

Roysia Review

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The new academic year is well underway and pupils are getting used to their new teachers and timetables. Our pupils have been involved in a range of activities already including Schoolympics at Meridian, new parents social evening, Anthony Glenn workshop - 'Shaking up Shakespeare' and elections for school council representatives.

Royston Arts Festival

Royston Arts Festival 2017 ran this weekend with our pupils representing Roysia through the many events. The theme of the Arts Festival was 'changes' and the impressive cover of the festival programme, which includes artwork from Roysia pupils, was displayed as part of the exhibition in the Town Hall.

At the Museum, the 'Changes' exhibition saw artwork made in the Summer term by Roysia and Greneway pupils on the festival theme of Changes, co-curated by Tia Ebbs, Erin Davies-Rutter, Finn Fletcher, Kade Lincoln,



Leo Girling, Francesca Hill, Nicole Burnett, Laura Thompson and Bethan Wall. Roysia artists took inspiration from art styles which explore the theme of change. The finished artworks reveal an insight into the creative choices each young artist made.



At the Royston fringe art competition (ages 8-11), we are delighted to announce that our Year 6 pupils won a first prize for their wall hanging. The Mayor presented the prize and was extremely complimentary about Roysia.

The Finale Concert concluded the Festival weekend with Roysia, Greneway and Meridian performances showcasing pupil talents. The combined piece sang by pupils from across the Trust was particularly well received.

Before half term, pupils will be involved in the Middle Schools Open Event, 'Wear it Pink' day as well as the Friends Disco to name just a few!



Mrs Rawlings Mrs Jandu

ROYSIA SCHOOL COUNCIL - 2017-18

Our school council elections have taken place and we are delighted to announce the following children were elected.

Year 5: Duncan Sheasby —5C
Livi Darby —5T

Deputies Matas Jucius —5T
Sophie McKenzie —5T

Year 6: Anamika Arayangat— 6V
Oliver Hill —6V

Deputies Caitlyn Delany —6M
Mason Rutter —6V

Year 7: Leon Sultana —7W
Orla Swann —7W

Deputies Sam Shelton —7C
Ria Duffy —7C

Year 8: Luisa Stachini —8H
Gautam Pillai —8S

Deputies Jenson Gurr —8S
Lily Hughes —8S

Abacus

All KS2 pupils will be getting a unique login to start using Abacus online pupil world.

The Abacus pupil world is the place that your child will log into to play maths games, complete interactive activities and access rewards. They earn rewards by completing the games and activities that their teacher has allocated to them. They can also watch pupil videos which recap key teaching topics. These videos are accompanied by pupil worksheets that help children practice key maths skills.



If you have access to an internet connection, your child can log into the Abacus pupil world at home with their personal login. They can do so via a computer or tablet. Your child's teacher may give them a login reminder bookmark to keep at home, or in their bookbag, so that they have the information they need to access the pupil world from home.

Once your child has logged in, they will arrive at the Pupil Home. Children can personalise their home screen by choosing a world. The worlds differ depending on key stage but include Race World, Skate World and Future World.

My Stuff

This is where children can see the activities their teacher has allocated to them. They can see here how many coins each game or activity is worth before completing it.

My Rewards

'My Rewards' is where your child can go to select their rewards after completing allocated games and activities. They can also customise avatars, decorate a tree house, play games and more. The more games and activities your child completes, the more rewards they can unlock and buy.



Please note: We strongly recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers with ActiveLearn. If you prefer to use Internet Explorer, please check you have at least IE9 in order for everything to work as it should.

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 September are below along with why we think they deserve recognition. Great start to the new year, keep up the good work!



This pupil in year 5 has gone above and beyond all expectations. He has succeeded in really impressing all teachers and his level of work and commitment to school is astounding. We really hope that this will continue and is a role model for others to aspire towards.

Well done!

Luke Grimes 5C



This pupil is such a kind, caring soul, finding the best in everyone. She works hard and is making super progress without making a big fuss or expecting big prizes—she thinks learning is its own reward.

Well done and keep up the good work!

Jessica Revell 7C

ATTENDANCE

Below is a summary of some findings from the Office for National Statistics which we thought may be of interest to you.

Excellent attendance ~ 96%

- ½ day missed every 3 weeks ...
= 2 months missed over 5 years.
- 3 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades. Well done to them!

Good attendance ~ 92%

- Just over 1 day missed every 3 weeks ...
= 4 months missed over 5 years.
- 2 out of 4 students will achieve their target grades ~ that's only HALF!

Poor attendance 83%

- 3 days missed every month.
= a whole year missed over 5 years!

The consequences...

- 93% attendance = 73% chance of getting 5 GCSEs
- 90% attendance = 66% chance of getting 5 GCSEs
- 1% attendance UP leads to a 6% increased SUCCESS IN EXAMS!

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Can we ask parents to encourage children to be organised at the beginning of their day with regard to PE kit, locker keys and lunch. The office has had numerous requests by pupils wishing to 'message home' for forgotten items.

Although we strive to support our pupils we cannot always accommodate these requests.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos taken this year have been sent home earlier this week.

The deadline for returning order forms is **Wednesday 11 October 2017**.

PE AT ROYSIA

It's been a great start to the year for PE with the U11's having their first football fixture of the season! The North East Herts League games are being played slightly differently this year and will involve 3 fixtures in all where the teams play 2 games each. The first game was played on Monday of this week and the team did themselves proud!

