

Ridgeway Primary School

Newsletter 18

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James Denny

We are very excited that Commonwealth Silver medallist, James Denny will be coming into school next week to do some circuits with each class and hold an assembly. It will be fascinating to listen to his experiences of such high level competitions and of working with Tom Daley but also how he found his passion. It will also be good to hear how his stories meet the seven spirits of the Olympic and Paralympic games as the children feel that these would be good school values for next year.



Having James in school does mean that there will not be a Star of the Week assembly next week. Therefore, Key Stage 2 will be on 23rd June with the next Key Stage 1 assembly on 30th June.

Home Grown Sports Superstars!

As well as professional athletes coming to school we also have our own Ridgeway stars. We are taking three teams to next week's Eckington Football Tournament to hopefully build on the successes of the Bunting Cup and we also have two Shooting Stars. Each year Derbyshire run a programme for top sporting talent, children are invited to trials from which the top few children are selected. We have two such children Keira and Amy. They have been working with the programme throughout the year and on Wednesday evening graduated. I would like to offer the congratulation of the whole school to both girls who have shown effort, dedication as well as talent to pass through such a challenging programme.

In addition to her graduation, Amy also won an individual award for 'Passion'. The coaches, staff and everyone involved with the Shooting Stars were impressed with Amy's love of sport and competition and the 'passion' she has shown for all the events they have run. Well done Amy, we are all very proud of your achievements this year.

So we should let Amy be an inspiration and as next year's programme will start in September / October, so maybe more of you will receive invitations to the trials.



Clothing!

Can we ask, that even if it is a nice sunny day, you always send a lightweight jacket for your child. The weather is so changeable and we do like to go outside as much as possible. Thank you.

Special Needs

If you have a child in school with Special Educational Needs then you should be receiving the last support plan review very soon. Also, the next SEN Forum will be on Tuesday 27th June at 2.30pm where we will be joined by Julie Cox, a member of the Behaviour Support Service. She will be giving a short presentation on the language of behaviour and strategies to ensure home and school are using the same techniques to support the children.

**Achieving our
potential
together.**



Sports Day—reminder

Tuesday (13th June) is our Sports Day 1pm start (weather permitting).

- Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school with a t-shirt of their house colour (**K**ent / **O**ak / **F**ord / **B**ridge) and a hat and water bottle.
- Please bring your own chairs or blankets.
- If anyone has a gazebo that we can borrow for the children, and you could help put them up that morning, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Year 3 will also give a Maypole demonstration.
- Refreshments (for parents) are available, thanks to the PTA.

Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

- Please do not cross the track or bring your child ice-creams etc. as we need to ensure the safety of all children at all times.
- *Remember to come dressed and ready just in case there is a parents' race! You have been warned.*
- The children will come back into school at the end of the event and be collected from classes as normal.
- We plan to start at about 1pm, as soon as all of the children are ready. Many thanks.



Key Stage 2 Show—Hoodwinked

Performances are Wednesday 28th June (6.30pm) and Thursday 29th June afternoon (2pm) and evening (6.30pm). Tickets are on sale via Mrs Rudd, Tuesdays and Fridays as per the letter sent out on Wednesday.

Allotment

We *still* urgently need some help with our allotment this term, so the children can continue to enjoy this learning environment. We need help keeping the grass trimmed (someone with access to a wireless strimmer!). Could you offer an hour of your time to help keep our allotment weed free? We also need any donations of surplus plug plants. Many thanks.

And Finally...

I would like to congratulate Miss Furness as she has been offered a new post in September in a school closer to home. We are sad that she is leaving us but we wish her all the luck and success in the future. We have already started the recruitment process to find a new teacher for September and I will keep you posted.

Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	Reception	98.0%
2nd	Year 2	97.6%
3rd	Year 5	96.6%

Whole school 92.2%
3.9% **below** our target!!!

Diary Dates

Tues 13th Jun	Sports Day (fingers crossed)
Tues 13th Jun	Eckington Football Tournament
Wed 21st Jun	Year 5 playing with the Halle Orchestra
Mon 23rd Jun	New September Starters Evening 6pm
Tues 27th Jun	SEN Forum 2.30pm
Wed 28th Jun	Hoodwinked Dressing rehearsal
Wed 28th Jun	Hoodwinked — show 1 (6.30pm)
Thurs 29th Jun	Hoodwinked — show 2 (2pm)
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