

Steam Mills Primary

27.09.2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 30th September

Our next collection for Rags 2 Riches is on Monday. We hope to have collection bags to distribute shortly but if these do not arrive in time, any plastic bag can be used.

Collection is usually in the morning, therefore, please could bags be dropped off opposite the main gate between 7:45am and 9:15am on the day. The school is paid 40p per kilo and all proceeds go to Friends of Steam Mills (FoSM).



Here you will find a list of acceptable items to donate :

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

Many thanks

Tempest Photography – Individual/Sibling Photos – Tuesday 1st October

Tempest will be visiting on Tuesday to take photos of the children which will be available for you to purchase on-line. If you would like a sibling photo taken with children that are younger than school age or not attending our Nursery on Tuesday; please come into school between 8:30am and 9:00am for the photo to be taken. All other sibling photos will be taken during the morning as Tempest work their way through the classes.

Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents Wednesday 2nd October

Mrs Fawkes will be holding a phonics workshop to explain how we teach early reading at Steam Mills on Weds 2nd October at 2.45pm in the hall.



Parents Evenings – Tuesday 8th October & Tuesday 15th October

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 8th October and Tuesday 15th October. Bookings for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are made via our eSchools system which is now open for booking. The meetings are in 10 minute slots, please adhere to this time limit. Please let Miss Agg (school office) know if you would also like to see Miss Barber (SENCO) and she will book this for you. If you have any issues booking for your child/ren, please contact Miss Agg for assistance.

Pre-school Parents Evenings will be on the same days and bookings can be made with the Pre-school staff from Monday.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December

Half Term

28th October-1st November

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

25th October

6th January

11th April

21st July

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

September

30th Rags2Riches Collection

October

1st Tempest Individual/Sibling photos

2nd Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

4th Federation Trip for Y3/4 to Cheltenham Literature Festival

9th Nasal Flu Vaccinations

15th Y1/Y2 to Woodside for Autumn Activities

17th Second Hand Uniform Sale

22nd Reading Café – everyone welcome

24th Harvest Festival Collection/ Non-school Uniform Day

25th Inset Training Day

End of Term 1

November

4th Start of Term 2

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme – YR to Y6

The NHS school vaccination team will be visiting on **Wednesday 9th October 2024**. Please find attached details of how to register your child, this is all being administered on-line this year, so there will not be any paper copies of forms going home. **Please note that you need to login even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, failure to do this will lead to a follow up call from the school and possibly the NHS vaccination team.**

Second-hand Uniform Sale – Thursday 17th October

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale of Thursday 17th October from 3pm, until 4pm. All items will be £1 each and proceeds go to FoSM. If you need any extra uniform, please do come along!

Harvest Festival Collection and Non-School Uniform Day – Thursday 24th October 2024

This year we are again donating items to the Forest Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebration, supporting people in our local community. We have been asked by the Foodbank to request the following items if possible, which can be handed into reception or the class teacher:



fruit juice, Smash, sponge puddings, jelly, Angel Delight, jam, packet soup, instant noodles, multipack crisps, UHT milk. Toiletries and household products such as washing powder and washing up liquid. Thank you!



The children will be having an assembly with Forest Foodbank on Thursday 24th October to explain what they do and how we can help as well as singing Harvest songs with Mrs Evans. **Article 24- the right to nutritious food**

Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-School - another busy week at Pre-School! We took part in Maths fest along with the school. We looked at an artist called Piet Mondrian and used his famous piece of artwork to create our replicas using Lego, printing with rulers, colouring in a template and making our own stain glass windows. We have talked more about Autumn and the changes that happen within this season. The children have also enjoyed a range of role play, enjoying the last of the dry weather out on the school field and continuing to settle, making wonderful friendships within the setting. Our number of the week has been 3 and our sound has been T.

Class 1 – Busy week in Class 1. We have been learning lots about families and discussing what our families look like. The children have also drawn portraits of their families. In maths we have been doing some counting and looking at the concept of cardinality, which is all about 'how many'. We have been practising counting objects but also things we can hear such as claps and beats of a drum. In phonics we have learnt the 'i' and 'n' sound this week and our HFW's are 'in, it, is, I, am'. On Wednesday we had Maths Fest and Class 1 were looking at Piet Mondrian. For a lot of his work, he used primary colours and certain shapes to express how he was feeling. The children enjoyed their grownups from home coming in and doing the activities with them.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Layton - for settling so well into Pre-School, always smiling and getting stuck into everything!
Freddie - for enjoying his first Yoga session, having a go and trying really hard!

Class 1

Tilly - for her beautiful picture of her family.
Ava - for her fantastic sounding out and blending.

Class 2

Zia - wonderful effort in maths, using reasoning skills and understanding number lines well.
Mason - fantastic knowledge of more than and fewer than.

Class 3

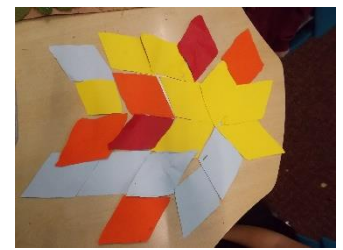
Alfie C - for great understanding of skeleton types.
Annabelle - for increased confidence in the swimming pool.

Class 4

Jack J - for excellent listening and contributions during the TIC talk.
Jack D - for improved effort in class discussion.

