## Newsletter

January 2022

Value of the Month



#### January Determination

- Never giving up
- Being happy when you are stuck
- Always wanting to learn something new



We are celebrating Healthy Eating week from 7th-11th February.

Lot's of exciting activities are planned, so look out for more information.



On Wednesday 9th February we are going to have "CAR FREE DAY.".

So start walking and let's all get Healthy!



Dear Parents/Carers,

There were many happy faces at lunch time on 20th January for our extra pizza lunch day, thank you for all your kind words. I also just wanted to thank you for being patient and supportive with the changes to the menu items made by our caterers Alliance In Partnership at short notice. I will keep you updated of any other menu changes, if they occur as and soon as I am informed of them.

Please continue to book lunches before the day of the deadline so any issues with bookings can be resolved before the cut-off time. If your child is unwell or absent for any other reason please call or email the school before 9am to cancel the meal for that day, if you pay for meals you will receive a credit back for that meal, this helps avoid food wastage. You can check the bookings you have made by going to the History section on your Eduspot account. If you are unsure of how to do this you can call welfare or drop in to the welfare office at drop-off or pick-up times and I will be happy to show you.

Take care and stay safe!

Warm Wishes

Mrs Vagadia Welfare Officer



Email: office@roxeth.harrow.sch.uk

#### **School Uniform**

On another note we have noticed children have been wearing trainers to school and do not have school shoes with them. It is important your child wears black school shoes in school and trainers are only permitted at playtimes and PE lessons. The school uniform supplier M & S has had supply issues for a long time and we apologise for this but as long as your child is wearing a royal blue plain sweatshirt this is ok in the interim until supplies resume back to normal. Girls should be wearing tights or trousers and not leggings to school these are fine for PE lessens but not for lesson times. Also a reminder no boots are permitted during the school day. Please check our website for further details on our school uniform requirements https://www.roxethschoolharrow.org/uniform





### **Goodbye and Good Luck!**

Roxeth would like to say goodbye and good luck to one of our teaching assistants Ms Mundy who will be leaving us soon. Ms Mundy has been with the school over 12 years and has been a great support to Roxeth and to the children over the years, she will be missed by everyone.

We would like to thank her for all her efforts and wish her the best of luck in the future!





#### Attendance

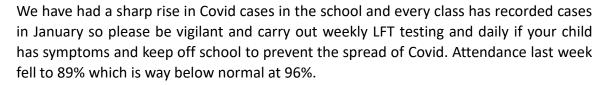
Attendance Awards Received JANUARY 2022				
Class Infants	Attendance %	Class Juniors	Attendance %	Achievement Award date
2R	95.3	5G	96.8	22/01/22
2G	95.9	6B	94.9	28/01/22

It is important to inform the school on the first day of absence with the type of absence your child has particularly, if they have Covid symptoms which now can be just a cold or upset stomach. Please ring the welfare option at school or email the welfare@roxeth.harrow.sch.uk. 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. Once you receive the screen shot you must email to the school then once we have the online learning can be set up on Google Classroom. This will be after 24 hours as teachers are still in class and cannot teach children and set up work at the same time. 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





Please request permission in advance if your child is likely to be taking leave of absence from school. Permission will only be granted for compassionate leave in exceptional circumstances such as bereavement of a close family member. This must be requested in advance to Mr Deanus on the form which you can pick up from the School Office. Each case is assessed and so you are aware no authorised leave is permitted if attendance falls below 95% or during SATs in year 2 & 6. Any unauthorised leave could incur an **Educational Penalty Notice** fine of £60 per child & each parent. We appreciate your cooperation by not requesting leave of absence at this time. Children have missed 22 weeks of their education through lockdown over the last 18 months. We do understand families have missed out on traveling to see families in their homelands but we have to follow Government guidance on Attendance and with tighter travel restrictions we do not want children stranded abroad.



#### YEAR 6 Football

On Thursday 20th January Mr Deanus and Mr Smith were delighted to take the year 6 boys football team to their very first tournament at The Hive, Barnet. After many training sessions the team were very excited to put their newly developed skills into action.

