



Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Thursday April 7th 2022

Golden Awards for this term awarded to

Meadow: Zak

Woodland: Willow

Ocean: Henri

Mountains: Harry

Well done!

Worship Week

The final week of term has been 'Worship Week'. This year has been particularly special as we invited BeSpace – a local charity – to set up a reflection area in our school library and all of the children were invited in to take part in a range of reflective Easter activities. We were very fortunate to have the support of Rev. Janet with this event and also some willing volunteers who live locally. It was an important time of peace and reflection in a very busy week. Children were invited to be thankful for their friends, ask for courage with new adventures and show forgiveness for past wrongs. We are very grateful to Kirsty from BeSpace who set up the space and ran the event for us – we hope to use some of her wonderful ideas in a future reflection area in school.

Other activities during the week including our annual re-visiting of the story of the good shepherd and the lost sheep, as well as prayer writing and singing joyful worship songs.

Dentist visit for Reception and Year 1

On Wednesday, the Reception and Year 1 children were very lucky to be able to meet two dental nurses from Dental Wellness in Chipping Norton. The nurses came to explain all about how to keep your teeth clean and the importance of a healthy diet. They also answered lots of questions including 'Have you ever been bitten?' and 'What happens in a root canal?' We are very grateful that these very knowledgeable ladies came to share their expertise with us!

Easter Celebrations

This week, we had a wonderful morning hunting eggs in our traditional Easter egg hunt. The older children supported the younger children to find all of the hidden eggs and fill the baskets ready for the eggs to be shared and sent home.

In the afternoon, we paraded around the village in a selection of fantastic Easter bonnets before arriving at the church for our special Easter service.

I would like to thank you for sending in so many eggs to make the hunt truly special and exciting and for helping your children to create their bonnets – it is an important tradition which we love and hope to continue long into the future!

Changes after Easter

This week, we have sadly said 'goodbye' to Mrs Jacoby and Mrs Bell who are both leaving their current roles in school at Easter. Fortunately we will still see Mrs Jacoby in The Ocean on Mondays next term and Mrs Bell will also be working regularly in school throughout the summer. Of course, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Buckland to The Ocean after her maternity leave and to see Mrs Collard join the KS1 teaching team in The Woodland on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Always Club

It was a real pleasure to share breakfast with seven very hardworking children this morning. Always Club members are chosen by teachers to recognise those who work consistently hard and give their best every day.

Eliza, Freddie, Sailesh, Libby, Alexi, Willa and Elsa sat down to waffles, fresh fruit, yoghurt and cereal and a good time was had by all as we discussed our holiday plans and Easter celebrations.

Picture News

The final question for discussion this term is all about the value of new inventions.

PE days next term

The children in The Mountains and The Ocean will need to wear/bring their PE kits on Tuesdays and Wednesdays next term. If your child wears their kit to school, please could you ensure that this is our PE 'uniform' of PE t-shirt and shorts/joggers and a school sweatshirt. Please do not allow your children to make PE day into a 'non-uniform' opportunity!

Happy Easter!

Everyone at Great Rollright wishes you and your family a wonderful Easter break. Thank you for all of your support over the term – it continues to be a pleasure and a privilege to lead such a wonderful school.

We will see you back on the 25th April for the start of the Summer term.

By the way, just in case, you haven't seen the updated dates list, we will be breaking up for half term on Thursday 27th May as part of the extended Jubilee celebrations.

After School Clubs

There is still space in Yoga Club (R-Yr3) and Eco and Gardening Club (Yrs 3-6) on Wednesdays next term. Please contact the school office if you would like to add your child to the list.

The Northwall Workshops

Storytelling through Movement 11 – 13 April 9am – 12pm 8-11 years

Join us this Easter for a three-day workshop focusing on how we can convey stories through movement, and what happens when we remove the voice.

Tickets: £45 for 3 days (full bursary places available)

More info and to book: <https://www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/nw-inventors-storytelling-through-movement/>

Creative Writing

14 April 9am – 12pm 8-11 years

Spend a morning with us delving into the most exciting parts of your imagination; creating characters, building plot and crafting language.

Tickets: £15 (full bursary places available)

More info and to book: <https://www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/nw-inventors-creative-writing/>

Theatre Pebble on the Beach 12 – 16 April 11am & 2pm performances

For ages 3+ (and their grown ups)

Everyone's welcome on Al's beach. He rents deck chairs, sells beach toys and generally keeps things ship shape. Samantha has decided to have a day at the seaside. She is shy, reserved and cautious. Pebble is Samantha's best friend. When Al lets curiosity get the better of him, Pebble goes missing. But in looking for her much-loved friend, Samantha comes out of her shell and discovers the freedom to be herself.

