



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 3rd May

This Week:

- Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful holiday and enjoyed the sunshine – what a treat to have the sun on a bank holiday weekend!
 - You may have noticed our recycling station is now open! The Ridgeway Recycling Station is currently located at the top of the playground near the entrance to Class 5 opposite the shelter. We are currently collecting batteries, old spectacles, plastic bottle tops and postage stamps. We would very much appreciate your support! If you are able to bring in any of these items from home, please pop them in the boxes for us to recycle. With stamps, could we please ask that you tear/cut the stamp from the envelope leaving some paper around the outside of the stamp rather than putting in the entire envelope? Many thanks for your help.
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- Watch out! Year 1 children have noticed a dinosaur walking around the playground this week. I think it might have something to do with their dinosaur topic this term! 😊
 - As you know, Ridgeway were selected to take part in the Derby Picture Book Awards this year. 4 books were shortlisted and Year 2 children in schools across Derby voted for their favourite. The overall winner chosen by Derby Year 2 children was *The Girls* by Lauren Ace and illustrated by Jenny Løvlie. As you can imagine, there were mixed responses about this from the Year 2 boys! The Ridgeway winners were as follows: Year 2 and Reception winner was *The Only Way is Badger*, Year 1 winner was also *The Girls*.
 - Year 1 children had their first swimming lesson today. We believe someone may have lost some items out of their swimming bag during the morning. We have a bright pink swimming hat and a pair of pink frilly bottoms from a girl's two-piece suit. If you find that you are missing these items, please collect them from the school office.
 - Year 2 children have begun some special work this half term. 'Special Agent Tasks' will enable children to showcase their learning so far this year and help teachers to make assessments. These tasks will be carried out throughout May.

Coming Up Next Week:

- A reminder that school is closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May.
- Thursday 9th May is our Ground Force Day (Aka Dig & Doughnuts)! If any of our families are free on Thursday after school, please do come along and help us to reinvigorate our Reception garden! A reward of a doughnut are available to all hard workers and time donors!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

13 th May	Class 5 rearranged Maths Open Sessions – invited parents have already had a letter about this.
24 th May	Tea & Toast School Closes for Half Term
3 rd June	School Opens

Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Aala in Class 6. She has written a description of the dinosaur that was seen walking through the playground earlier this week!

Aala's writing was chosen because she has tried hard to keep her handwriting neat, with tall letters tall and letters with tails dangling under the line. Aala has tried hard to use the sounds she knows to spell words she is not sure of. She has used lots of great describing words so we as readers can imagine what it looked like and added extra information to make her writing interesting, such as the fact that the dinosaur kept coming back to school, and that his tongue is red and rosy! On top of all that, Aala wrote this description without any help at all. Brilliant writing Aala, well done!

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The dinosaur was brite orang
and dark black stripes.
The dinosaur ceaps cuming bak
When we are dooing English.
The dinosaur has sharp teeth.
The dinosaur is huge.
The dinosaur has a red rosea
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