

Rufford Park Post



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Headteacher's news:

We have had a very busy week after another weekend of [Saturday morning cross country](#). Results from this race can be [viewed here](#).

On Monday and Wednesday, we welcomed parents and carers to attend meetings with class teachers. We had a very good turn out and have managed to meet with the vast majority of parents. If you were unable to make it on one of these evenings, please do get in touch via the school office or via your child's class email address and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for you to discuss how your child is getting on.

On Tuesday we took 40 children from KS2 to Wharfe Meadows in Otley for the North West Leeds Cross Country Festival. The results from this event act as a qualifier for the Leeds finals which takes place in February. Photos can be viewed on [this page of the website](#).

On Thursday morning 10 children from Y2 took part in a 'come and try' Cheer Dance event at Leeds Trinity University. [Click here](#) to watch them in action. Later this day, we held the second of our open days for parents whose children are due to start school in September 2024. We have one remaining open day event which takes place on Thursday 16 November - please spread the word about our amazing school!

Doreen Gallimore (Mrs Gallimore to the children) had a very special birthday earlier this week (21 again!) and has only one more week with us at Rufford Park before she retires. Mrs Gallimore has worked here for almost 30 years and has done an amazing job as 'cook in charge' during this time. She will be missed but leaves with our very best wishes and we can't thank her enough for her unwavering commitment in providing school meals to the children of Rufford Park.



In **assembly** Mrs Harris spoke to the children about friendship. This is a summary from Mrs. Harris:
"We discussed the qualities of a good friend and how we can make friends by being a good friend to others. The new friendship bench bought by the Friends of Rufford Park was introduced and we spoke about how this can be used at playtimes; eventually there will be a bench on each of the playgrounds. If children are feeling lonely, need a friend to play with or need someone to talk then they can sit on the bench as a way of signalling to other children on the playground that they need support or need a friend. We agreed it was everyone's responsibility to look out for children sitting on the bench and we discussed how those children can be helped - by joining them on the bench for a chat, inviting them to play or finding some children they would like to play with."



Parent Governor update: I am now able to share with you the names of our new parent governors. Rebecca Swinfen and Michael Crolla (both parents of children in KS1) have joined the governing body and I look forward to working with them over the years to come.

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NORTHERN ARTS FACTORY

HALF TERM
ADDAMS FAMILY
THEMED
DANCE & DRAMA
WORKSHOPS
MON 30 & TUES 31 OCT
10AM-2PM

THE GROVE, HORSFORTH LS18 4BH
£22 PER DAY (EXISTING STUDENTS: £20)

We have one more week of school before it is the half term holiday. The Northern Arts Factory (who deliver our PE dance lessons and club on Fridays) are running a couple of workshops during the first part of the week which might be of interest.

Have a good weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

[Mon 23 Oct: FORP AGM](#) 09:00 at school
[Fri 27 Oct:](#) School closes for half term
[Mon 6 Nov:](#) School opens for Autumn 2
[Thurs 16 Nov:](#) Reception 2024 Open Day 3 13:30-14:30
[Fri 17 Nov:](#) Teacher Training Day 3 - school will be closed to all children
[Sat 25 Nov:](#) Christmas Fayre 12:00-14:00
[Mon 4 Dec:](#) Tree of Lights at Yeadon Town Hall 19:00-20:00
[Fri 22 Dec:](#) School closes for Christmas

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)
[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)
[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)