

Rothwell Schools News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another issue of Rothwell Schools News which I hope will keep you in touch with all that has been happening in our school community during the last week.

Home Learning

Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,
All the teachers on planet Earth

Thank you to all those of you who made contact with us this week to give positive feedback on the new home learning grids for each year group or to share examples of what your child has done. A reminder **there is no expectation that all of the activities have to be completed, but more for you to decide each day what is achievable for your family.** We hope you have found the learning easier this week; we do not want home learning to be a battle so choose activities that are fun and that you can share - and share your successes with us on email. The little quote in the box on the left hopefully reassures you to take the pressure off and try to enjoy as much as possible the time together as a family. We will be continuing to provide our home learning grids to you each Friday now to allow you to look ahead for the new week.

Mrs Calderone

As shared with Junior parents on Monday we learned over last weekend that Diana Calderone (School Business Manager at Rothwell Junior School) had died following a short battle with cancer. Diana was a valued member of our school team who gave many years service to the school and its community and for this we will always be grateful that she touched our lives in school in such a positive way.

Although Diana's role did not involve direct work with children she often went out of her way to support children in school who may have been having difficult time, to see our taxi children safely on their journey each day and help in the lunch hall or other areas of the school when needed. The loss of Diana at this time is difficult for us as a school and in the future we will come together to celebrate Diana's life and the contribution she made to Rothwell Juniors.



If you or your child needs any support as a result of hearing this news please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the above email address.

If you wish to express your condolences in a card to the family please could we ask you to do this by sending them to the Junior school and we will pass these on to Diana's family at a future point.

Mrs Calderone received care and support from Cransley Hospice as a result we are supporting their new fundraising campaign in Diana's memory, which starts on Monday, called Cassie's Staycation. Details of this campaign will be emailed home to all families.

Donations can also be made on the following just giving link:

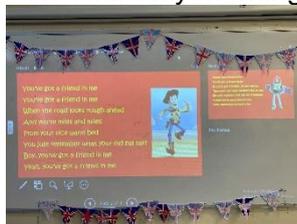
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rothwell-Schools?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Rothwell-Schools&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=5f401db642224042a00bd87a527182ce.

We understand that finances are difficult for many families at the moment so if you are able to support big or small we would be grateful for your generosity.

Keyworker Childcare Provision

Well, what a change in the weather this week! Mrs Barker, Mr Williams, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Druce-Jones, Mrs Dunbar and Miss Hazeltine have been in school this week. The children all brought in wellies and waterproofs and we carried on. The children have had another fun, action packed week in which we have been doing lots of different activities.

Mrs Barker explains the children made cards for Captain Tom, which were then posted to be with him in time for his birthday. I think his motto of, 'tomorrow will be a better day' is very poignant for this week! We then watched his birthday celebrations on BBC News live on Thursday morning.



The children made hearts using strips of paper and attaching them to a heart shaped frame. The children also made a tree with the leaves made up of all of their hand prints which they wrote their names in. This has then been put up to make a display in the hall.

The children did some observational artwork of the outside area, which all the children know really well now. We also learnt the song, 'You've got a Friend in Me', with Mr Williams playing his guitar. The children made the bunting to go around the interactive board. This has been shared on the Schools Facebook pages. Friday was Forest School morning and the children went outside and played in secret dens, the mud kitchen and enjoyed being outside. They learnt about keeping safe around the fire and the session finished with Hot Dogs cooked on the fire. A big thank you to Franks Butchers who donated the sausages to the school. It was a lovely way to finish the week.



Fiesta Sports have been running the afternoon sessions and this has included lots of different sports outside when the weather permits and dancing with JJ and dodgeball when it has been raining. It is lovely to see how the children all get on supporting each other across the age ranges. They really have become a close group.

Keeping your Children Safe Online

Due to the current circumstances, online risks for children are now increased due to greater exposure and time spent online. It is a whole community approach that is needed to keeping your children safe online. We

encourage you to have regular conversations with your child about online safety and to encourage them to speak about their online activity and anything that is worrying them. We would like to highlight the 5 key harms that children may face online, including child sexual abuse, radicalised context, sexual imagery, cyber bullying and exposure to harmful context. However, there are also heightened harms during the COVID19 outbreak such as mental health and wellbeing and fake news.

To aid discussions with your child about online safety please visit the National Online Safety Hub (www.nationalonlinesafety.com). This learning hub has a range of information for parents, including parent guides about different online platforms that your child may be using (e.g Tiktok, Roblox or FIFA) to equip you with the knowledge and risks of different platforms. The website also offers free parent training courses about the online risks children may face. The website www.thinkuknow.co.uk has been created to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, we will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

VE Day at Home: Friday 8th May 2020

An update from Kettering Borough Council:
VE Day this year is going to be very different for us all. Sadly, Kettering Museum and Art Gallery have had to cancel their community celebrations which were due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of the 8th -10th May. Instead, they would like to invite you and your family to join in with our online VE Day celebrations at home. With free activities, stories of wartime Kettering and ways to connect with the community, there will be many ideas to keep you entertained and the chance to pay tribute to the generations of the Second World War.



Keep an eye on their social media channels and the This is Kettering website in the coming weeks. They will be posting stories and objects from their current 'VE 75' exhibition and sharing ways for you to get involved.

www.facebook.com/KetteringMuseumandArtGallery

www.twitter.com/KMuseumGallery

www.instagram.com/kettering_museum_gallery

www.thisiskettering.com/vedayathome

Contact us

A reminder the easiest way to contact us during the closure is via email for the Infants parents.rvis@rothwellschools.org.uk and for the Juniors parents.rjs@rothwellschools.org.uk as these accounts are monitored regularly during the day from Mrs Jackson and Miss Alden who are working from home. Please **do not** reply to the teachers2parents emails which school letters and newsletters are sent from as these emails will not work and bounce back to you. If you change your phone number or email address during this time please email us to let us know so your contact details remain up to date with us.

Stay Safe

Handwritten signature of Ashley Izzard-Snape.

Ashley Izzard-Snape
Executive Headteacher