

# Ridgeway Primary School

Newsletter 19

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Sorry for the lack of newsletter, due to the sporting events, last week. But here is a double issue for your reading pleasure!

## Sports Day

This year's Sports Day saw 90 incredible races from sprints to egg and spoon, three-legged races to sack races. Then to finish the competitive element of the day we had the traditional Ridgeway Cannon Relay with children passing the baton from Reception through to Year 6. The children were all amazing with great sporting attitudes. Congratulations to Bridge for winning the cup this year, which will now be sporting green ribbons for the next twelve months.

We also were watching for children who we felt embodied the seven spirits of the Olympic and Paralympic games (and legacy of London 2012); Courage, Determination, Equality, Excellent, Friendship, Inspiration, Respect, who were celebrated as well. Year 3, even though they got tangled at one point, put on a lovely Maypole demonstration.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents for coming along and supporting the children so wonderfully, to the PTA for providing the refreshments, to Mrs Naylor and Miss Evans for organising such a wonderful afternoon of sport, the staff for helping to run it and to the children for being amazing, as always.



## Fantastic Football

Straight after Sport's Day 26 children headed straight off to Eckington for a football tournament. We entered two boys teams; Team A won two matches and lost two matches and Team B drew three matches and lost one. Having played with such passion and team work it was a shame for both teams to narrowly miss out on qualification to the finals. The girls' team drew one match and won four (scoring 16 goals and conceding only 2) and were crown Tournament Champions 2017. We are really proud of all of the teams who should be proud of themselves.

## Sports Challenge

On Friday we had our sponsored sport challenge. The children all worked with James Denny (Commonwealth Silver Medallist) to move through a circuit of physical challenges. Then James held an assembly to talk about life as an athlete, to demonstrate his gymnastic skills, to answer questions and to show his Commonwealth medal. I am sure he has helped to inspire some of the children to find and follow their passions.



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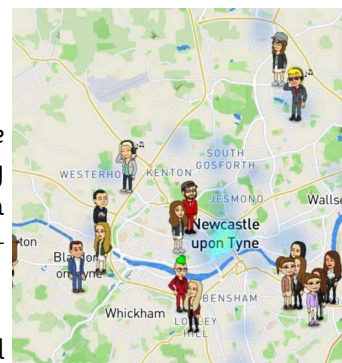


### E-Safety Update—Snap Chat

I posted the following information on the school's Facebook page but felt that it warranted being added to the newsletter as well. Apologies if you have already read this but...



Snapchat has just had a huge update. It now shows where any of the user's (your child's) friends are at any time. It uses GPS to precisely pinpoint on a map where the users are, even changing to a car when they move quickly. Your child and other users are depicted by a Bitmoji (as seen below).



Once you get onto the Snap Map it'll show you where your Snapchat friends are and what they are doing there if they share a picture. The update also allows you to upload Snaps to the "Our Story" so that anyone can see your picture. Don't worry though - if you don't want your location shared then you can set up a "Ghost Mode" to keep it private. It may sound like innocent fun but if your children have their location shared then people can potentially track them down. The map shows exactly where they are which has raised serious concerns. While they would need to know your child's username, and for them to accept their friend request, to access this information it is often easy to find it online. I urge you to check your child's settings, ensure they are set to 'ghost mode' if necessary.

Many thanks to Creswell Juniors for sharing this information.

Help guide to the update:

To turn on Ghost Mode: Open Snapchat onto the camera screen. Pinch inward on this screen as if you're trying to make it smaller.

You'll then be taken to the map screen.

You will see your Bitmoji, (or your green silhouette) click on it and your settings appear at the bottom of the screen. Click there and turn 'ghost mode' on. If you haven't done the update yet (as from 21st June), ghost mode won't be available.

### Performing with the Hallé

Year 5 went to Derby Arena to play their trumpets and trombones with the Halle Orchestra. The Halle Orchestra is one of the most famous orchestras in the world which meant the trip was an inspiring event to be part of. We sung 'The Super Hero Blues', 'Believe' and played other songs such as 'The Cuckoo'. We also had the chance to listen to pieces played by the Halle; the Harry Potter theme tune was one of the best. They even made music using fidget spinners.

It was an amazing opportunity to be able to watch and play with such an incredible orchestra.



Following on from their success playing with the Halle Orchestra Mrs. Salt has proposed a concert for parents next Monday morning. The doors will open at 9.15am (ish), parents and grandparents of Year 5 children welcome.







