



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

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"Let your light shine"

Welcome back to all of our families; we hope that you had a wonderful Easter break, and managed to enjoy some quality time with your families.

This term is set to be a very busy one with a number of events taking place, leading up to the May Gala on 24th May. A number of classes have already started to practise their dance in readiness. Year 6 kick started the term with a school trip to Kenilworth Castle. Whilst at the castle there was a comment by the staff about how respectful and polite each pupil was - so thank you Year 6, for exemplifying what it means to be a pupil at Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy.

Mrs Lampe Cullen, Head of School



LOVE
HONESTY
HOPE
FAIRNESS
RESPECT
FORGIVENESS

At the start of a new term, we take time to recap and revisit the Academy's expectations around our Behaviour for Learning Policy of **Ready, Respectful and Safe** and also our etiquette, which is underpinned by our school values of Love, Hope, Fairness, Respect, Honesty and Forgiveness.

During the term, each class will explore how we can live out our values in all we do in school. Where pupils fall below these expectations, staff will support them to help them understand the different decisions that they could have made, to help them learn from their mistakes through forgiveness. Our Behaviour for Learning Policy does include consequences for more serious breach of our policy, which could result in pupils being excluded.



This term, our collective worship value is Friendship. Over the course of the term, each class will spend some time exploring and reflecting on our Collective Worship and what it means to be a good friend.

This will also include the season of Pentecost, which comes fifty days after Easter and marks the time when the first disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer for a special friend

Dear Lord Jesus,

You have shown us through the Bible that you
want to be woven
into our lives as our friend.

Thank you that we can talk to you at any
time because
you are even closer to us than the people
in our own family.

Amen.



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars



EYFS Star Learner this week is

Aubree



Year 1 Star Learner this week is

Vinnie and Theo



Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Whole Class



Year 3 Star Learner this week is

Simey

Year 4 Star Learner this week is

Joey

Year 5 Star Learner this week

is

Nancy



Value Awards



The "Value Awards" are designed to recognise children who show our school values.

This week, Ted in Year 6 was presented with a Value award for love. Well done to Ted.

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

Connor



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YEAR 6 TRIP TO KENILWORTH CASTLE

On Tuesday Year 6 went to Kenilworth Castle to finish off their Middle Ages History topic, looking at evidence for how the castle was defended and how it changed from a castle to a palace. It was probably the wettest and coldest they've been on, but all the children stayed cheerful and positive! It was lovely to hear the castle staff complimenting them on their good manners—they were very impressed.

Here are some of the children's memories:

"As we climbed up the stairs the whole class—ALL 24 CHILDREN—piled in to look at...was it a well or a pigeon coop? The pigeons were all huddled together, sheltering from the rain."

"Before we headed back to school we spent rather a lot of time and money in the gift shop.

Although Mrs Gayler told us not to spend all our money on sweets, rather a lot of us did—especially me!"

"Mighty and confident, the gatehouse stood tall, scarred from a devastating past."

We stepped out of the keep and ...rain, lots of rain... but we persevered anyway and took a short trip round the side of the castle to look at the arrow slits—thin windows designed to be easy to shoot out of but hard to shoot back in to—clever, right?"

"The gatehouse was the last part we visited. Lots of us loved this part mainly because of the computers with Minecraft. But what I loved most was when we went into the real Queen Elizabeth I's bedroom. We weren't allowed to touch anything but we found out that Demi, Issy and I sat right where Elizabeth did!"





We transform young people's lives, with God's love, through sport and support.

We do this through values-driven physical education, street dance, mentoring, chaplaincy in schools and community KICK Academies.

The Big Question that we looked at today and will continue on Tuesday is 'Does Prayer Work?'

We started out with the story of the disciple Thomas and how he questioned that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus responded by allowing Thomas to see and feel his wounds. So asking faith questions, big questions, is a good thing. Being curious is a good thing - it is alright to have doubts.

We then looked at our expectations from prayer, what we might pray and wondered how God might respond to our prayers. If we just talk all the time to God we cannot hear God answer!

Prayer is a conversation. We listen and we reply.

