



Head's Comment's

We are very excited to start this half term's newsletter with the news that Rolls Crescent Primary recently won the Manchester Sports Award 2021 in the category of 'School of the Year'.

We were recognised for being the first school in Manchester to work with charity Rackets Cubed to run a programme that involved integrating squash, maths and nutrition for our children (in year 5). Our work with the Community Box programme through the pandemic was also recognised, particularly the food parcels we were able to offer through the summer.



As we reach the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to four members of staff. We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Frier, Miss Cunningham, Miss Shelmerdine and Mr Kennedy well in their new roles.

Finally, we hope all who celebrate Christmas enjoy the festivities when they arrive and may everyone have a safe and peaceful holiday. See you back on Tuesday 4th January 2022!

Best wishes,

Mr Reynolds and Mrs Turner



Introducing Our New Chair of Governors — Linda Guest.

Dear all,

I am really pleased to be writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Rolls Crescent Primary School.

I first visited the school in October and was struck by the warmth of the school community, the commitment of the staff and the enthusiasm of the pupils. Having spoken to the Heads of School I feel that the school's mission and values are something that I can firmly support. I felt incredibly privileged when I was elected both as a governor and the Chair.

For those of you who are interested in my background, I have worked in the education sector for over 25 years. I have taught in both primary and secondary schools, including several years as a Headteacher. I have also worked at Stoke-on-Trent Local Authority as a school advisor and have held a senior position working for an academy trust. I have previously been a governor at four schools and was a Chair of Governors in Stoke-on-Trent for five years.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the other new governors who have joined the governing body this term. As many of you will know, our newly elected parent governors are Sara Anis and Hina Javed and Mrs Elkington is the new staff governor. They all bring important knowledge of the school community which I know will be really valuable to me as a newcomer.

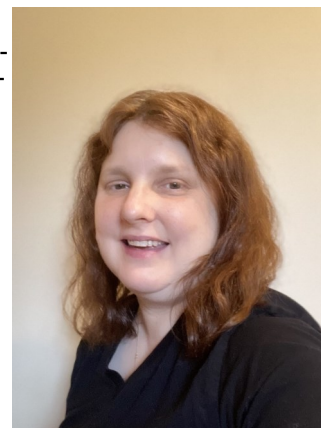
As governors, our role is to ensure that the school provides good quality education and care for all of its pupils. We do this through supporting school leaders and asking challenging questions to ensure that the education that the children receive is the best it can possibly be. Although it is a voluntary role, it is one that we all take very seriously.

We feel it is important that our school community know about our work and so I intend to provide regular updates in the school newsletter. I will also write to parents/carers at other times when there is something to share.

I am incredibly excited about the opportunity to support the school and I hope to meet some of you personally in the near future.

Best wishes

Linda Guest





Year 3

In Year 3 this half term we have been reading the book 'Winter's Child'. We

have created our own fantasy character using art to help our imaginations come to life, and so that we can picture what we are writing about.

We have also been learning about how Asia affects our lives in our Big Question. So in Design and Technology, we have used recycled materials to create replica models of different famous structures in Asia.

Next term we will be learning all about Emmeline Pankhurst.



Year 6

In Year 6, it has been another busy half term. In science, we have been exploring electricity. We needed to know how circuits and switches worked to light up the lighthouses that we designed and made.

On 17th November, we had visitors in school from Prevent to Protect. As well as a very powerful classroom session with a former gang member, we learnt about the importance of keeping ourselves fit and healthy and took part in an outdoor session of circuit training. It was very tiring, but lots of fun!



Year 6 were also lucky to take part in an online author event with the inspiring Onjali Rauf, who wrote, 'The Boy at the Back of Class' – a powerful story about friendship and the refugee crisis.

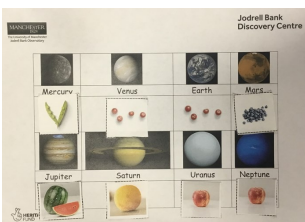
Year 6 will be looking at Alan Turing's achievements next term.

Thank you for helping us raise £837 for the Children in Need Charity. Your donations will help vulnerable children in the U.K.

