



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 21st June 2019

Relationships Education

Next year we will be working closely with Gayton Junior School and you, as parents, to develop and review our policies on Relationships Education and RSE, enabling us to make a decision on when and how certain content is covered.

This Week:

- Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us this week for our open writing lessons, also known as Writing & Waffles! The children really enjoyed working alongside the grown-ups and showing off their writing skills. Some children even got to mark their adult's work using pink and green pens just like a teacher! We hope you found the session enjoyable and informative. Thank you to everyone who has returned feedback forms, and if you haven't had a chance to do this yet, we would still be grateful to have your comments.
- This week, Year 3 teachers came to lead an assembly to the Year 2 children that will transfer to Gayton in September. This was an opportunity to meet the staff and hear from the prefects about things that are different at Gayton. This was followed by a question and answer session. The Year 3 staff are looking forward to seeing the children again on our Transition Day which is Tuesday 2nd July.
- Back in April our Year 1 children took part in a community safety day at Community Enterprise Centre in Sinfin. This was a brilliant day full of learning and fun. A video showing the activities of the day is now available on the website under the news tab in the Year 1 news section. We hope you enjoy watching it!

Coming Up Next Week:

- Next week is Wellbeing Week! We have lots of activities planned around healthy eating, healthy bodies, healthy minds and being happy for children and staff even one and for parents and carers! We would like to invite you to join us on Friday 28th June at 2.30pm for an informal 'Come and Create...' session to work alongside your child. It may be that the office is not staffed on Monday and Tuesday for a short period at lunchtime as we will be inviting Mrs Mellors and Miss Fletcher to join in our lunchtime staff rounders game.
- Sports Day will take place on 26th June, weather permitting. The current forecast is indicating that the weather will be quite warm, so please ensure your child has a sunhat on the day. It would also be very helpful if you could apply sun screen before school starts as we will be off to a prompt start just after 9 and it will take quite a long time for school staff to get sunscreen applied on all 270 children! Many thanks in advance. We are looking forward to welcoming parents to the morning of our sports day to cheer everyone between 9.30am and 12.15pm!
- A reminder that Gayton Junior School are holding an open evening from 6-7pm for Parents and Carers of Year 2 children who will transfer there in September. Please do go along and meet the staff if you can.
- On Thursday 27th June we will be letting children in Reception and Year 1 know which classes they will be in next year. Unfortunately, due to GDPR, we will no longer be able to publish class lists on notice boards around school. Instead, your child will bring home a letter informing you of the details of their new class.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 2 nd July	Transition Day!
Thu 4 th July	Reception trip to Matlock Farm

Fri 5 th July	Summer Fair 4.30-6.00pm
Fri 12 th July	Y2 Overnight Camp

Writing Showcase

This week's fantastic writing is by Kara in Class 4. She has written all about the Wright brothers as part of the Year 1 topic *I wonder...* The children learned who the Wright brothers were in history, and then researched materials in science to make paper aeroplanes which they then tested on the playground.

Kara's writing has been chosen because she has used a range of strategies to help her to write successfully. She used a word bank to help check spellings of harder words (this is the start of teaching dictionary skills). She has used what she knows about sounds and how to write them to make good attempts at words. She has used the correct sentence punctuation for both sentences and has focused on keeping her handwriting neat and regular in size. Well done Kara! 😊