We looked briefly at The Lord's Prayer in the language Jesus would have spoken - Aramaic -and the emphasis on asking to be God's willing hands.

When we pray God can help us to be part of the solution for one another.

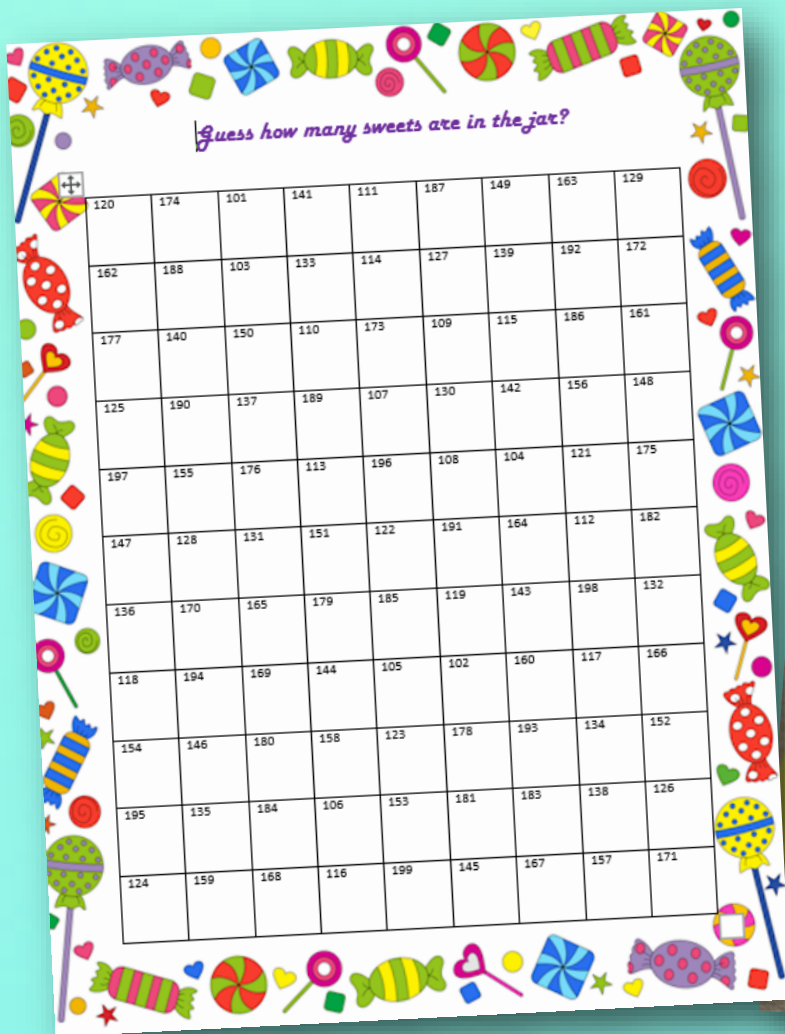
C.S. Lewis wrote: ' Prayer doesn't change God, it changes me.'

So I wonder if you see God changing you when you pray? Maybe your attitude, maybe some inspiration, maybe a sense of peace, maybe a challenge to say sorry to someone.

As a Christian I believe God does change me through prayer.

We learnt the first part of The Lord's Prayer in BSL and will learn the rest on Tuesday when we will also look at examples of sports people praying and what Jesus says about group prayers.

Coach Soobie



Banana to show size of jar.

50p a go

Pay on Parentpay

Once payment made, children can choose a number from Mrs Bale's poster and write their guess down next to the number.

All proceeds to buy school resources. Good luck everyone!



