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PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS HALF TERM NEXT WEEK 12—16 FEBRUARY. SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY.

There has been a lot happening at Roysia over the past week!

Year 6 at Meridian—5 February

Year 6 spent the day at Meridian with Greneway year 6 pupils working on a range of challenging and engaging activities involving Maths, computing and Science. ‘It was fantastic’ according to one year 6 pupil.

Rotary Technology Tournament—7 February

We are extremely proud of the fact that our year 8 pupils, under the leadership of Mr Carter again secured first and second place in the annual Rotary Technology Tournament. Well done to all concerned.

In addition to this, on Thursday, year 6 girls were involved in a Dance Festival at Meridian and performed a confident and graceful dance telling a modern story of friendship.

Middle Years Day—Friday 9 February

Staff from Greneway and Roysia have been extremely busy working on preparations for Middle Years Day which is happening today. This involves all our year 5, 6 and 7 pupils working at the Greneway site doing a range of carefully planned activities some of which are associated with planning for the new school. They are working in rooms and with teachers that they could be working with come September. Year 8 pupils are all based at Roysia working together on a business project associated with cuisine’s from around the world. It is hoped that giving pupils this opportunity will make them feel a little more comfortable about the changes that are inevitable come the new academic year. At the time of writing, everything seemed to be going well with all pupils in the right place with the right teacher!



Thank you to both staff and parents for attending recent parent consultation sessions. We hope they proved both informative and supportive.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19 February.

Mrs L Rawlings and Mrs K Jandu

YEAR 6 MATHS MORNING

This Monday, year 6 pupils took part in a maths, science and computing morning at Meridian, where they had the opportunity to work alongside their counterparts from Greneway. The pupils were able to use interesting and specialist equipment in lessons which were taught by the Meridian staff and all benefited from this enormously .

After some anxiety about what it would be like to work in mixed groups with people from different classes, everyone coped very well and the experience was excellent preparation for the middle years day. Well done to everybody involved on Monday!

Mr Murray Leader of KS2

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will continue for Year 5 and a small handful of Year 6 after the half term break every Monday from 19 February to 23 March.
 Please note there will be **no lesson on Monday 12 March** due to the Alymerton visit.

VISIT TO MANDIR

We are very lucky to have secured a trip for Year 6 to visit the Mandir Temple in Neasdon, North London on Wednesday 7 March.
 More details will follow shortly after half term.

UK SAFER INTERNET DAY—2018

New research commissioned by the UK Safer Internet Centre, to mark Safer Internet Day 2018, has revealed that young people are more likely to have a positive experience than a negative experience when online.



- Two in five 8-17-year-olds say they have felt worried or anxious on the internet in the last week, with one in ten (11%) reporting they have often felt this
- 68% of young people said that chatting to their friends online cheers them up
- When a friend was feeling sad or upset, 88% of young people said they sent them a kind message
- Almost half (49%) of young people said that in the last year someone had been mean to them online, with 1 in 12 experiencing this all or most of the time
- In comparison, more than four in five young people (83%) have experienced people being kind to them online in the last year

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The 8S cookery class welcomed local business owner and ex-student, Safwaan Choudhury to their kitchen this week to support their learning of food

Safwaan brought a selection of deliciously spiced signature dishes from the 'Royston Tandoori' for the students to try. The students also tried their hand at preparing Bombay Aloo, one of the favourite vegetable dishes on the menu at Safwaan's take away business. He provided specially prepared fresh ingredients and unique spices used in his kitchen so the students could have an authentic cooking experience.

The students also had an opportunity to ask Safwaan about what it is like to start up a business, employ staff and deal with difficult customers!

Thank you for visiting us Safwaan!



Mrs Baigent

Food Technology Teacher

AYLMERTON

Thank you for those that attended our meeting this week. Medical permission slips were handed out and a kit list has now been sent home. If you do not have either of these contact the office.

The final instalment for Aylmerton is due in today (February 9). If you still have an outstanding balance please be sure to pay the full amount by the time we return to school on Monday 19 February.

VISIT FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS

On Monday 19 February Town, District and County Councillors will be visiting Roysia school council.

The aim of the visit is to discuss the role of a councillor, explain how local council works and give our pupils the chance to share ideas of ways to improve facilities for the local community.

