



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end. We have certainly crammed a lot in. We have celebrated World Book Day with lots of reading activities and the character on a plate competition was a great success with nearly every child entering. We have raised £82.52 for Red Nose Day. It was lovely to see so many families at our Big breakfast event and we raised £177.81 for Macmillan Cancer support. The children had lots of fun at the Easter Egg Hunt organised by the PTA, we had the perfect weather for hunting eggs. The staff had such a really difficult time judging the Easter Egg Competition as there were many brilliant entries. Thank you to all who took part.

We continue to celebrate festival days from all main religions. This half term we celebrated Purim which is a Jewish festival and Ramadan which is an Islamic celebration.

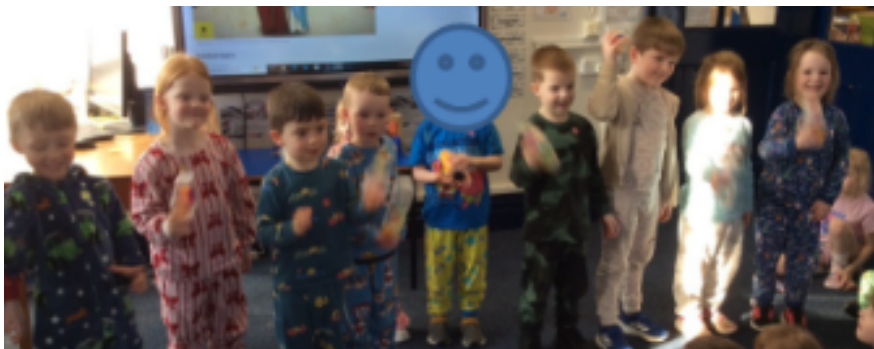
During our Purim assembly Y3/4 presented facts about the festival, Year 1/2 shared their Purim masks and Reception made graggers which they shook to make a scary noise.



Y1/2



Y3/4



Reception

During our Ramadan assembly Y3/4 presented some interesting facts. Year 2 shared their 5 good deeds and Reception showed us their wonderful crescent moon and sun pictures.



Reception pictures

Y1/2 and Y3/4 were lucky to have had an Islamic visitor on Monday 30th March who shared some very interesting facts about a muslims way of life.



REWARDS

Our children have been working hard in class this term and earning beads in the jar for their achievements. The children chose their own reward. Year 1 has had a movie afternoon with treats. Year 2 has had a play session and teddy bears picnic at Rothbury park and Reception and Y3/4 will have their rewards after the holidays.



Our next big event will be our residential, the Y4 children are already planning for their trip to Newby Wiske next term and are really looking forward to it.

HELLO AND GOODBYE

We are very sad to say that we are losing Luna. She has been a joy to have in our Reception class. We will miss her very much but hope she enjoys her time in her new school. We have 1 Nursery child joining us after Easter. We very much look forward to welcoming Roxanne and hope she enjoys her Nursery sessions with us.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We had some eggstremely imaginative entries for our decorated egg competition and it was so difficult to pick the winners. After a lot of deliberation we felt the most eggcellent eggs were from: Lola, Joshua, Xavier, Dylan and Tilly



PARENTS EVENING

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening. We hope you found your discussions with teachers useful. Please contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to make the meeting and would like to arrange a time to speak to them.

FONT ALLIANCE

The Y1 children attended the Font Alliance multi skills event and had a great time. The morning was well organised thanks to Morpeth First School and the weather was really kind. We will let you know of any further events.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Class	Event
22nd April	Y1/2	Swimming 5 weeks
6th May	Reception	Vision screening
7th May	All Classes	PTA sponsored walk 10.00
13th -15th May	Y4	Newby Wiske
21st May	All Classes	Sports Day TBC weather dependent
21st May	Y2 - Y4	3.45 - 4.45 Alliance girls football (Team of 8) TBC

TODDLER FOREST SCHOOL

Miss Dick continues to run our fabulous Forest school sessions for all year groups on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

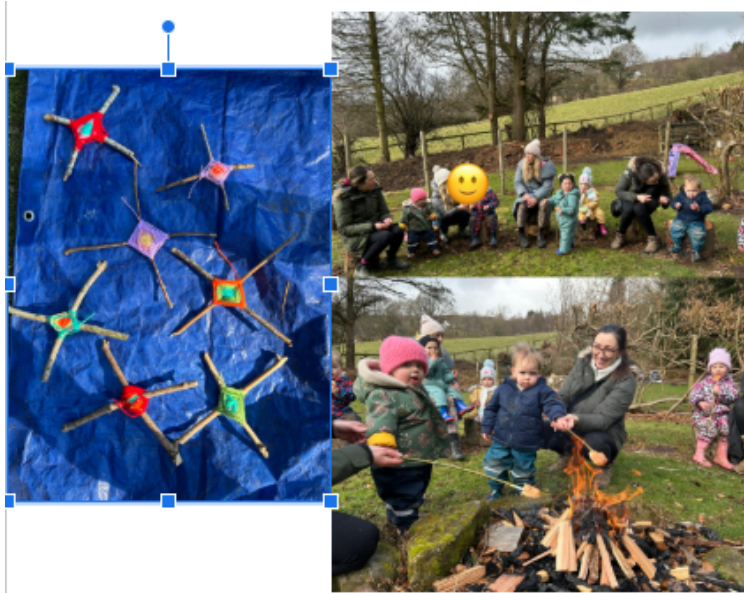


The fabulous crafts above were made by the Y3 forest school group

Now that the weather is improving Forest school toddler sessions will begin again on Thursday

11th June

Follow the Facebook page 'Muddy Footprint Adventures' for future dates and upcoming events!