2nd May	Teacher training day, school closed to children
6th May	Bank holiday
7th May 2.45pm	RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Parent meeting
w/b 13th May	KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS)
17th May	Class Photographs
24th May	Crowning of the May King and Queen
3rd June	Teacher training day, school closed to children
4th June to 7th June	Early Bird Week
10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
14th June	Fathers day event
Wb 17th June	DT Week
26th June	2.45pm Year 5 Come and Learn 5pm EYFS New Parents Meeting
27th June	2.45pm Early Years Come and Learn (Pirate Theme)
1st July	A week of "Service"
4th July	Sports Day
5th July	End of Year Reports
10th July	Moving On Day
19th July	Last day of term

Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024:

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

Multiplication tables check

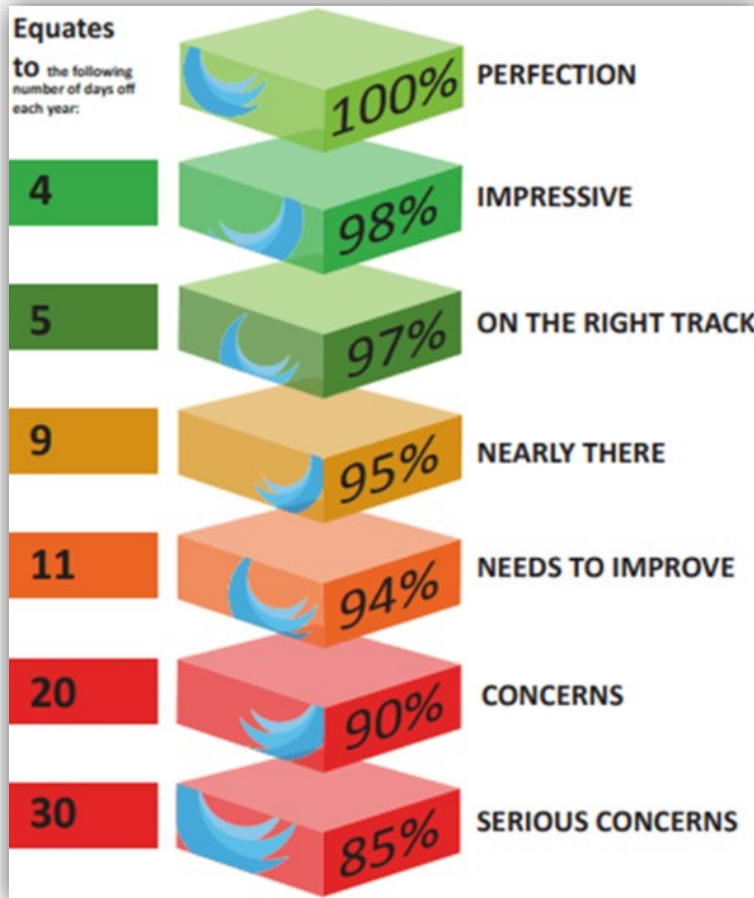
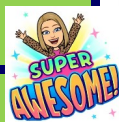
Schools must administer the [multiplication tables check](#) within the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

Phonics screening check

Schools must administer the [phonics screening check](#) within the 1-week period from Monday 10 June 2024.

Attendance Update

Attendance	
Nursery	100%
Reception	100%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	89.5%
Year 5	87.2%
Year 6	97.5%



A good first week back, lets keep it up!

Whole school attendance was 94.3% this week.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



Mrs Lampe Cullen's Recommended Reads



*This is the gull that flew from the hull
And nabbed the crab that sneakily grabbed
The gold from the seal that jumped up to steal
The loot from the whale that flashed his tail..
...That stole the gold that lay in the hold
Of the ship that Jack built*

Jack's ship has set sail with a precious cargo of gold in the hold, but a whole host of thieves are out to snatch it from under his nose. From the squid that opens the lid and the seal that tries to steal, to the cat and the rat and the whale with its splashy tail, Jack really has his hands full.

Bee's family runs a lakeside inn, offering rest and sustenance to weary travellers. Bee's Nan has gone missing, possibly drowned, but Bee knows that can't be true. And so does the hungry fox that her grandmother was feeding.

Shadow is cross that her supply of salmon has dried up and is determined to do something about it. Soon both fox and child are on an adventure to find Nan, uncover what's happening to all the secret islands on the Great Lake and learn just how far magical powers can take you...





DANCE

Classes



Ballet, Tap
Disco/Street Dance
Pre-School Dance & Adult
Tap

Classes held in Bubbenhall
& Wellesbourne

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SCSB Dancer
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