

Roysia Review

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday 3 May, we had great pleasure in welcoming year 4 pupils to our Roysia Experience! Along with parents, they were given the opportunity of having a look around the school and working with our year 5 teachers—Ms Tucker and Mrs Brown—on a range of stimulating Science and Technology activities. Judging from the feedback that we received from pupils, it was clear that they really valued the opportunity of coming to the site and meeting some of the pupils that they will be sharing the site with next year. Thank you to all the year 7 pupils who helped to make the morning run smoothly.

We look forward to inviting all the year 4 pupils back for our transition day on Thursday 12 July, where they will have the opportunity of spending the whole day with their new teacher and learning a little bit more about the life of a Royston Schools Academy Trust pupil.

A special thanks to Katy Cannon—local author and prospective Roysia parent—for presenting a signed copy of her latest book to add to our collection.

Year 4 pupils from Roman Way and Tannery Drift were welcomed back again in the afternoon to take part in a Tri-Golf tournament organised by Ms Williamson as part of her Schools Sports Partnership role. The weather and the attitude of the pupils and the Roysia Sports leaders made this a hugely enjoyable and successful event. Many thanks to all involved.



SATs week is fast approaching—w/c 14 May 2018. During this week year 6 pupils will not be given any homework. We would value your support in making sure that pupils get enough sleep and arrive at school promptly and with the right equipment. Following the SATs, year 6 pupils can look forward to a day off site at Duxford Imperial War Museum followed by an end of SATs disco organised by Friends of Roysia—to which all pupils are welcome. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Have an enjoyable long weekend!

Mrs L Rawlings & Mrs K Jandu

Instrumental Tuition

Our buy-one-get-one-free offer continues for new starters this term. Tuition is available on all instruments and voice. Please see Mr Collins or the Office for a letter and application form. To check eligibility for remission of fees ring 0300 123 4048.

ATTENDANCE

We have seen an improvement with attendance since the beginning of this term. We would like to thank parents and carers for their support and we hope this continues until the end of the Summer Term.

FRIENDS DISCO

The next Friends Disco - Friday 18 May – 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Don't forget your tickets - no admission without one and none are sold on the door!

Glitter tattoos will be available again but please be reminded that they will have to be cleaned off (with baby oil) before school on Monday.

Bingo - Friday 25 May

STAR OF THE MONTH—MARCH



This young person has recently shown great fortitude, a wonderful positive attitude and a motivated approach when faced with a number of challenges. He demonstrated good self-organisation, overcame a fear of heights, tried every meal, encouraged others and all the time had fun and smiled.

For that reason, our very special Aylmerton Star of the Month is Duncan Sheasby



Star of the month for March is a quiet and unassuming year 7 pupil. This young lady is polite and helpful to others and always works hard to produce the best work that she can. Since joining Roysia at the beginning of the year her confidence has really grown and her increasing involvement in lessons and school life have been lovely to see.

We think that you are a star Halle Gammon

STAR OF THE MONTH—APRIL



The Star of the Month for this month has worked incredibly hard on making sure that he arrives at school on time and ready for lessons every day. This is something which hasn't always been easy and which has also sometimes needed a great deal of support. However, for the past few weeks he has made an immense effort to change this and has become more and more punctual even, in fact, arriving early on some days.

The Year Six Star of the Month is Joe Wilshire.



This year 8 pupil has a fabulous attitude to work - she is conscientious, attentive and takes pride in all that she does.

In addition, this young lady has many other qualities that we value -she is kind, thoughtful and sensitive to the needs of others. She makes mature choices and in her own quiet way helps to make Roysia a nicer place.

What a superstar you areMolly Smith

PUPIL SUCCESS

We are very excited to report that a number of pupils have had success entering local art competitions this academic year.

Firstly, Aliah Masangcay, has won the District round of the Lions International Peace Poster Competition. We are thrilled for her and she has won £100 for her wonderful artwork. She now moves on to the next round and we wish her luck! The judges were also very impressed with the design by George Stanway who was highly commended for his design and received book tokens for his efforts.

In addition, Leo Girling was a winner of the Changes Cover Art Competition last year. Leo's artwork was used to form a college cover of the programme last year.

Well done to everyone who entered both competitions and it is wonderful to see so many of our pupils taking the time to enter.



CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FOR SEPTEMBER 2018)

From April 2018 the criteria used to determine free school meals entitlement will be changing to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other benefits.

What has changed?

From 1st April 2018, transitional protection will be implemented.

- All pupils in receipt of free school meals from 1 April 2018 will, assuming they are still in education, be entitled to receive a free school meal until Universal Credit is fully rolled out in 2022, and then until the end of their phase of education. Those already in receipt of a free school meal will continue to receive a free school meal. This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria at a subsequent point during the roll out period.
- Re-checks for free school meals will not take place during the transitional period. This means there will be no longer be an annual renewals or monthly audit service.

Assessment of earnings for Universal Credit recipients

- Applicants for free school meals who are in receipt of Universal Credits must have an equivalent annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 in order to be eligible for free school meals.

Are children eligible for a free school meal during the Initial Assessment Period for Universal Credit?

- When an individual first makes a claim for Universal Credit, they will undergo an initial assessment period, during which time their eligibility for Universal Credit is determined. A pupil is not eligible for free school meals during this period as their parents' receipt of Universal Credit (and their net earnings) has not yet been confirmed.

If you have queries, please contact The Education Benefits Team by email: howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk

ACCELERATED READER

We have introduced new incentives for our reading programme Accelerated Reader. Students can get so much out of reading; from relaxation, improving their imagination to helping them with spelling, punctuation and grammar.

At Roysia, we like to see our students reading as much as possible and encourage the same to be happening at home. As a reward for students hard work we are holding a raffle in each key stage for those that pass quizzes each half term, there are certificates for those showing most dedication to reading in a class- worth 5 credits each! Eagles, Kestrels and Falcons are all competing against each other to be the house with the most quizzes past at 100% and there is a millionaire's club with an exciting, never before seen at Roysia reward for all those students that have read over a million words.

Let's get reading Roysia!

ROYSIA EXPERIENCE

On Thursday 3 May, we welcomed the year 4s who will be joining Roysia in September, to our Roysia Experience morning. Pupils were given a tour around the site escorted by our year 7s, who did a fantastic job of showcasing Roysia and answering all their questions. Miss Tucker and Mrs Brown then ran human bingo before taking a break for juice and biscuits.

The morning culminated with pupils having the opportunity to take part in our egg drop challenge as well as making film canister rockets in science. The children left fully enthused to be joining us in September so well done to all involved!



MUSIC MINI FEST

Royisa has been invited to perform in a joint concert with the Royston Music School at the Methodist Church on Friday 22 June 2018 from 7.30-9.30pm.

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

Tickets are available from Sue Pettitt on 01763 243815 or walter92@btinternet.com at £6 (free for under 16s) to raise funds for the Musician's Benevolent Fund.

Positive Mental Health Parents' Forum

Presented by NESSie



North Herts Emotional Support in schools Service



ANXIETY— BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN

A forum based around positive Mental Health for parents/carers developed by NESSie (North Herts Emotional Support in Schools Service).

The aim of this forum is to explore and discuss the issues around anxiety and give parents/carers a better understanding of their children's feelings and ways in which they can help develop confidence and resilience.

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

9:15am to 11am

Venue: Roysia Middle School, Burns Road, Royston SG8 5EQ

Booking: <http://nhdspl.org.uk/home/event-list.html>

Enquiries: 07527 828477 (Debbie Robins)