

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

I have been involved in quite a lot of collaborative / partnership work this week both in school and out.

On Tuesday morning I attended the first 'Family of Schools' Headteacher meeting of the academic year followed by an Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust (ALPT) meeting. In the first of these meetings, Headteachers were joined by Dave Clark (Head of Learning Improvement within the Children and Families Directorate) who discussed the current 3 'obsessions' for Leeds:

- all children make the best start to school.
- all children 'In Need' are safe, supported and successful in school.
- all children in Leeds read for learning and fun.

I think we can relate to all of these obsessions — the last of which is going to be a strong focus for Rufford Park in the coming months.

On Tuesday evening, I joined the industrious 'Friends of Rufford Park' for their (or perhaps I should say 'our') AGM. There are going to be even more events throughout the year—the dates and details of which will be shared soon.

On Wednesday morning I joined Reception colleagues as they hosted an informative curriculum meeting for parents. There was a very pleasing turn out and I think it was well received too. Later that evening I met with the governors of the Pupil Support Sub Committee and we discussed and ratified many important policies that we use in school to ensure every child is happy, healthy and safe.



**Alphablocks - a resource to help our youngest children with the first stage of reading.**

## Drama Club

On Tuesday members of the drama club visited Stage@Leeds which is the theatre at the University of Leeds. They took part in a company workshop in preparation for their upcoming production of 'Twelfth Night' at the Shakespeare Schools Festival 2019. The children thoroughly enjoyed this workshop where they received expert coaching from professional actors and directors. We are very much looking forward to watching the children when they perform their play on Tuesday 22nd October.

**This week in assembly we focussed on:**

The importance of listening

## Cross Country Trials

Yesterday Mr Spence and I held trials for an up and coming cross country event. Well done to all those who took part and to those who made the team.

## Aireborough Leisure Centre open for business...

Today our Year 4 children finally had their first swim of the year. The leisure centre, which has been closed since May 2017, was open for school swimming lessons this week and Rufford Park Primary enjoyed getting wet for the right reasons!

## Parents' Evening reminder:

If you haven't done so already, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher on either Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th October. I would like **every** parent to have a meeting before half term on one of these nights. At this stage, it might be easier for you to contact the office directly to see what appointment times are still available. If you are unable to make either evening please contact us and we will arrange an appointment for you at an alternative time.