OUTDOOR LEARNING/PE:

Nursery and Reception will be doing outdoor learning on a Tuesday afternoon **Please bring wellies and waterproofs (if you have them) in a named carrier bag.** PE will take place on a Thursday. **PE kit required for Reception only**

Year 1 and Year 2 will be swimming on a Wednesday.

Forest School will take place for Y4 children.

Y3/4 PE on a Wednesday and Friday.

Early Years

Mondays - Please bring in your library book to swap for a new one

Fridays - Please send in You and Me books ready for a new challenge. Reading books swapped each Friday.

LEGO CLUB

Starts **Monday 20th April, 3.15 -4.15**, (No club 4th May- Bank Holiday). This club is open for Years 1-4 and there are a maximum of 15 places available.

BOOK ONLINE!

club costs £3.99 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance.

to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

The
Just go

TRIDENT CLUB

This will restart next half term beginning on **Wednesday 22nd April 3.15 - 4.15pm**. If you require wrap around care after football, please book by text to the usual number.

SENSORY VOICES CLUB (MAKATON)

The club dates for next half term are **Tuesday 28th April, and 5th 12th and 19th May at 3.15.**

This half term in Sensory Voices Communication Club the children have been exploring Spring and Easter. They have also been revisiting emotions. They enjoyed searching for signs of spring and talking about these with friends. They took part in an egg hunt on the field and then had great fun following the story and opening up the eggs to decipher the symbols. They have also been working on signing some songs and recognising symbols and signs whilst playing bingo.



Sensory club

PTA - A message from Leanne

Thank you for an amazing term. We are a huge step closer in helping the school raise £10,000 towards the new play equipment. A special thanks to Jen for organising our bingo event, we had great feedback! It really was a fabulous night. We raised almost £1000, our biggest fund-raiser yet! Hopefully when we hold our Christmas bingo we will see a lot more faces.

We are a small team, and we would really love some help with one or two admin type jobs. We are looking for someone to help us run the school lottery, this is drawn once a week on a Saturday with donations coming to us automatically. It's not well known (anymore) and could really benefit the school... and the

winner! This position wouldn't be a post that requires an "official position" just some help via your mobile phone!

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Trail, it's great to see so many happy faces getting a sweet treat!

Have a fabulous easter holiday with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you next term for our special sponsored walk!

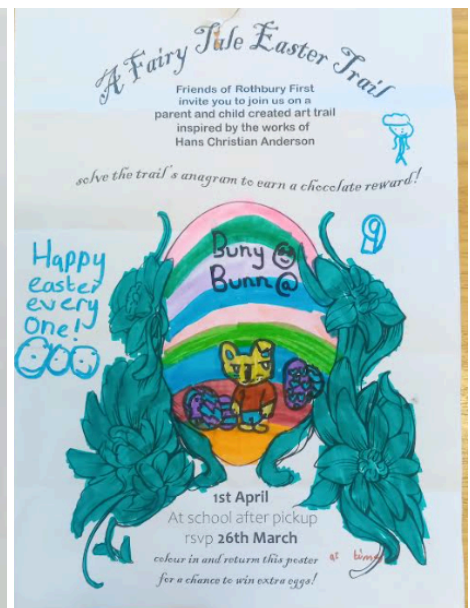
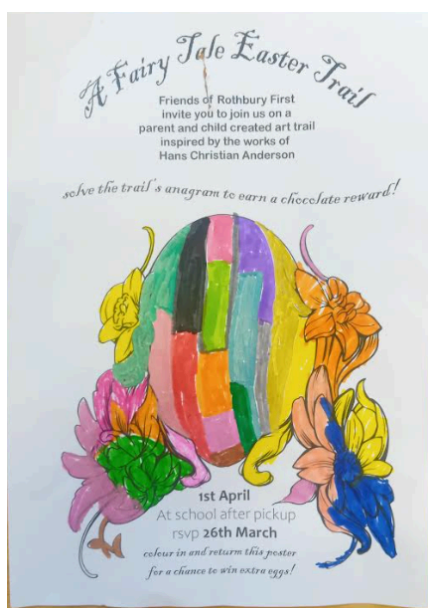
As always, please feel free to catch us in the school yard, via social media or email if you have any questions or queries.

Leanne, Jen, Grace & Anna

Happy Easter

Friends of Rothbury First School

Our winning entries for the PTA Easter colouring were Shay Piper and Emmie. Welldone!



WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please book your sessions by text messaging on **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all text messages will be picked up on Friday 17th April.**

JEWELLERY:

A reminder that jewellery including **earrings** should not be worn in school. If your child has their ears pierced then they should wear retainers until their piercings are healed. Once they are healed, earrings should be removed during school hours. Information regarding jewellery is clearly stated in our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

PARKING

It has been noticed that a very small minority of parents have been using the school car park during the time when the car park is closed to parents.

Please can we remind you that there is no access for dropping off or collecting during the periods 8.15 - 9.15am and 2.30 - 3.30pm unless you have a blue badge or a prior arrangement with the Headteachers.

WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school at 8.45am on **Monday 20th April.**

We wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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