

Headteacher's news:

Assembly focus: The importance of telling the truth

I have spent quite a lot of time visiting classes this week - observing lessons and talking to the children. I have been impressed by the teaching, learning and levels of engagement from the pupils; they are lucky to have such talented staff working with them.

The teachers have been busy attending subject leader meetings with schools from the ALPT this week. The purpose of these meetings was to share common school priorities, share good practice and ideas and establish any working partnerships. The feedback circulating around the Headteachers is that these meetings have been productive and a good use of time. I was pleased that we hosted three of these meetings here at Rufford Park: Geography/History, Modern Foreign Languages and Art/DT.

Next week is going to be busy too as we welcome you to Parents' Evening. This is the first formal opportunity many of you will have had to discuss how your child is settling in and progressing with their learning. If you still haven't made an appointment then it is never too late. Please contact the Office and they will be able help you with this. Have a lovely weekend.

'London's burning, London's burning: fire, fire...'

This week Years 1 and 2 took part in a very exciting workshop working with a Forest School Practitioner. They built the great city of London including St Paul's Cathedral and London Bridge and then watched how the Great Fire of London took hold and spread throughout the city by burning it down! The children thoroughly enjoyed the Afternoon. They learned so much more about the topic as well as important fire safety rules.



Keeping healthy this winter

This week I received information from Public Health England about the important health considerations as winter approaches. One initiative to combat health problems is that children in all year groups (Reception to Year 6) will be offered the Influenza Vaccination. The nursing team will be coming to school on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Consent forms and more details will be sent home nearer the time.

Cross Country

This week we competed in the North West Cross Country Championships at Wharfe Meadows in Otley. We took a competitive girl and boy team from Y3-Y6 to the event. The children ran well - particularly in Year 4 where the girls' team came 2nd and the boys' team came 1st! All teams have qualified to run in the Leeds City Finals which is likely to take place in early February at Temple Newsam.

A big thankyou to Mr Spence and all the staff who accompanied the children to the event.

On Saturday, the second league race of the season takes place at Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School. Many thanks to Mrs Cahill and Mrs Roberts who will be meeting the children at this event.