



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 28th June 2019

This Week:

- We have had a brilliant week this week thinking about wellbeing! Children have been practising mindfulness, meditation, exploring how uplifting singing and dance can be, learning about healthy eating and cooking healthy, energising snacks and so much more! This is part of our whole school mental health initiative this year and we are excited to be planning wellbeing activities on a more regular basis next year. A big thank you also, to all parents and carers that were able to join us today for the Come and Create session!
- On Thursday our current Reception and Year 1 children had a mini visit to their new classroom to meet the other children who will be their classmates in September. Although a number of our teachers were attending a training event that day, we felt that it was important to let the children see who else will be in their class and have a little look at their new classroom ahead of their Transition Day on Tuesday.
- This week we are saying goodbye to our trainee teachers Miss Trainor in Class 7 and Miss Jellyman in Class 6. A huge Ridgeway thank you to them both for their hard work and commitment to our school during their placements. We wish them all the best for their future careers.

Coming Up Next Week:

- On Tuesday 2nd July, our current Reception children will spend the day in Year 1, current Year 1 children will spend the day in Year 2 and current Year 2 children transferring to Gayton will spend the day in Year 3. Some other Derby schools taking some of our Year 2 children may also have their Transition Day on Tuesday, whereas others may not. Please remember to let us know if your child is spending the day at any other school for transition as we are not always informed of the dates. We hope you all have a lovely time in your new classes!
- Unfortunately, although the temperature was warm, the heavy rainfall at the start of the week meant that we were unable to hold our Sports Day as planned. We have rescheduled the date to next week, Wed 3rd July. If you are able to come and cheer on your little ones in the morning, please do join us between 9.30am and 12.15pm.
- On Thursday 4th July Reception children are visiting Matlock Park Farm (not the Adventure Farm, apologies!) I am sure they will have a lovely day whatever the weather, but please do ensure they are dressed accordingly (e.g. raincoat/sunhat etc.)
- On Friday 5th July is our Summer Fair! All classes have their own stalls in a competition to earn the most money. If you and your child are able to help to man their class stall for part of the Summer Fair, please let your class teacher know. We would very much appreciate donations of chocolate products for our chocolate tombola stall and wine for our wine/water game. Many thanks in advance.
- Just for your information, one day next week we will be practising our lockdown procedure with the children. The children know that this means they hide with their teachers when they hear our lockdown signal and they come out again when they hear a different signal. This is to keep them safe if there were a poisonous gas cloud outside, or a dangerous animal on site., for example.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 9 th July	Wimbledon Day
Fri 12 th July	Annual Reports send to Parents/Carers Year 2 Overnight Camp

Writing Showcase

This week's fantastic writing is by Santhosh in Class 3. He was very inspired by the chicks that we have watched hatch from eggs and look after in Reception and he has written a wonderfully detailed Chick Diary.

Santhosh's writing has been chosen because he has used some fantastic words to make his writing interesting to the reader. He has used his knowledge of sounds and phonics to help him to spell less familiar words, such as incubator. He has remembered to punctuate every sentence correctly. His handwriting is regular in size and letters are formed correctly. Well done Santhosh! What an excellent information text you have written! ☺

On Monday
there were eleven
eggs and they were
inside an incubator.
Then the eggs started
to hatch and there were
wet chicks coming



out. They started
to dry and they became
fluffy. Then the chicks
moved into another box.
Inside the box they
played with each other
and had some food
water.

