

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Hello everyone and happy Friday,

School is slowly preparing for Christmas and the sound of children practising for their Christmas performances is echoing through the corridors. Early Years will be performing a nativity on the 17th December at 9.30am (supported by the school choir), and Years 1-5 will each have their own Christmas performances - we will share the dates with you soon of when they will be happening. We believe that opportunities for the children to perform in front of other people are so valuable, and after parent feedback last year, we adapted timetables to ensure that every single year group has this opportunity.

On Wednesday 11th December, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will be hosting the Christmas Fair. This was such a wonderful event last year and raised a significant amount of money. The PTA do so much to support the school and we're really lucky to have them. If you are available to support at the Christmas Fair by running a stall or helping to set up, please email the PTA at admin@rotherfieldprimary.co.uk The PTA are also looking for donations for the tombola - if you have any toys or teddies or if you are happy to bake some goodies please drop them to Lesley in the office.

Thank you,
Nia



THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS -Science is super!

Over the last year, we've invested a significant amount of time into improving the quality of teaching and learning in science and we're really seeing this pay off. In lessons this week, we've seen children working scientifically to learn about the world around them and embed new vocabulary. In Year 5, children were learning about the rotation of the Earth on its axis and around the Sun by interpreting data about the length of days. In Year 2, children were learning about different materials by carrying out fair tests to see whether fabrics were waterproof or not. In Year 3, children were making careful observations to identify the properties of rocks before grouping them based on these properties. 8 Year 5 children also accompanied Chloe to an event at Gillespie Primary School called 'Embracing Difference.' They heard from a successful scientist who has diagnoses of Dyslexia and ADHD. They also led a stall to show children from other schools what they've been learning about in class. It was lovely to see them engaging other children and explaining the link between surface area and amount of air resistance by recreating an investigation.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



Whole school: 90.9%
National: 95%

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

Year 6: Cienna, Alimert and Deniz

Year 5: Milly M and Penny

Year 4: Ivie and Nathaniel

Year 3: Brooklyn and Asya

Year 2: All the children for their brilliant behaviour on their trip to the Monument

Year 1: Arya and Marnie

Reception: Roan

Nursery: Kaan

Cedar class are making progress towards catching up to first place!

TOP DOODLERS

Top class - ASH

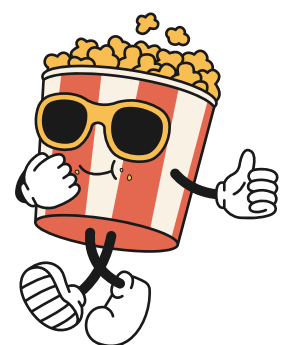


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

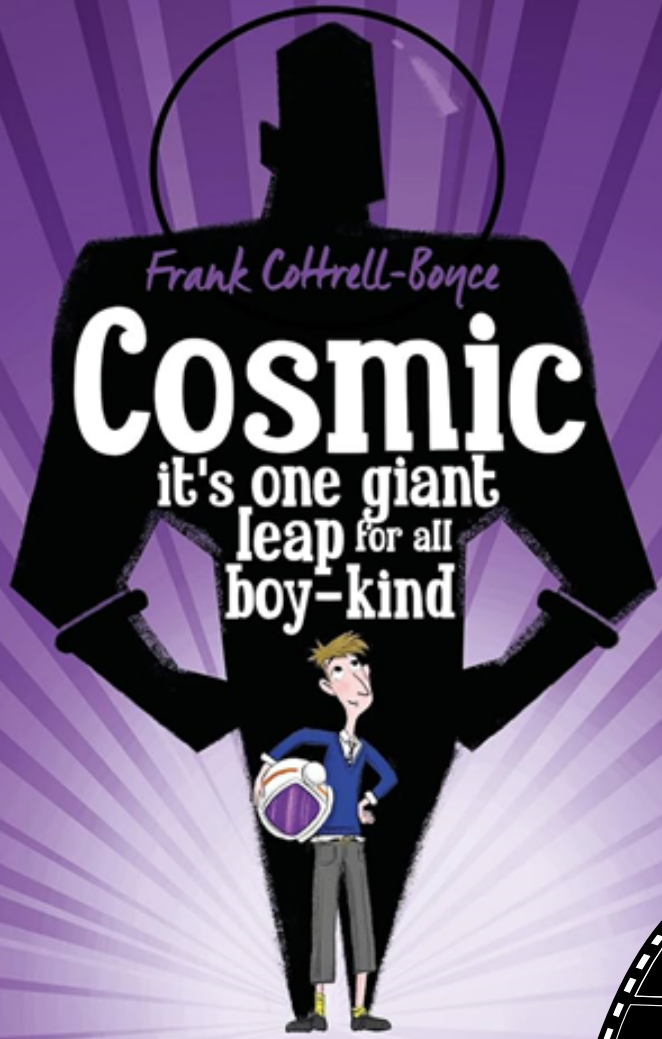
POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

