



Rowlands Gill Primary School

1.11.19 Newsletter

Remembrance Poppies

This year, as part of our work about why we have a Remembrance service, all children will make a poppy in class to create a poppy field.

This 'field' is going to be built up on the stage in the main hall. We will then use some of the poppies and photographs of our poppy field to update a display in the main entrance to school.

We would like to invite parents, carers and wider families to make their own poppies at home with the children, to add to our poppy field and to use on our display.

If you would like to make a poppy, please send it in by Friday 8th November, ensuring that it includes the names of all who helped to make it.



Personal Development

This week the children have participated in assemblies led by the NSPCC about how to keep themselves safe.

Next week, Year 5 and Year 6 children will participate in NSPCC workshops to further explore the safety messages at a more age appropriate level.

On Thursday afternoon, Year 3 children worked with staff from the Operation Encompass team (a Government funded initiative) to learn about how to maintain and make good friendships.

Parents' Evening

Our recent parents' evenings were very well attended and provided a great chance to share how well our children are doing in school.

If you were unable to attend please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange another time.



Welcome to Miss Latto

I am delighted to welcome Miss Latto, newly appointed Sports Apprentice, to our team. She has already fitted in really well to the team and is popular with the children.

She is running structured play activities on the yards and MUGA at playtimes and lunchtimes; supporting and leading PE lessons; coaching children at sporting events; supporting in Early Years with physical development and working within classes to support individual children. Soon we will be announcing three additional after school clubs which she will be running.

We have been able to utilize our Sports Funding provided by the Government to employ her, which is a fabulous opportunity when school budgets are so tight.

Sporting Updates

Little Kickers

Starting on Thursday 7th November and every week until Christmas, Early Years children will be participating in Little Kickers sessions.

Inter Sport Competition

This week we have had three sets of children attending sports events and showing other local schools how fabulous Rowlands Gill children are. They demonstrated real commitment to the activities, respect, resilience and team work.

Ten KS1 children attended an Indoor Athletics Festival at Gateshead Leisure Centre.

All of the Y2 children attended a Multi Skills Festival at Thorpe Academy.

Ten Y5 children attended a rugby tournament at Winlaton Rugby Club. The children did school proud, playing against some experienced teams and in freezing weather! The team finished 4th and Hannah was voted player of the group — well done to our Y5 rugby players.

November Diary Dates Reminders

Fri 1st Nov ALL main communication will be sent via ESchools - make sure you are signed up!

Fri 8th Nov 2.45—3.00pm Early Years Phonics Lesson (EYFS parents/carers please join us for the lesson and see your children in action - meet at the main entrance).

Mon 11th—Fri 15th Nov Book Fair open all week before (8.30 - 9.00am) and after school (3.15pm - 4.00pm) in Hall 2.

Wed 27th Nov 9.10—10.40am EYFS Xmas Craft
EYFS Parents invited (meet in Hall 2)

Wed 27th Nov 1.30—3.00pm KS1 Xmas Craft
Year 1 & 2 parents/carers invited (meet at main entrance)

Thurs 28th Nov 9.10—10.40am Y5/6 Xmas Craft
Year 5 & 6 parents/carers invited (meet in Hall 2)

Thurs 28th Nov 1.30—3.00pm Y3/4 Xmas Craft
Year 3 & 4 & Class 6H (ARMS) parents/carers invited (meet at main entrance)

RGPS Crafts Group

Calling all arty crafty folk!

RGPS Crafts group are looking for any donations of handmade items for our stall at the Christmas Fayre. If you love making things and would like to help raise money for your school, then we'd love you to donate anything you can spare to our crafts stall. Please drop items off at the school office, labelled with a suggested selling price if possible. (We do have to keep prices low however, so please bear that in mind when choosing things to donate).

We're currently working on a banner on the theme of 'A walk in the Land of Oak and Iron' which we hope to hang in the Heritage Centre before it ends up on the school wall. We'd welcome any new members who would like to get involved.

Have a look

at www.rgpscrafts.wordpress.com to see what we do and if you're interested, contact Kath at kathrodgergm@gmail.com or [karo_paintings](https://www.instagram.com/karo_paintings) on instagram.



Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary (FORGS)

Our Goals

At our recent AGM it was agreed that this year we would support the school with purchasing IT equipment. This means we have a target of £12,000 which is a huge goal for us! As ever, a huge thank you for your support which means we have almost £5000 saved to start us off. If you have any fundraising ideas to help us reach our goal, they would be much appreciated.

Christmas!

On **Friday 6th December 3.15pm - 5.15pm** we will be holding our Christmas Fair. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of sweets, chocolates or bottles (alcohol, bubble bath, shower gel, sauce, fun stuff etc.) for our tombolas, which can be handed in at the school office. During the week of the Fair, we would also be grateful for donations of pre-loved toys and books.

In anticipation of Christmas jumper day, please send in any unwanted Christmas jumpers, which your children have grown out of, and we will offer them for sale for a small donation in the lead up to December. Please send these in by Friday 22nd November 2019.

Get Involved

Our events are only able to continue with the support of volunteers. If you feel able to help at the fair (on a game, stall, cafe, grotto) or beforehand with preparation such as grotto gift wrapping, tombola ticket folding etc we would love to hear from you. Please contact us via our email address (friendsofrg@outlook.com); our Facebook page or leave a message with school office. Thank you.

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