

Ridgeway Primary School



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Year 6 Mayan Warrior Fashion Show

Our last topic was called 'The Mysterious Mayans' and at the end of term we had a Mayan Warrior Fashion Show. We had to make our own arm and leg cuffs by sewing them together, with the help of Mr. T and Mrs. Derbyshire. We also put a personal design and feathers around the edges of the cuffs. Then we moved onto the yolk (which is the bit that goes round your neck) and added another creative design with feathers. We then tackled the head-dresses, which were quite simple to make because they only took one morning, whereas the other parts took longer. We put our designs on these as well. Finally, we all made up handshakes or dances to greet other warriors on the catwalk during the show.



Our first show was for KS1 and then KS2. Then it was time for the parents show. We had bouncers on the front door and ushers to show our guests to their seats. We also had waitresses/waiters serving drinks before the show started. Some of us were MCs (Microphone controllers) to explain what was happening during the show. We all had a brilliant time and loved strutting our stuff down the catwalk. Oh and the prizes were great too, haha! By Sydney and Iris

Parent Pay

We have signed up to the online payment system Parent Pay. This will mean that school dinners, tickets for event, trips etc. will all be able to be paid for online. This does also mean that we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques as we will become a cashless school. This step has been taken to support parents in making payments, and booking clubs and tickets. More information will come out shortly.

Allotment

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Barber (Grandad of several children at school) for working with groups of children at the allotment and for all his help in maintaining the allotment - it looks superb.

We still need volunteers to help with weeding and other small jobs at this time of year. If anyone can spare an hour of their time it would be very much appreciated. Please, come and see Miss Atkin if you can help.

Also, a cheeky request, the grass needs strimming! Is there anyone with a mobile strimmer that can help with this from time to time? Again, please speak to Miss Atkin if you can help us with this. Thank you in advance.

Reminder of INSET Days for Next Academic Year

To try and help parents we have already set our INSET days for next academic year.

September: Tues. 3rd & Wed. 4th December: Fri. 20th July: Mon. 20th & Tues 21st



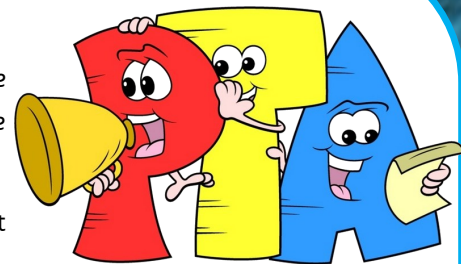
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PTA Corner

As you may have seen on the newsletter we are super excited to announce that we will be hosting a brand new event on May 17th 2019 that we are calling 'Spring Fest'.

We are very excited for this new addition to our PTA calendar and hope that this event will be a little celebration of Spring in beautiful Ridgeway.

We have lots of fun planned, here are some of the details:



[A 'Duck Dip'](#) – You will be given the opportunity to 'sponsor' a plastic duck with its own unique number. The ducks will all be put into the local river to race! Mr. Wilson will be braving the elements and rushing waters of Ridgeway to save three of them, our three winners. Cash prizes will be given to the lucky winners. We will be filming the race and the footage of the 'dip' will be screened during 'Spring Fest' and available on the school website and Facebook page afterwards. This promises to be very entertaining. Each duck will cost £2 to sponsor, feel free to enter for your family friends too, there are plenty to go around.

[Great Ridgeway Bake Off](#) – We will be asking for your wonderful cake creations to be bought in on the morning of the Spring Fest (17.05.19) the winner will, of course receive a prize! We will then be selling your creations at the end of the day for us all to enjoy in the sunshine. Entry to the bake off is £1.50 – everyone welcome.

[Treasure Hunt](#) – For those who missed the Easter Hunt this year, do not fear! We are in the middle of putting together a fabulous hunt. This time around however, we have tried to make it even more engaging and educational. There will be QR codes in various locations throughout Ridgeway, the children (with your help) will be able to use a smart phone/device to scan the codes and crack the code! Tickets for the hunt will be £2 per child, £1.50 for additional siblings.




If you book all three of these activities for your child, tickets will be available for £4.50.

Letters for this event were sent out before Easter, thank you to those of you that have already returned your requests. Our red PTA box will be on the wall each morning, any other times (and if its raining) it will be in reception. There are spare / extra letters on the carousel in the office reception, if anybody needs them.

Please indicate which fun filled activities your child/children would like to participate in using the form (also available on the PTA page of the website) and enclose payment in a sealed envelope via our red PTA box. We will then issue you tickets accordingly. Thank you.

[Attendance for the Spring Term](#)

This week's top attendance:

1st	The Starfish	100%	
2nd	The Sharks	99.0%	
3rd	The Sea Turtles & Sea Horses	97.9%	

Whole school 97%

0.9% **above** our target (96.1%)

[Diary Dates](#)

Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday—School Closed
Fri 10th May	Home-School Liaison meeting 2pm
Mon 13th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wed 22nd May	NSPCC workshops for Year 5 & 6
Wed 22nd May	IOW meeting for parents 3.45pm
Fri 24th May	End of Term 5—Half Term Holiday
Mon 3rd Jun.	Start of Term 6
Mon 10th Jun.	Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight
Mon 17th Jun.	Class Photos