ROTARY DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 7 February 12 Year 8 went to Meridian to compete in the annual Royston Rotary Club Technology Tournament. The students were split into 3 teams of 4 and were competing against Year 8 and 9 students from Greneway, Meridian, Freeman, Edwinstree and Ralph Sadleir Schools.

‘Our challenge was to build a mechanism that could fire a ping pong ball 3 meters into the air through a 30 cm hoop, using a limited number of resources. We were also tasked with writing a portfolio, recording all our ideas, designs and thoughts. One of our team only dropped 2 marks on this task, receiving 28 marks out of a maximum of 30!

Our efforts paid off as my team came first, with one of the other Roysia teams following in close second. The other Roysia team came a very respectable 7th.

The whole day was an exciting experience filled with adrenaline and fun. All 3 teams worked really well together and produced a successful working mechanism.

Thank you Mr Carter for allowing us to have this amazing experience.’

Iona Berry 8H

Roysia 1: Iona Berry, George Stanway, Frankie Hill, Alex Schroeder

1st Place

Roysia 2: Lily Evenden, Ciaran Meehan, Erin Davis-Rutter, Kade Lincoln

7th Place

Roysia 3: Jocelyn Sagers, Aliah Masangcay, Katie Hall, Molly Smith

2nd Place

I would like to thank all the members of the teams and express my appreciation for their amazing talents. They worked tremendously hard and showed great determination and perseverance. All of them should be very proud of their achievements.

This year’s competition was the Rotary club’s tenth and Roysia has had wonderful success over those ten years, winning the competition an astonishing 6 times! I’m so proud that I’ve been able to witness the success of so many talented and exceptional children over the years—many of whom have gone on to achieve GCSEs and even A levels in DT.



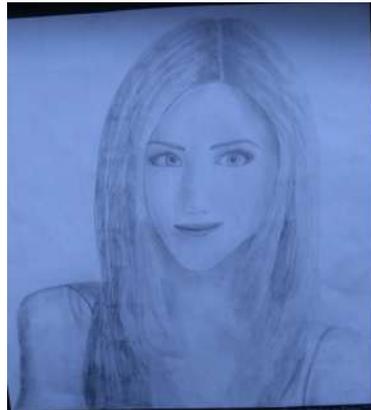
Mr Carter

Head of Design Technology

ROYSIA ART CLUB

Art work from pupils from year 7 & 8 have been selected to be showcased at Royston Library throughout February. Well done to Aliah Masangcay, Ria Duffy, Leon Sultana, Reese Grimes, Jordan Reeder, Finn Fletcher, Joena Ochoa.

Mrs Baigent
Leader of Art



TOP CREDIT ACHIEVERS

Well done to our top credit achievers for January - Mayuha Maganti on 187 credits and Seren Prosser on 176 credits!

Credits are gained in a vast variety of ways. Pupils attending clubs, representing their house in sports, producing exceptional pieces of work, helping staff at special events or representing the school in any capacity will gain credits. These can be exchanged for a whole range of items and rewards during credit exchange on Thursdays.



Seren Prosser
Year 5



Mayuha Maganti
Year 5

FRIENDS OF ROYSIA UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Valentines Disco - Friday 9 February: The Valentines disco will be held tonight from 7.00-9.00pm. We do have a strict, no ticket, no entry policy, however, tickets will be sold on the door this time as an exception.

Bingo - Friday 23 February: 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

MUSIC AT ROYSIA

We are most grateful to EMI Sound Foundation who supported us in the purchase of a set of new keyboards which have provided greater scope and consistency to pupil learning of music.

A reminder we are also offering a buy one get one free (30 minute lesson for the price of 15 minutes) offer for all new starters of brass, woodwind or string instruments this term and next.



Mr Collins
Leader of Music

STARS OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



January's Star of the month for KS2 has demonstrated skills, knowledge and understanding way beyond their age and in all areas of the curriculum. They are polite, eager, motivated and determined; they embrace and seek out challenges and as a result, have achieved great success. What is more, they do all of this in a modest and unpretentious manner.

Seren Prosser - you are a star!



January's Star of the month for KS3 is a smiley, cheerful year 7 pupil. We really couldn't ask any more from this young man - he always works hard in lessons, completes tasks to the best of his ability and meets deadlines. His kind and helpful nature make him a real asset to this year group.

Shay O'Hare - you are a star!