# Newsletter OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term and it has been lovely seeing the children settle back into their old routines. I hope you have a lovely half term and use this time to relax as much as possible in readiness for the rest of the autumn term.

Please look out for our amazing new website which will be live after the half term and our parent/carer survey that has been circulated to everyone.

Take care and be safe Mr Deanus.



#### Value of the Month

# **UNITY**



- Coming together as one
- Thanking people
- Working together

#### **RAINBOWS**

We are pleased to announce an addition to our school programme. Beginning in the Summer Term, we will be providing weekly support groups for our children, who have single parent, step-families, or have experienced any painful loss. This programme is called RAINBOWS.

RAINBOWS is a non-profit making, international organisation that offers training and curricula for establishing peer support groups in churches, synagogues and school. These support groups are available for children of all ages who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family.

RAINBOWS provides a safe setting in school in which children and young people can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained facilitator.

RAINBOWS provides age related materials which form a structured 12-14 week programme to assist children and young people through their grief and loss. RAINBOWS acknowledges that grief needs to be recognised and supported; not denied, buried or ignored.

RAINBOWS supports self –esteem, trust, confidence and resilience. It promotes emotional development and positive, healthy relationships.

RAINBOWS groups strictly adhere to the school's Safeguarding policies and procedure and confidentiality will be maintained at all times unless a child or person is at risk.

The co-ordinator for the RAINBOWS group at Roxeth School is Mrs Mistry. If you would like further information please contact the school who will put you in touch with the Co-ordinator.



# Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day.

It marks the day <u>World War One</u> ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

Poppies will be on sale in school after the half term break, please support the Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy.

#### **Welfare Message**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well!



There will be a new three option menu after October half term. The new menus have been displayed around the school and put up on our website for all to see. All meat served is Halal.

A reminder of procedures:

#### Pick up/drop off

If you are picking up/dropping off your child during school hours i.e. late or early, then please go to pick up/drop off your child at the **Front Office**. This also applies to parents who are dropping off their children late in the mornings.

#### **Cancelling lunches**

Please call before **9AM** to cancel a lunch booking and to receive a refund (if you pay for lunches). If lines are too busy or if you know the night before because for e.g. if your child is having the next day off for religious purposes or you know they are taking a packed lunch the next day, you can email the office to cancel the lunch - office@roxeth.harrow.sch.uk.

#### Asthma

It is very important that parents who have not yet returned the Asthma Care Plan form filled and signed by their GP do so as soon as possible. There are parents who have not provided an inhaler for their asthmatic child too. The inhalers with the care plans are essential for the child's health & well being. If there are reasons for the delays in the care plans or inhalers being received at Welfare, please call me to keep me updated and informed of the current situation.

If your child does not have asthma anymore, please have this removed off our register by emailing the front office.

Wishing you all a pleasant half term break! Warm regards, Mrs Vagadia

Welfare Officer



#### **Attendance**

Attendance Awards Received OCTOBER 2021				
Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Achievement Award date
Infants		Juniors		
2R	96.3	5B	98.6	8 <sup>th</sup> October
2G	97.1	4DS	97.9	15 <sup>th</sup> October
1B	95.4	5G	98.6	22 <sup>nd</sup> October

If your child has Covid confirmed by a PCR test you must keep your child at home for 10 days, the whole family do not need to self-isolate for 10 days anymore unless they have Covid confirmed too, it is important for the whole family to arrange a PCR test if a family member has Covid. This does not affect your child's attendance so you are aware self-isolating is coded separately for reporting to the DFE.

We have had a number of children with colds & flu and tummy bugs in the last week we have now had 19 cases of Covid in school to report to the DFE since start of September there 2 active cases in school presently. It is important to inform the school on the first day of absence with the type of absence of your child particularly, if they have Covid symptoms. Please ensure all family members are carrying out twice weekly LFD tests to keep everyone safe. The South Harrow Covid walk in centre can be accessed for a PCR test for any child or adult with flu like symptoms.

Please request permission in advance if your child is likely to be taking time of school for religious observance for Diwali or the New year for prayers either on 4<sup>th</sup> or the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Permission will be granted for one-day authorised leave if requested in advance to Mr Deanus by letter or email to the Office. We hope you can enjoy the celebrations and STAY SAFE from Covid. Please keep taking the twice weekly LFD tests. These can be ordered from the website below or picked up from local chemists. The new type of LFD test is only for a nasal swab now. Please report the results on the NHS website below. PCR tests can also be ordered online see the links below: -

https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests



https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/report-result/login-choice

https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

#### **Black History Month**

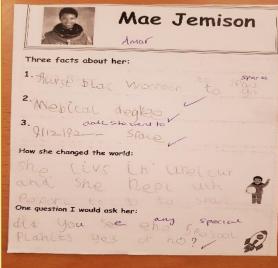
As you may already know every year in October, we celebrate Black History Month. The annual event helps honour the contribution and accomplishments of the Black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society.

This year the theme is 'Proud to Be'. This gives students the opportunity not only to build their knowledge and understanding of black history, but also build their self confidence and share the stories about their families.

Each year level has been investigating different experiences from black history looking at different points of view. In Year One, they have investigated about space travel. Starting with learning about Neil Armstrong who is the first man on the moon. To linking with Dorothy Vaughan, who worked at NASA as a human calculator working out how to send rockets into space. To Mae Jemison, who is the first female African- American to travel into space.







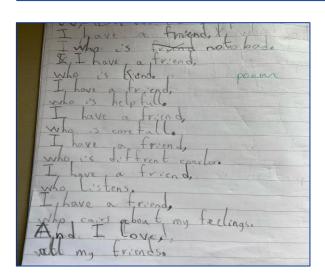


#### YEAR 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about Homes and Houses. In DT, we learnt about stability. We made our own houses. We decided to check if our houses were stable. We rolled various shapes to check for stability. What makes a house stable?



YEAR 2





## Year 3 have been busy being keen scientists and environmentalists!

In our Science lessons we made mini compost bins using recyclable plastic bottles. We layered the bottles with small pebbles, moist compost, wriggling live worms and fruit peels. We kept on topping up fruit peels etc. The compost bins were kept in a warm environment so the worms can work through the food scraps and the soil can decompose.















## **Breakfast Club**

**HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST** – This week the children have been preparing for a Halloween Breakfast by making their own masks and carving pumpkins – spooky!









