



Roundhay St. John's CE Primary School
SCHOOL NEWS
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Vision Statement

Inspired by Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness, Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School aims to provide education of the highest quality within a Christian context.

Christian values guide our decision making and permeate every area of school life.

This is an inclusive school that respects the beliefs of all. We aim to create opportunities to explore the meaning of Christian faith as a gift to be experienced and enjoyed.

Through this we aspire to enable every child to flourish and each person to feel valued.

Dear parent / carer,

We are already almost at the end of the first half the spring term and halfway through our school year!

How time flies when you are having fun!

We hope that you enjoy reading all about our news at Roundhay St John's.

- **Cross Country Superstars!**

Well done to the following children for taking part in the Leeds Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsam last week: Alba, Hugo, Eoin, George, Edward and Eissa in Year 3, Evelyn and Leo in Year 4, Ruby, Isabelle, Lara, Francesca and Lotte in Year 5.

All of our runners made a huge effort in the very wet and muddy conditions.

Congratulations to the children who were placed in the top twenty and will now go on to the next round and qualify for the West Yorkshire Finals. A huge well done and good luck to: Alba in Year 3, Evelyn and Leo in Year 4 and Ruby in Year 5!

- **Maths Day**

We celebrated a Day of Maths last week enjoying maths in all its forms throughout the day. Thank you to the children for coming to school dressed in digits - you looked amazing!

- **Safer Internet Day (Tues 10th Feb)**

Our Digital Leaders delivered an Online Safety presentation to the rest of the school this week. We thought about the ways we can keep ourselves safe online and what to do if we are not comfortable with what we experience when we are using the internet.

For parents and carers, the two following links provide advice and guidance on how to ensure that a child's account is secure and how to enable key protections to keep your child safe online whilst using Snapchat and Roblox.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/online-gaming/roblox/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/snapchat/>

- **Children's Mental Health Week (9th-13th Feb)**

Our school is fully engaged with Children's Mental Health Week this week with the theme this year being 'This Is My Place.'

So far, the School Council has led an assembly highlighting the key messages, everyone enjoyed a yoga practice and we will be 'Dressing to Express' on Friday 13th February. On Friday, pupils are encouraged to come to school wearing an item of clothing that expresses who they are. This could be by

wearing their favourite top or a range of colours that express how they are feeling that day, or wearing an outfit as part of their involvement in a community group.

Thank you to Jenny Greensmith for providing a marathon of yoga sessions to all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 throughout Monday, with a staff session at the end of the school day!

@yogawithjennyg

Thank you also to Roundhay St John's PTA for funding our day of yoga.

After kickstarting Children's Mental Health Week with yoga, we have also taken part in a children's national online mental health workshop and throughout the week each class has participated in activities which help us to understand the importance of positive mental health and how to maintain this. We look forward to our Dress to Express Day on Friday.

- **School Councillors attend the Leeds Youth Summit!**

Our School Council children in Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Inner East Leeds Youth Summit event held at the Civic Hall last week. The children learned about how a democratic system allows us to vote for three councillors in each of the 33 Leeds wards and the children took part in workshops which allowed them to meet other School Council children from other Leeds schools. Our School Councillors also experienced what it was like to be a councillor in the Council Chambers and put some questions to the Leeds Lord Mayor, Dan Cohen.

- **School trips**

Year 4 visited Tropical World this week and learned about how tropical plants and animals are adapted to their environment.

Year 1 children will experience life as a Victorian later this week as they visit Abbey House Museum and we hope that they have a wonderful time!

- **RNLI Bake Sale**

Please support our bake sale at 3.15pm on Friday! The proceeds from this bake sale will go to the RNLI in memory of a staff member's late husband and this charity is very close to their hearts. Thank you.

- **Music Showcase**

Well done and bravo to all the talented children who took part in our Music Showcase this week. We were entertained and impressed by the beautiful music which our musicians played.

- **Parent consultations**

Don't forget that parent consultation appointments can be booked on the Arbor app until Tuesday 3rd March (Parents evening dates Thur 26th March & Tue 31st March)

- **Book Fair**

Join us for our Book Fair next half term in the Hive (library) 16th-19th March open every morning before school starts 8.30 - 8.50am.

- **Pancake Pandemonium**

Don't forget to bring pancakes to school on Tuesday 24th February! Please email us at the school office (office@rsjps.com) if you can help with any part of the pancake pandemonium day - your help is very much appreciated.

Musician of the Month

In January we listened to music by **Florence Price**.

Florence Beatrice Price (1887 - 1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

In February we listened to music by **Reem Kalani**.

Reem Kalani is a British Palestinian musician, born in Manchester, England but raised in Kuwait.

Please see the attached parent /carer info sheet about Florence Price and about Reem Kalani. Each of these has a QR code linked to Spotify and a Youtube link for you to listen to their music. There are also suggested artists if you like their music and books linked to these artists.

DATES for your DIARY

Spring 2

Mon 23rd Feb - school reopens

Mon 23rd Fire Safety talk - Year 5/6 (in school)

Tues 24th Feb - Pancake Pandemonium

Fri 27th Feb - Year 4 dance showcase to parents 2.10pm

Tues 3rd March
Year 1 trip Tropical World

Tues 10th March
Year 6 Kooth (mental health) session (in school)

16th -19th March
School Book Fair in the Hive
8.30-8.50am

Wed 18th March
Year 5 Dodgeball event

Thurs 19th March
RE Day

Fri 20th March
Year 1 Little Sing Event at Pudsey Civic Hall

Mon 23rd March
Greenhouse Band performance whole-school event

Thur 26th March
Parent consultations

Fri 27th March

Summer 1

Monday 20th April
School reopens for summer term

Wed 22nd April
School choir perform at Roundhay High School

Fri 1st May
Year 2 Indian drumming workshop

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

Mon 11th - Thur 14th May
Year 6 SATs

Thur 21st May
Year 6 The Deep trip

Fri 22nd May - school closes

Summer 2

Mon 1st June - school reopens

Mon 1st June - Fri 5th June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks all week

Fri 5th June
Year 6 Djembe drumming (in school)

Mon 8th-12th June
Year 1 Phonics Screen Check

Fri 19th June
Training day #4 of 6
School closed

Mon 29th June - Wed 1st July
Year 6 PGL trip

Fri 10th July
Year 4 Big Samba

Mon 13th July
Annual pupil reports out to parents/ carers

Year 6 performance
2-3pm

Tues 14th July
Year 6 performance 6-7pm

Thurs 16th July
Year 6 leavers' service 9.30am at Oakwood church

Friday 17th July
Year 6 Leavers' Collective Worship

<p>Training day - school closed</p> <p>Tues 31st March Parent consultations</p> <p>Thur 2nd April 9.30am Easter service Break up for Easter holidays</p>		<p>(in school) 1.15pm School closes at 2.15pm Discoveries Closes 4:30pm</p> <p>The holiday club will run from Tuesday 21st July to Friday 31st July.</p>
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School prayer meetings for our school community to join us in school:

Wed 25th Feb 9am

Tues 31st March 9am

Wed 22nd April 9am

Tues 19th May 9am

Wed 3rd June 9am

Tues 14th July 9am