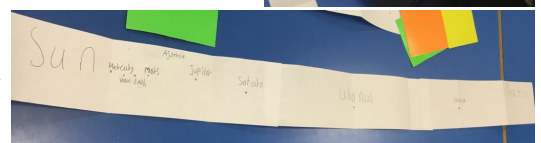


Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Chorlton Park Primary School as part of a CLIC Trust Science Day. We spent the day exploring different elements of space which included live lessons from Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre and a planetarium visit. Throughout the day, the children were able to take part in investigations including exploring the impact of velocity on the depth of a crater on the moon using sand and also got the chance to show off their own investigation we completed in school using vitamin tablets to imitate the force a rocket is placed under prior to take off. We were also given the opportunity to try other scientific investigations created by the other schools in the CLIC Trust.



Next term, we will be looking at the achievements of Barack Obama.




Reception

In Reception we have really enjoyed being outside and watching all the changes that happen at this time of the year. We have made birdfeeders and made patterns using conkers, sticks and leaves in our Maths.

We have been reading the books, 'I'm going to eat this Ant' and 'Flashlight' in our English lessons and we have been thinking about the places that different animals live and what they eat. We even came in to find an anteater had visited our classroom!

We love being creative in Reception and we are always drawing, painting and making using different materials. We are looking forward to next week when we will be looking at different artists and using ideas from them to make our own observational drawings.

Next term we will be looking at the question— What is this building?


Nursery

We have had a lovely half term

learning all about transport for our big question, 'How to I go places?' We have really enjoyed the books we have read which have been all about vehicles, 'We all go travelling by' and 'Roaring rockets'. We have made lanterns to celebrate Diwali and we have created amazing bonfire pictures! In Maths we have been continuing and creating repeating patterns and exploring different shapes. In Music we have created our own rhythms using instruments and objects from the different areas of the Nursery. The children loved dressing up for Children in Need in their super hero costumes and Pudsey clothes and accessories. Next term we will be looking at Traditional Stories—particularly Goldilocks.

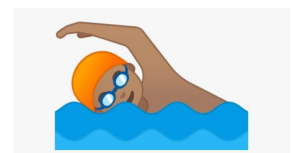

Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at food chains where the children have learnt essential knowledge about producers, consumers and predators and then made links to different animals in different food chains.

In our Geography, we have been looking at the UK in Europe. Children have learned about different counties and cities and the directions of other European countries from the UK. We have also looked at the uniqueness of the four countries in the UK and touched on lakes and rivers as well.

Swimming has been a huge success this year and all children are achieving really good things in the water with quite a lot of 25m successes already.

Next term, we will look at the achievements of Dame Sarah Storey.





Year 1- Smithills Farm.

In Year 1 this half term we really enjoyed our trip to Smithells Farm. The children were so excited to feed animals, watch the cows being milked with the machines, explore the farm and ask lots of questions. The children were so well behaved and we were so proud of how much they learned from the trip which linked into our Science topic on 'Animals including Humans'.

In English we have been learning about a cheeky character called 'Nibbles the book Monster', who loves to eat books. In Maths we have been doing addition and subtraction to 20. In Geography, children have been embedding their understanding of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.

Next half term, we will be finding out all about Marcus Rashford and what he has achieved.

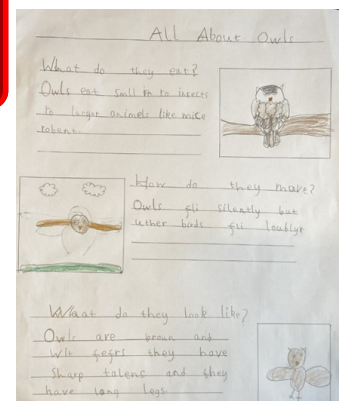
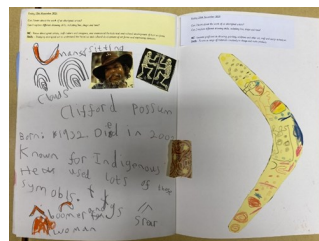


Year 2—Owls, teeth and boomerangs!

In English this half term, Year 2 have been busy learning all about owls. We have researched what owls look like, what they eat, how they move and how they survive. We have used this information to write a non-chronological report all about owls using: nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs and conjunctions. In art, we have been looking at aboriginal art and researched the artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri. We used oil pastels to create our own aboriginal art. We have designed our own aboriginal Australian boomerangs too! We also enjoyed a visit from DiPS (dentists in primary schools) and learnt about visiting the dentist, the effects of sugar on teeth and how to take care of our teeth.

Next term we will look at the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Winter jumper day—
Friday December 10th. Bring
£1 for Save the Children.



Autumn Term will finish on Friday 17h December 2021 at 2pm.
Please help us by picking your children up on time.