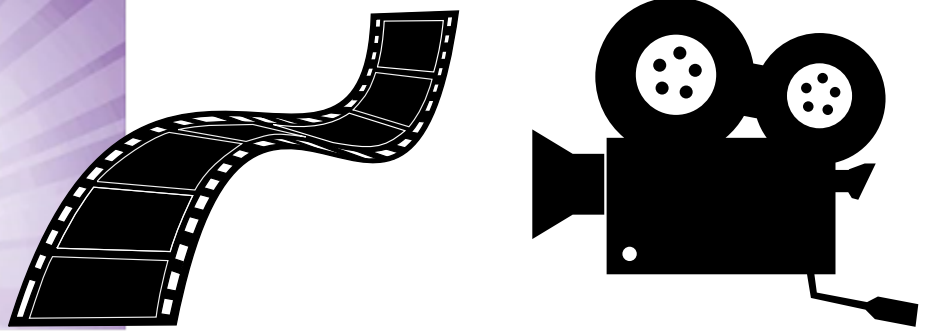
Well done to **Cedar** class for having the highest attendance this week!



Cedar	96.7%
Mulberry	96.2%
Oak	95.2%
Pine	95%
Silver birch	94%
Palm	93%
Rowan	93%
Willow	93%
Ash	91%
Holly	91%
Elm	89%
Beech	88.8%
Apple	87%
Maple	87%



On Thursday morning, Y6 were lucky enough to take part in a live Q&A with British screenwriter, novelist and occasional actor, Frank Cottrell -Boyce. The children were able to delve into the mind of Frank to find out why he wanted to become an author, where he gathers his creative ideas from and how he edits and improves his own writing. In addition, Frank was kind enough to read a number of extracts from one of his own books, 'Cosmic' which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, Frank!



Year 2 - Multisports Event



Our Year 2 students had an exciting day at the Multisports Event! They participated in a range of fun activities designed to challenge their skills and teamwork. The children had the chance to try their hands at various sports, including relay races, ball skills, obstacle courses, and more.

Year 6 - Football

Our football teams are on fire! The girls' team delivered an impressive 6-0 victory last week, showcasing incredible teamwork and skill. Meanwhile, the boys' team followed up with a dominant 6-1 win this week, displaying powerful attacking play and strong defensive support. Both teams are in excellent form and are setting the bar high! Keep up the great work!



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 3 - British Museum Trip	Monday 25th November
Year 5 - Science Museum Trip	Friday 29th November
Year 5 - Class Assembly	Tuesday 3rd December
Year 4 - Chocolate Museum Workshop	Wednesday 4th December
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 11th December
Year 3 - Hackney Empire Pantomime	Wednesday 11th December
School Nurse	Friday 13th December
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 17th December
EY Nativity at 9:30am	Tuesday 17th December
Islington SENDIASS coffee morning	Wednesday 18th December
Year 1 - Class Assembly	Thursday 19th December

Educational Experiences in 2024-25

Year 1
 Freightliner's City Farm
 London Bus Tour
 Florence Nightingale Museum
 V&A Childhood Museum
 King Henry's Walk Garden

Year 2
 Tate Modern
 The Monument
 Horniman Museum
 London Zoo
 Hampstead Heath
 Museum of Docklands

Year 3
 British Museum
 Science Museum
 Pantomime
 Westminster Walk
 London Aquarium
 Kew Gardens
 Mosque Visit

Year 4
 Science Museum
 Chocolate Museum
 Church Visit
 Ragged School Museum
 River Lea
 Highgate Wood

Year 5
 Olympic Park
 Science Museum
 British Museum
 Synagogue Visit
 London Zoo
 Southbank

Year 6
 HMS Belfast
 Jewish Museum
 Ben Kinsella Workshop
 Theatre Trips
 National Portrait Gallery

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year

Your generous donations help makes trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55
Football Y3-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Tiago cooking Y4-6 3:30 - 4:30	Gymnastics Y3-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	S.T.E.M Club Y3 -Y6 3:30 - 4:30	
	Karate 3:30 - 4:30 contact provider on 07594928598 £6 per session	Christmas Choir Y4-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Spanish Club Y1-Y2 3:30 - 4:30	
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Free Childcare

If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for up to 15 hours' free childcare per week during term time for your child if they're aged between 2 and 3 years. (NG only)



If they're between 3 and 4 years old, eligible parents can get up to 30 hours' free childcare per week. You have to get your code by 31 December to start claiming the free hours from January 1, so apply in good time!

See the Government's Childcare Choices web page [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

Please see link [here](#)

Afterschool club still have availability - Please check Arbor to book!

Important Notice

Please click [here](#) to view the late collection policy

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership

Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099