



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 29th March

This Week:

- Thank you all the Y1 parents/carers who attended the swimming meeting on Tuesday this week. We hope you found it useful. If you were not able to attend you can find the slides on the website in the next few days under the 'Parents/Carers' tab. Please click on 'Information Meetings'. Year 1 children have visited the pool this morning to watch our Y2 children have their lesson and were very excited! Year 2 children enjoyed showing off all their swimming skills too.
- Our Mother's Day gift sale was a big success! I won't spoil the surprise, but I hope you enjoy your lovely presents. 😊
- Year 1 children had an amazing afternoon watching some science demonstrations by staff at Derby Moor Community Sports College on Wednesday. It was exciting to see such a big school, and it would be fair to say we brightened the day of the Derby Moor students as we walked past them in our lab coats! Children were excited to see some of the lab technicians also wearing lab coats. If your child came home and said they couldn't remember what they had seen, ask them about the colour changing liquids, elephant's toothpaste, popping hydrogen, relighting a flame with oxygen, coke cans and Miss Bailey's hair standing on end! Thank you to Mrs Bate at Derby Moor for arranging this experience for us.
- Year 2 children enjoyed their workshop with Cycle Derby this week too! Some children can already ride confidently, and these children were practising to stop, start and steer carefully. For children who could not yet ride, or use stabilisers, the Cycle Derby staff helped them to get their balance on a balance bike (a bike with no pedals) before moving on to a pedalled bike when they were confident. If your child is not yet confident to ride a 2 wheel bike and you are not sure how to help them, Cycle Derby advice is to remove stabilisers and pedals to create your own balance bike first. When your child can travel short distances with their feet off the ground and balance, move straight on to pedalling without using stabilisers. Stabilisers allow children to ride leaning slightly to one side, which is a hard habit to get out of, so get those stabilisers off!
- Thank you to all Y2 parents/carers who were able to join us for the Y2 Assessment (SATs) meeting this week. If you were not able to attend you can find the slides on the website in the next few days under the 'Parents/Carers' tab. Please click on 'Information Meetings'. During the meetings, a few parents and carers have asked for some examples of question types. Mrs Harford-Smyth is putting something together "My Special Work Booklet" and this will be sent home with your children at some point next week.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Year 1 children will be attending a Community Safety Day experience next week on Wed 3rd or Thur 4th April. This is a brilliant opportunity for them to learn more about the emergency services, first aid and how to keep themselves safe.
- Year 1 parents and carers are invited to an information meeting about the Statutory Phonics Screening Check that will be taking place in June. If you have not yet returned your slip, please do let us know if you are able to join is as soon as you can.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Mon 8 th – Thu 11 th April	Please bring your entries to the Great Ridgeway Egg-hibition this week! We are excited to see your egg-cellently decorated eggs! We will be judging the competition on Friday and prizes will be awarded in assembly on Friday.
Thu 11 th April	Reception parents/carers are invited to watch our Grand Easter Bonnet Parade in the

Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Seth in Class 2. Seth's writing was chosen because for the first time, he wrote his sentence independently with no help at all!

Seth first created an alien of his own design out of modelling clay. Then he wrote about it, using describing words. He tried really hard to keep his letters small and neat. He used his Fred fingers to help him to say the sounds in the words that he could hear and then wrote down the sounds in the right order. We hope you all enjoy reading Seth's description, "My alien is big and fat." He was very proud to find out his writing would be featured in our newsletter!

Well done Seth! 😊

Baby Alien.



my alien is big and fat.