Featuring a lively mix of dancing, singing and comic puppetry, Pebble On The Beach magically transports you to a day at the seaside – a beach hut filled with treasures, sandcastles, seagulls and the waves lapping on the shore – to tell a heart-warming tale that helps us all feel safe in the world and know that we matter. A characteristically joyous and energetic performance by Rochdale's 'excellent M6' (Lyn Gardner, Stagedoor).

Tickets: £8 (£6 concessions)

More info and to book: <https://www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/m6-theatre-pebble-on-the-beach/>

Easter Holiday Activities @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Booking is advised for the workshops, but feel free to drop in!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

They are all **FREE!**

Tuesday 12 April

TOM TOTS 10.30am – 12noon *Paper Flowers*

Lots of fun with easy craft activities for little ones to get stuck into!

No need to book just drop in.

TOM ART 2pm - 4pm *Spring Wreaths*

With Easter fast approaching, join us to create a wreath for your door using watercolours, eggs and paper flowers.

Book ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310356042277>

Wednesday 13 April

WICKED WEDNESDAY 11am - 3pm *Animate that Art!*

Our slightly more advanced young museum goers are invited to join us to create some amazing Stop Animations based on our new contemporary art exhibition.

This activity must be booked in advance

Book a family ticket (3 children) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310359984067>

Thursday 14 April

TOM ART 2pm - 4pm *Is that a Dinosaur Nest?*

An Oxfordshire Museum twist on the classic Easter egg nest. Come and see what our dinosaur has laid!

Book ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310553141807>

Tuesday 19 April

TOM TOTS 10.30am - 12noon *Bumble Bees*

Lots of fun with easy craft activities for little ones to get stuck into!

No need to book just drop in.

TOM ART 2pm - 4pm *Vegetable Flower Prints*

Come and join us as we use spring vegetables to print spring flowers!

Book ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310554586127>

Wednesday 20 April

WICKED WEDNESDAY 11am - 3pm *Planting Spring*

Join us as we take up gardening, decorate a pot, plant some seeds, and create a plant label.

Book ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310558026417>

Thursday 21 April

TOM ART 2pm - 4pm *Sketching Spring*

Create your own sketch pad, then follow the trail to explore the garden and temporary exhibition, recording your discoveries as you go.

Book ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310559360407>

Follow one of our new Challenge Trails for all ages

Trails and activities are offered free of charge thanks to the support of the Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum www.friendsoftom.org.uk

Friends; Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising.

We have had a great start to 2022 raising the much needed funds to meet our annual commitments; including and not exhaustive Yoga lessons, Music lessons, Topic books for each class, PE teaching, new library books etc.... Let's keep up the great work, we love the events and we know you and your children do too!

Have a wonderful Easter Break from us all at The Friends!

Rollright School Jubilee Tea towel.

Orders came rolling in - Thank you. We will place the order and confirm delivery when we know.

Cake and Sweets sale - Thursday 7th April @ 3.15pm.

Thank you to those that volunteered to bake - the treats look yummy!

Cakes and treats from 50p or £1.

100 Club School Winners.

Congratulations to our winners this month:

£52 - Iona Hoare

£20 - Ann White

£10 - Alan Howard

100 Club Renewals and new registrations will be open in April.

Everyone is welcome to join, please encourage your families, friends, relatives or anyone in the local community, they can raise money directly for the school with very little participation.

Pay monthly by standing order - it's £2 a month for a number (you can buy more than one!) Raise funds for the school and be entered into the prize draw each month.

If you would like a membership form and details on how to join email: greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com

Chastleton House Café - Sunday 22nd May. WE NEED YOU!

This is our only date between now and the end of the school year.

Calling all our bakers and helpers. We will require 10+ large cakes for sale plus scones or savoury items sell well.

Its good to have a staple selection of the good old traditional favourites - Victoria Sponge, Tea Loaf, Coffee, Chocolate, Carrot plus we welcome other flavours too and a gluten free option.

2/3 people each hour from 12.30pm to 5pm

Don't be shy be sure to sign up!

Amazon Smile and Easy fundraising - Buy online and earn money for the school!

Of course we encourage our community to buy local but if you simply cannot then turn your online shopping into free donations for our school - Do sign up (just once) and earn as you spend.

Bingo Friday 29th April.

Have fun, raise money for the school and win cash prizes. Its very social with a bar too!

Autumn Fair - Save the date. Saturday 10th September 2022

Our 'Grow the tallest Sunflower' competition will be back this year, seeds will be sent out when we return to school so you will have plenty of time to watch them grow!

Plus look out for the Flower and Produce entry form and be sure to enter a Scarecrow in the trail - even if you do not live in the village!

We will need Volunteers - so please put yourselves or friends and family forward!

Value for this week

Our Christian Value for this week is