



Rowlands Gill Primary School

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Race for Life!

What a fabulous day we had on Tuesday when we held our Whole School Race for Life! The children (and staff) did a brilliant job at completing as many laps of the track as they could in half an hour and they enjoyed being cheered on by the other classes who had the opportunity to pop out to watch. It was lovely to see the children all heading home with their medal and huge smiles on their faces. Miss Smales was delighted to be part of our launch assembly on the day and is really touched by everyone's generosity in supporting a cause which is so close to her heart. You have until Friday 5th November to pay any collected sponsorship on Pay 360 or in cash to the office. Our current total is an astounding £1,500 and we still have money coming in! Thank you all so much for your support.



Squid Games

This week, we have had a couple of issues during playtime with children playing some of the games featured on Squid Games - a programme on Netflix.

It is my understanding that this programme is for adults and has a rating of TV-MA which means it is suitable for mature audiences only, therefore it is not suitable for under 17s.

It is very important that we protect our children from viewing unsuitable materials and urge you to be aware of this programme and its age rating and ensure that your children do not watch it.

Year 6 Applications for Secondary School Places

Please remember that the closing date for you to apply for your child's secondary school place is **Sunday 31st October** (at the end of half term).

REMINDER! This is the first day back after half term – don't forget!

School Photo Day

Phototronics photographers will be in school on Monday, 1st November.



If you wish to have sibling portraits taken please arrive at school for 8:30am through the Key Stage 1 Yard, go into the Hall 2 door and queue to be seen.

All classes will automatically have individual portraits taken.

Our Reception and Year 6 classes will have group portraits taken to commemorate their milestone years entering and leaving primary school. There will not be whole class photographs for other classes this year.

Year 6 Residential Trip - June 2021

Please remember to book your place for the residential on Pay360 as soon as possible. Places are limited - we don't want any disappointed children.



Dates for Your Diary:

1st Nov - Children Return to School
3rd Nov - 5B Forest School
5th Nov - 6W Forest School
6th Nov - Poppy products on sale for the children to purchase (details to follow)
8th to 12th Nov - Book Fair in Hall 2
15th to 25th Nov - Parents Evenings (details to follow)
15th Nov - Odd Socks Day
19th Nov - Children in Need Day (non-uniform or wear your spots)
29th Nov to 3rd Dec—5B Bikeability Training

Harvest Donations

Many thanks for your kind Harvest donations for The People's Kitchen. The amount and array of food and toiletries which we were able to share with those who are less fortunate, was very impressive and the charity were extremely thankful.

Our Safeguarding Team

If you ever have any concerns about a child or a family and would like to speak to someone about your concerns, please contact one of our Safeguarding Leads—Mrs Clarke, Mr Boddy or Mr Bell.

THANK YOU FORGPS

On behalf of all of the children and staff, I would like to thank the volunteers from the Friends of the School who have organised and run our Halloween Fun Day today. The children have loved it and we are really grateful for all of their hard work!

Book Fair

This week your child should have brought home a leaflet about our Book Fair which will be held in school from 8th—12th November. This is a great chance to start your Christmas shopping while supporting the school, as we receive a percentage of the sales as free books for school.

More details will be sent out after the holidays.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are really pleased to let you know that we have signed up to a scheme to recycle ink cartridges and now have a box in the entrance to school where you can place your empty cartridges. Unfortunately toner, laser and non-branded cartridges can't be recycled in the box.

This is a great way of helping the environment, but also raises a small amount of income for FORGS (our PTA) who ensure that all money goes into supporting our children and the school.

Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

Today was our Freaky Friday Fun Day for Halloween. It has been a brilliant day in school; the children (and staff and volunteers) looked fantastic in their costumes and all had fun enjoying the games, dancing and in particular the outdoor Halloween trail. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting us with our alternative fundraiser and for arranging wonderful costumes for the children.

If you are thinking of starting your Christmas shopping during half term, please log into <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> first and download the shopping app. When you make purchases through the app or via their website, we then earn a percentage of your spend which goes directly back to the children.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday 18th October, reviewed our year and made plans for next year, which we will update you about in the next newsletter. We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and particularly to support with school events for fundraising. If you are interested, please get in touch via email on Friendsofrg@outlook.com or via the school office.

Happy Half Term

I hope you all have a fun, relaxing half term and some quality time with your families. See you all in November!