The first game was against a very skilled St John Fisher team who were very organised and difficult to break down. It was a challenging first half for Roxeth, having to spend a majority of it defending wave after wave of attack. The team showed their incredible resilience however and had a much stronger second half, displaying some great pieces of defending and a little more possession of the ball. Unfortunately it wasn't enough on this occasion and St John Fisher sealed the win. The boy's positivity and enthusiasm throughout the game was absolutely fantastic and something to be admired. The coach and one of the players of St John Fisher made a special effort to come and speak to the boys after the game to congratulate them for their "Exceptional attitudes" and "being the nicest and most well-mannered team, they've played against". A special shout out was given to Benaia for his amazing sportsmanship.

Our Second game was against Grimsdyke Primary School. You could already see that Roxeth had learnt so much from their first game and were able to implement their skills much more in this match. We had some impressive spells of passing in the midfield which led to more chances on goal. One particular effort was a fantastic long distance shot however it curved just wide of the post. A much improved performance from the team.

Our final game was against Pinner Wood, who were having a very strong tournament so far. We once again had improved from our previous games, which was fantastic to see. We were able to stop many attacks from the opposition with our much stronger positional play and defensive challenges. After having put in a much more organised performance we sadly fell a little short with Pinner Wood securing the win in the final few minutes.

The team consisted of Suadis, Jaame, Niliana, Hanzalah, Harris, Emmanuel, Zaid, Benaia, Moufid and Idrees.

A huge well done to the whole team for showing themselves to be true Roxeth ambassadors. Their positivity, sportsmanship and resilience shone throughout and were an absolute credit to their school. Well done boys, you should be very proud of yourselves, keep up the good work.



## Reception

In Reception we have been learning about past and present. We have been looking at schools from the past and comparing them to schools from now. We made our classroom dioramas using various materials.





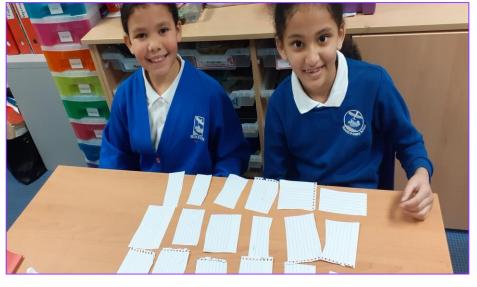
We have been looking at toys from the past and we opened our own Reception toy shop.





In Year 2, we have been learning to use money in both pence and pounds. Both Year 2 classes set up a supermarket where they went 'shopping' using their coins. The children used partitioning and the number line to help add the prices together. The children were very excited deciding what they wanted to 'buy.'







#### Welcome back Year 3

It was so good to have the year group back in school this week. We missed each other! While home learning, we found out about Roman numerals, fronted adverbials and much more. We also took time to think about our mental well being using some great self care ideas! These pictures show you what we made at home. We made games to test our fraction and decimal skills. We brought them back into school so everyone could try them. See how we did.

YEAR 3











## Year 4 have been learning about Factors of numbers!



Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and carried out a practical activity to show how the digestive system works.







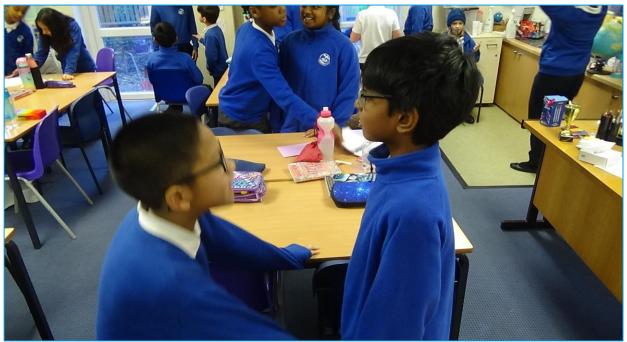




As part of our English unit on Greek myths, Year 5 have been studying Theseus & The Minotaur. We have learnt about the characters, settings and different objects that are written about in Greek myths. As you can see from the pictures, Year 5 had plenty of fun in a drama lesson acting out imaginary scenarios from the story! This included gossip amongst the Athenian villagers and an imaginary sports commentary on the battle between Theseus & The Minotaur. Year 5 look forward to showcasing their skills when writing their own Greek myth soon.