### Time to Say Goodbye

After over 20 years of wonderful service to the children of Ridgeway I am sad to say that Mrs. Cranfield is hanging up her apron. I am sure everyone in the school community will join me in thanking Mrs. Cranfield for all of the help, support, care and love she has shown to the hundreds of children she has looked after over the years. While, of course, we will have to find a new Midday Supervisor (the advert is online now—[click here](#)) we know we will not be able to replace Mrs. Cranfield. If anyone would like to contribute to a collection for a leaving present please send the money into the school office in a sealed envelope.



### Ridgeway's Got Talent

It's back and bigger than ever! Yes, we will be asking the question has Ridgeway Got Talent on Wednesday 5th July. The children can sing, dance, act, demonstrate any talent (as long as it is safe!) and can enter as soloists, pairs or groups (up to four). The competition will start in the morning with the children competing in their classes to find a class champion. The winner from each class will then compete in an assembly that afternoon. All of the class champions will win the right to perform on stage at the School Summer Fair so that parents are able to watch. During the assembly we will also be selecting two school champions. They will win the opportunity to perform on stage at the Ridgeway Carnival (Sunday 9th July 4pm). I am very excited to see all of the talent the school has to offer. Good luck.



### New Staff Line-up

I am pleased to reveal the teaching line-up for September. There are a few changes to both rooms and year groups. The changes to rooms will be explained to children before the change-over-days (3rd & 4th July). On those days the children will line up on the yard in their normal place but be collected by the new teacher.

- Reception—Mrs. Naylor
- Year 1—Mrs. Tingle (covering for Mrs Potts while she is on maternity leave) & Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching half of the week each.
- Year 2—Miss Evans
- Year 3—Mrs. Seaman (mornings) and Mrs Taylor (afternoons).
- Year 4—Miss Trotter
- Year 5—Mr. Pilkington
- Year 6—We are really pleased and excited to welcome back Mr. Townsend

### News from the Governors

This Wednesday the Full Governing Body had their termly meeting; we were joined by the newest recruit Mrs Seaman—who is the new Staff Governor. Issues relating to staffing changes were discussed and we were informed of the budgetary impact.

The termly Head Teacher's Report was presented highlighting what progress has been made in the past academic year. Attendance was discussed in detail and as of September there will be a new Attendance Policy, as well as a new Behaviour Policy. These will be revealed on the School's new website also due in September.



### E-Safety—On Instagram



It has come to my attention that some children have been having issues with “trolls” on Instagram outside of school. May I suggest that, if your child is on Instagram, you take a moment to look through your child’s account with them and make sure they know where the report button is or how to block someone (usually under the three dots icon). We have continued to reinforce our e-safety lessons through class discussions about blocking people, leaving groups where trolling is happening and talking to adults for support (at home or school). I am proud that the children felt they could talk to staff about this issue but as this is happening on a closed group with private accounts we cannot see the thread in school. Please feel free to come and discuss the matter with me if you have any concerns.

### Special Needs

Reminder that 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. Other parents are invited to join the session if you feel it would be helpful.

### A Day of Sport

On Monday 10th July we will be holding a day of sport. Our Bronze Ambassadors (from Year5) will run some physical activities for the school and we will be holding the inter-house football tournament. We will also be doing work on healthy eating with Change 4 Life.

### School Summer Fair

This year’s Summer Fair will be on Friday 14th July at 3.30pm. There will be stalls, games, entertainment, refreshments and even a bouncy castle. All money raised will go toward supporting the children and enhancing their school experience.

Also, if you, or a business you are connected with, would be able to donate a raffle prize it would be gratefully received. If possible please can you try to help by selling the raffle tickets that are coming home. If you need more tickets please ask a member of the PTA.



### Attendance

This week’s top attendance...

1st	Year 6	99.3%
2nd	Year 5	97.9%
3rd	Year 1	97.4%

Whole school 96.4%  
0.3% above our target!!!

### Diary Dates

Mon 26th Jun	Year 5 Brass Concert
Mon 26th Jun	New September Starters Evening 6pm
Tues 27th Jun	SEN Forum 2.30pm
Wed 28th Jun	Hoodwinked — show 1 (6.30pm)
Thurs 29th Jun	Hoodwinked — show 2 (2pm)
Thurs 29th Jun	Hoodwinked — show 3 (6.30pm)
Wed 5th Jul	Ridgeway’s Got Talent!
Mon 10th Jul	A Day of Sport
Fri 14th Jul	School Summer Fair 3.30pm