Their first game against St Thomas' was a tough one but saw some really good teamwork from all and in particular great leadership from Oliver Tapsell. The game didn't end in our favour, however, there was a fantastic goal scored by Enzo Nogueira in the final few minutes to make it 4-1 to St Thomas'.

The second game was again a tough one and Ralph Sadlier took the lead quite early on. The boys came off at half time quite down but went back on fighting and showed real team spirit working together. There was some amazing saves by Mason Rutter and perseverance all round! The next round of games will be on Tuesday 10

October and we look forward to cheering Roysia on! Well done to all involved!

On Thursday last week, all the Year 5 pupils went to Meridian School to take part in the 'Schoolympics'. This is a Sports Partnership event that aims to involve all pupils in some activity for the morning.

Roysia had 2 teams and we represented Sweden and Barbados. During the opening ceremony all countries had to take part in the parade and it was a great atmosphere. The students had chosen

the activity they were going to participate in during the morning. The options were - Tag Rugby, Football, Golf, Hockey, Cheerleading, Dance and Change4life. All pupils participated well especially the Tag Rugby and Cheerleading teams who won medals!

Well done to all involved! Keep an eye out for the first house event Tug of War - coming soon!!

B Williamson, Leader of PE



TRANSITION MEETINGS FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS—YEAR 4 TO YEAR 8

Opportunities to visit the Greneway and Meridian sites for pupils moving into Year 5 and Year 9 next year have been published.

Year Group moving into:	Date	Time	Venue
5	Wednesday 11 October	6pm	Greneway site
9	Thursday 5 October	6pm	Meridian site

If you are a parent/carer applying for a **Year 9** place this autumn you are encouraged to do so on-line between now and **Tuesday 31 October 2017**. **Year 5** applications will open on **6 November 2017** with a closing date of **Monday 15 January 2018**.

Applying on-line is recommended as:

- It is quick, safe and secure.
- Parents/carers are offered a place via e-mail.
- There are clear, simple, prompts to guide parents/carers through making the application.
- You will be sent a confirmation that your application has been received.
- Parents/carers can check or change the application at any time right up to the deadline.

Visit the website at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

FRIENDS OF ROYSIA

Once again the Friends will be running a number of events throughout this academic year to support the school in many different areas. The events booked for this term are:

SEPTEMBER

Friday 29 **Bingo Evening** **7-10pm**

OCTOBER

Friday 20 **Disco** **7-9pm**

Friday 27 **Bingo Evening** **7-10pm**

NOVEMBER

The annual Bonfire/Fireworks evening will be held on **Friday 3 November** (*details to follow*). If you have any wood or pallets that you wish to donate for the bonfire can they please be brought into school during the week of 30 October. Please call the office to arrange delivery.

Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 24 November** between 3.30-5.00pm –*details to follow so please keep a look out*)

Friday 24 **Bingo Evening** **7-10pm**

AYLMERTON 2017

Thank you for attending the Year 5 social evening where we told you about our exciting Year 5 trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk!

If you would like your child to attend please do ensure you return a non-refundable deposit of £50 to the school office by **Friday 6 October 2017!**

SCHOOL LUNCH SYSTEM

The office is receiving a high volume of requests to “unlock” children to buy snacks and lunch.

Can we please remind you to monitor your child’s ParentPay account and add funds when required.

The minimum amount we can accept on our system is **£5**. You can send in cash or a cheque (payable to Roysia Middle School) via your child, in a clearly marked envelope, although the preferred payment method is ParentPay.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Please be advised that Mrs Langdon is on a course next week and therefore will NOT be on duty before and after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please can parents advise children to take extra care when crossing the road as it can be extremely busy.

OUT OF LESSON LEARNING TIMETABLE

Key Stage 2—Weekly Timetable

Year 5	Year 6
Spellings to be practised throughout the week	Spellings to be practised throughout the week
English - 30 minutes	English - 30 minutes
Maths - 30 minutes	Maths - 2 x 30 minutes
Science - 30 minutes (or equivalent)	Science - 30 minutes (or equivalent)
Other subject teachers may set homework occasionally	Other subject teachers may set homework occasionally

Key Stage 3 Timetable

Weekly	
English	Weekly spellings
	Reading/writing task
Maths	2 x 30 minutes per week
Science	30 minutes (or equivalent)

As Appropriate	
Humanities	30 minutes—alternating between History and Geography
Technology/Art	30 minutes
Art	1 piece every fortnight 45 minutes
MFL	1 or 2 x 30 minutes
Music	1 piece every fortnight

Pupils are asked to write their learning tasks in the diary so that they have record of tasks set. We would encourage parents to support pupils by checking their diary on a weekly basis.

ANTHONY GLENN WORKSHOP

On Monday 18th September, Year 7 and Year 8 were treated to a fabulous Shakespearean workshop from Anthony Glenn. Both year groups made a tremendous effort to act out and showcase their skills for Romeo and Juliet (Year 7) and MacBeth (Year 8).

Well done to everyone who made the day pass as successful as possible!



School Disco 20th October

7.00 - 9.00 pm

Glitter Tattoos

Tuck shop

Tickets £2.50 each

Available to buy at break time in the dining room from

16 October 2017

Thank you for your support