#### **Book Club**

Last term, some Y6 children attended a book club where we read the book Once by Morris Gleitzman. The club thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and taking part in the activities. We recreated the book cover and explained our favourite parts. – Ms Procopiou

Once was an amazing book about the adventures of a Jewish boy called Felix, who lived in Poland during the Holocaust in WWII. It really shows how hard it was then and there as the Nazis took over Poland after their pact with the Soviet Union. It is a great sight into Felix's life and just having the chance to learn about him while he is still discovering himself. This book is an absolutely brilliant story and I would very much recommend it. My favourite part in this book is when Felix saves a Jewish girl from a fire that the Nazis started in her house. She did not know that her parents had unfortunately died from the fire. Once is a story full of hope even when there is no hope left. My favourite character is Zelda because even though she faces so much she pushes through. - Ruby, 6P

My favourite part in the book was when I read the first two chapters and the last two chapters because the first two chapters was an interesting introduction and good start and the last few chapters ended with a mix of two feelings which made me want to continue read the next few books in the series. – Vaishnavi, 6P

What was your least favourite part in the book? My least favourite part in the book was when, Zelda's parents died.

Main Point: When Felix escapes from an orphanage to find his parent and he met a girl called Zelda, who did not know her parents were dead.



#### **Harrow Young Musicians**

I am writing to ensure you are aware of the wonderful opportunities that Harrow Young Musicians provides for children in Harrow to take part in youth orchestras and ensembles. HYM has been running for over 40 years, and provides opportunities for children of all ages and abilities to take part in regular rehearsals and concerts. We recently joined the Harrow Music Education Hub, run by Harrow Music Service (HMS), where together with schools and other musical organisations in Harrow we aim to ensure that all children and young people have access to excellent music opportunities.

We are currently running three regular groups:

- \* Our Wednesday Strings group plays a variety of classical and contemporary music specially arranged to be suitable for young strings players from beginner to Grade 5.
- \* Our Wednesday Band plays band and wind music, suitable for young brass and woodwind players from beginner to Grade 5.
- \* Our flagship Philharmonic Orchestra is open to children playing any orchestral instrument, at a standard of Grade 5/6 and above, playing challenging music that stretches their ability and teaches them the art of playing in an orchestra, but in a relaxed and friendly environment.

HYM ensembles play in a variety of exciting venues, such as LSO St. Lukes, St. John Smith's Square and Harrow School Speech room, and before COVID we even had regular summer tours to Venice!

If you already play an instrument you are welcome to come along and try out a rehearsal at HYM for free.

Further information is available on our website, <a href="https://www.hym.org.uk">https://www.hym.org.uk</a>



# Supporting children and families



You may already know that Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is in Roxeth Primary School, none the less, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself.

I am Hannah Turner the Therapeutic Lead in your school. I will am based at Roxeth every Thursday and am looking forward to being a part of your school and getting to know you.

Below is a brief introduction to the Harrow Schools Counselling partnership, what we offer and how we can support you:

Supporting Parents - Sometimes, we could all do with someone to talk to and that includes you as parents. If you would like to meet with me (Hannah Turner) for a safe and confidential chat about you, your child, or any concerns you might have, I am available to meet with you every Thursday. Please get in touch via email <a href="https://doi.org/10.2507/bj.ncm">https://doi.org/10.2507/bj.ncm</a> or by phone 07799028461 to book an appointment.

Currently, all parent support meetings will be mostly held in school, but I can offer phone calls when appropriate. If either of those ways of contacting doesn't work for you right now, then please still contact the school and we can arrange something that works.

Supporting Children – I will offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may have: your child knows this as The Space. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, feel better or to better understand their emotions. Please do feel free to contact me at any time on any of the contact details below:

Contact details: <a href="https://http

