music Concert held at Cambridge University Concert Hall, West Road.

Following an afternoon of joint rehearsing, the children were fantastic! Led by Mr Collins, Roysia performed Stand by Me/Let it Be with featured solos from Iona Berry (voice) and Gautam Pillai (violin). The Roysia Orchestra performed four movements from Camille Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals which included some beautiful conducting by Amadeus Hall and mesmerising dance by Francesca Hill and Molly Smith.

Once again there was an emphasis on collaborative items across the schools and these were the highlights of the evening. The theme from Jurassic Park performed by the joint orchestra; a cool rendition of 'Havanah' sung by the Roysia and Greneway choirs and two enormous songs performed by all the schools together, Africa and A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman.

It was wonderful to watch the individual contributions from Meridian, Greneway and the brilliant combined First Schools Choir!

Well done to all that took part! You worked really hard for the event in attending multiple rehearsals and learning so much material in your own time. Your enthusiasm, dedication, desire to do your best and total professionalism was, as always, just brilliant! Thank you.

Mr N Collins

Leader of Music



YEAR 7 & 8 HISTORY DAY

On Thursday 8 March, pupils from Year 7 and 8s took part in our annual History Day run by Stevie and Joe from Past Alive .

In the morning, the Year 7s were treated to a splendid medieval experience. By dressing up in clothing from the era and watching how the men were able to hunt with a bow and arrow, pupils had a taste of the everyday lives of our medieval ancestors.

In the afternoon, the Year 8s were given a flavour of the countries turmoil when England was faced with Civil War and the enormous challenges of village life. Learning about the health and hygiene difficulties as well as the role of the women, the Year 8s were given an insight into this time in our history.



My favourite part of the day the day was how we got to see the different types of weapons they had in the Civil War and how the matchlock got fired!



They made sure we all got to ask any questions we had and explained them so we could all understand.



Aylmerton

FIELD STUDY CENTRE

Are we goin' to get boat to see the seals?

Hollie Blow

It was amazing and crazy. It was really good for overcoming fears.

Emilie Scott

I learnt lots about the beach and the creatures that live there.

Isabel Harland

My biggest achievement was staying away from home for a week!

Lewis Walker

Aylmerton was amazing! I loved going on a boat for the first time and seeing the seals!

Isabelle Hindley

It was fantastic. I had fun and I'm sure everybody did as well. It helped develop our team building and communication skills.

Oliver Marsden

Every day was packed with lots of activities. We all worked together and used team work.

Hannah Chilton



These are just a few of the comments from the children about their experiences at Aylmerton. We all had a wonderful time and everyone was well behaved. A huge thank you to Miss Tucker and Mrs Mitchell for helping to keep everyone safe and ensuring they all had a fabulous time.

Mr D Carter

KS2 Maths

As you are aware the KS2 tests are quickly approaching and the pupils are working really hard in school to improve their mathematical understanding. So that they can continue this hard work at home, the following websites can be used to support them.

These can also be used with other pupils across the school to enhance their mathematical ability.

Useful websites

This website is split into all areas of maths and contains a useful youtube video link to support understanding

<http://www.bedfordprimary.co.uk/sats-revision/>

Mymaths has numerous lessons and online activities for all areas of maths

www.mymaths.co.uk

Login: Roysia Password: compass108

Activelearn has lots of games for pupils to practice arithmetic

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Login: first 4 letters of forename and surname

Password: password School code: 3xlg

National Numeracy Parent Toolkit has a wealth of tips and advice for parents. <http://www.nnparenttoolkit.org.uk>

Oxford Owl includes a range of activities, top tips and eBooks to help your child with their maths at home.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths-owl/maths>

Nrich. A range of maths games, problems and articles on all areas of maths.

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

Other ways to help!

- Play times tables games
- Play mental maths games including counting in different amounts, forwards and backwards
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time
- Encourage opportunities for calculating change
- Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen
- Play games involving logic, such as dominoes, card games and darts

8H AT THE OLD BARN

On Tuesday 13 March 8H visited the Old Barn in Royston. This is a well loved Roysia tradition which is thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and the elderly people at the day centre. The pupils were outstanding in their behaviour and attitude and were praised by the Old Barn organisers for the way they so quickly joined in, chatting and organising games of Bingo and a raffle. A special mention to Erin for her super piano playing, Iona for her beautiful singing and Frankie for her stunning dancing, all of which were very much appreciated by the audience. Overall it was a fabulous morning and the pupils did themselves proud - well done everyone!



Mrs J Hitchcock

Leader of KS3

SPORTS RELIEF AT ROYSIA

All week we have been fundraising for Sports Relief through a number of fun activities. The Year 7 & 8 Sports Leaders have done a great job of putting on a host of sporting challenges ranging from an obstacle course, basketball shoot out, teachers vs pupils bench ball to name a few. Our efforts culminated in the whole school taking part in the Sponsored Sports Relief Mile which saw some run, walk, and cycle.

Well done to all involved, the full amount of money raised for Sports Relief will be given when we return in April but many thanks to all the families who have been kind enough to donate.

