Newsletter JULY 2021

Poteth Primary School

Dear parents and carers,

Goodbye to Mrs Mogul

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Mogul who has been part of the school staff for 10 years.



Most of her time spent at Roxeth has been supporting and teaching many of the Reception and Key Stage 1 children. She has been a super and positive member of staff and will be missed by all the community. The school wishes her all the best in the future.

Value of the Month Humour Being cheerful if things are a bit tricky Enjoying a joke Making sure we laugh every day

Communication

As a school we are always happy to receive your valuable feedback and act on this to improve our communication to the school. Recently it has been extremely difficult keeping up with the potential Covid cases in school. There are many variables that have to be taken into account and all we ask is that you trust us to make the right decisions for everyone at Roxeth. We will continue to follow the guidance and Dfe advice. Updates are constantly changing throughout the school day, which often means more communication needs to be circulated than normal. We cannot make it ideal for every family but we do our very best to make the school as safe as possible and try to ensure your child and family are safe and at the same time ensuring they receive an excellent education.

New website

To further improve the communication we have nearly finished our new website that we hope to launch at the beginning of September. Watch this space!

Have a lovely summer!

It has certainly been a different year for everyone and we all will be hoping for some normality when we return in September. There will be a separate letter that will be sent out to explain the end of term arrangements and the September plan. Please note we will be continuing as we currently are until the end of term. Good luck to all the Year 6 children who have been a fantastic year group and will be missed by everyone. I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and relaxing break.

Take care and be safe.

Mr Deanus



Welfare Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope my message finds you and your families safe and well!

Lunch bookings for the first day back in September, which is Friday 3rd September, will **open** on <u>Wednesday 1st September</u> and **close** on <u>Thursday 2nd September at 3pm</u>.

Lunch bookings for the following week, week beginning 6th September, will **open** on Wednesday 1st September and **close** on Friday 3rd September at 3pm.

Please make a note of these dates and times and set yourselves a reminder to get your bookings in for lunch.

If you have not managed to get a lunch booked in time, then you must provide a packed lunch for your child.

Please clearly label all your child's uniform over the break so if it goes missing it can be easily identified in Lost Property when collecting.

If your child has asthma, please ensure asthma checks and care plans are updated over the summer break and handed back to myself clearly labelled with name and class in September. Please make sure pumps are in date too.

If your child uses an auto-injector, please make sure there are two auto-injectors in school labelled with name and class from September and that they are in date too.

If your child requires any other medicine/creams at school, please bring them into the Welfare office in September labelled with name and class. Please do not send them in with your child as a parent/guardian needs to fill out and sign a consent form.

I wish you all a relaxing and sunny summer break!

Best wishes Mrs Vagadia Welfare Officer



SENCO

Roxeth would like to welcome Mrs Chetwynd who will be our new SENCO for the Autumn term. She has a wealth of experience in the role and will be a fantastic addition to the team here. Mrs Chetwynd has already met with Mrs Linscott to pass on all the necessary information for next year to ensure a smooth transition.

Juniors Sports Day – Thursday 1st July 2021

Thursday 1st July was the turn of KS2 to have their annual Sports Day. It took place at the Harrow School Athletics track and surrounding pitches on a surprisingly sunny morning.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all performed amazingly across 7 different events, showing so much resilience and effort and wonderful sporting ability. The first event was a straightforward sprint relay – fastest team wins, but careful not to drop the baton! This was followed by another relay event which involved balancing a tennis ball on a racquet. Next up was our first field event: standing long jump into the sandpits. After this was an aiming event, where the children had to carefully aim their beanbag into hoops of differing difficulty to gather the most points for their House.

Over to the 3G pitches next for the traditional Sack Race which is always a lot of fun and then for the last Field event of the day: the Vortex throw. It's like a javelin throw but much safer! Finally, the last race of the day was a sponge squeeze relay which saw each child trying to squeeze out as much water into their House's bucket as they could in the time limit.

Thank you to all the staff who helped on the day, as well as the Year 6 Sports Captains who arrived early to help set up all of the events. Congratulations to all the children who competed for their House, trying their best and showing excellent Roxeth values throughout the morning.













Sports Day 2021 Results

Congratulations to Shaftesbury for winning the Infants Sports Day

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	KS1 TOTAL
Churchill	10	3	3	16
Lyons	3	7	3	13
Riches	1	5	10	16
Seacole	7	1	7	15
Shaftesbury	5	10	5	20

Congratulations to Shaftesbury for winning the Infants Sports Day

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	KS2 TOTAL
Churchill	10	3	7	3	23
Lyons	5	5	3	3	16
Riches	1	10	10	7	28
Seacole	7	7	1	5	20
Shaftesbury	3	1	5	10	19

Congratulations to Riches for winning the Juniors Sports Day

	KS1 TOTAL	KS2 TOTAL	SCHOOL TOTAL
Churchill	16	23	39
Lyons	13	16	29
Riches	16	28	44
Seacole	15	20	35
Shaftesbury	20	19	39

Congratulations to Riches for being the overall winners of both Sports Days combined!





Year 1's Teddy Bears Picnic

The Year 1's celebrated their learning of Winnie the Pooh with a teddy bears picnic. The students participated in varies activities such as pin the tail on Eeyore, painting and pooh stick games. They then enjoyed a picnic outside with their teddies and picnic rugs.



Year 1 Art

This month the year 1 students have been learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. They did a wonderful job trying to recreate one of his famous paints 'Sunflowers'.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have enjoyed watching the progress of red and white radishes. Most of us tried one with our lunch and enjoyed it. We have plenty to share with other year groups!



YEAR 2 Busy Bees gardening!

2M has been planting some lovely spinach, we gathered it over the summer and had it in our salads.



ARK FARM

On Thursday 1st July, we were visited by Ark Farm. The children were so excited about being able to meet farm animals and couldn't believe that they were going to be in our playground! During the farm visit the children met sheep, a donkey, kids, chickens, dogs, ducks, and piglets. They also met real life farmers who taught them about what the animals need to stay healthy, the differences between the animals and their habitats.







Reception to Year 3 were also able to go into the pens and handle the animals. The children loved the experience and some who were nervous to start with, didn't want to leave by the end! We were very proud of the behaviour of all the children and of how gentle and respectful they were towards the animals. Also, a big thank you to the RSA for helping contribute to the Zoo and Farm visits.









Dear Parents,

The summer holidays just wouldn't be the same without the Summer Reading Challenge which returns again this year with an exciting theme, 'Wild World Heroes'. Children aged 4-12 years can take action for nature and at the same time enjoy reading for pleasure and develop their reading skills.

The adventure begins in the fictional town of 'Wilderville', and through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. As they progress through the Challenge, children will learn more about real-life environmental issues such as pollution and deforestation, wildlife decline and nature loss.

Children can register free for the Challenge at their local library where they will receive a special collector poster. After setting their own personal reading goal, children can choose six books of their choice, either stories, joke books, poetry, graphic novels, information books, ebooks or audio books. There are special stickers to collect and activities to join in that will encourage them to continue reading to the end of the Challenge when they will receive a certificate and a medal.

The Challenge runs from Saturday July 10th to Sunday September 5th, and includes free events with Harrow Nature Heroes and outdoor nature trail/storytimes in parks close to each library. Further details will be available from your local library.

'Wild World Heroes' is a great way for children to have fun during the holidays and improve their reading, and we look forward to hearing about their book choices when they return to school.