Class 2 – this week, we have been innovating our own stories based on the class book, I Want My Hat Back. The children have been very enthusiastic about this text and have enjoyed role play and getting into character. We will be starting a new text next week. In phonics, the Year 2s have learnt the gn and wr sounds. The year 1s have recapped oi and been introduced to ay and oy. Thank you to everyone who came to Maths Fest on Wednesday; it was lovely to have parents in to see some of the artwork and help with painting in the morning!

Class 3 have had a brilliant week learning about Escher during Maths Fest. They explored a range of mathematical resources to create repeating patterns and tessellation, then they designed their own fish to tessellate in the style of Escher. The children had lots of fun tessellating leaves and sharing work with parents/ carers. On Tuesday, they amazed me with their fantastic swimming and in writing the children used inverted commas to show speech. For the Y3s this is the first time they have used this punctuation and the Y4s impressed me with using inverted commas, capital letters and punctuation inside speech.



Class 4 have had a really good week. The children have continued their work on Goodnight Mr Tom and how they can use DADWAVERS to improve their sentence openers, aiding cohesion and improving description. They also enjoyed their science lesson about voltage and using different voltages in a circuit and how this affects the component it is powering. In History, the children have started learning about the Battle of Britain and the impacts of war on civilians; there were some powerful messages in the clips from survivors in WW2. A HUGE THANKYOU to all of the parents that visited Class 4 for MathsFest - we hope you enjoyed your time with us and the children were very happy you left them some biscuits 😊

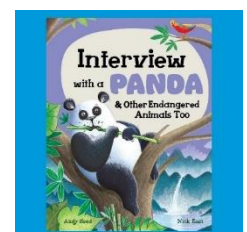
MATHSFEST

Firstly, a massive thank you to all of the parents that came along to our special day. We wanted to showcase Maths through Art and the staff and children were so happy that they had so many visitors to share in their learning. Over 80 parents visited us throughout the day and engaged in the maths activities across the school - Mondrian in EYFS, Kandinsky in C2, Escher in C3 and DaVinci/Fibonacci in C4. We observed many parents getting stuck in, and 'doing maths' (and smiling about it!) with painting, drawing, tessellating and measuring! We hope you enjoyed yourselves and agree that **MATHS IS FUN!** We look forward to seeing you again!



Author Visit – Andy Seed – Lydney Library – Monday 28th October

Join author Andy Seed and a whole host of rare and amazing creatures from around the world as Andy shares his new book Interview with a Panda and Other Endangered Animals Too. We'll meet chameleons, flying foxes, rhinos, rare crocodiles and a strange parrot that can't fly among others, and learn why these special animals need our help. A mix of fun and facts for ages 5-11. If you are no longer able to attend please cancel your booking so that someone on



the waiting list can have your space. **TICKETS: PAY WHAT YOU CHOOSE:** We don't want price to be a barrier to enjoying creativity and culture in our libraries. Simply choose how much you pay for your tickets based on what's right for you (from £0 to £10) and enjoy the event.

You can book here:

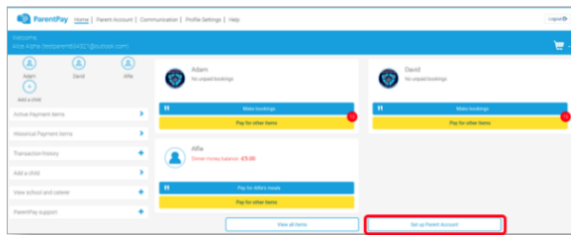
<https://gloslibraries.uk/event/lydney-library-interview-panda-and-author-andy-seed-28-10-2024>

ParentPay Instructions on How to Add Credit

A few parents have asked how they can ensure that their ParentPay accounts are always in credit. We have provided instructions below that explain the processes.

Adding credit to your Parent Account

1. Navigate to www.parentpay.com and log into your account
2. Select **Set up Parent Account** (If credit has been added to the Parent Account previously, this will read **Add Parent Account credit**)



3. Select one of the pre-set amounts, or manually enter the amount in the Other amount box to top up with

A screenshot of the 'Set up Parent Account' form. The form has a 'Help and guidance' section at the top. Below it, there are radio button options for pre-set amounts: £25.00, £50.00, and £100.00. The 'Other' option is selected, and a text input field next to it contains the value '10.00'. Below the input field, it says 'Min - £1.00 / Max - £9999.99'. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Payment' section with a button labeled 'Other payment methods'.

4. Choose how to pay by selecting **Other payment method**
5. A success notification will be displayed, and a receipt will be emailed to you

Making a payment using Parent Account credit

1. Navigate back to the homepage, and select one of the following:
 - a. Pay for <child's name=""> meals – located below the child's name in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only give the option to pay for school meals for a single child.
 - b. Pay for other items – located below the option to pay for meals in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only provide details of any items assigned this child.
 - c. Active payment items – on computers, this is located in the menu on the left side of the page. For mobile devices, this can be accessed by selecting
2. Select **View** against the item for payment
3. Enter the amount to pay, quantity required, or any other requested information
4. Select Pay by Parent Account

Please note: If there is not enough credit in your Parent Account to cover the cost of the item, you will be prompted to add the item to your basket

5. A success notification will be displayed at the top of the screen containing your updated Parent Account balance, and a receipt will be emailed to you.

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Age 5-11
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As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website