



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 22nd November

This Week:

- All the children enjoyed a cinema experience on Monday this week – Reception children visited our Y2 classrooms for their cinema experience and Year 1 and 2 children visited the cinema at Derby's Intu centre. They were all very well behaved and a credit to the school.
- I know that many of our parents and carers have been frustrated by the parking issues seen outside the school gates on Uplands Avenue. I happy to let you know that a camera has now been mounted outside St George's School which will monitor the parking situation on the road between St George's and Ridgeway. I hope that this will lead to drivers parking more responsibly and fewer near misses involving children in our community. You can read more about this initiative here: <https://news.derby.gov.uk/camera-enforcement-outside-of-schools/>
- Fed up of checking your numbers every Saturday to find out you haven't won the lottery? Feeling like you could just do with a windfall? Well then we have good news – we have started a school lottery! The launch date is Saturday 21st Dec and tickets are £1 each. 40% of the money comes directly to school. Each week someone in our community will win a cash prize! We need to sell 60 tickets to start, so far we have had 27 tickets purchased. More information has been sent out with the newsletter. Good luck everyone!
- Miss Bailey would like to add some more photos onto our 'Look who got caught reading' display! We are looking for photographs of children reading in all kinds of different places! If you would like to join in, please email a photo of your child reading their favourite book in an unusual place to Miss Bailey at m Bailey@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk so she can add it to the display.
- Mrs Jeffery would like to let you know about a charitable organisation who are running workshops for families of children with Autism who are thinking about getting a dog to help their child, for those who know they want a dog but would like advice on choosing the breed, or for families who have a dog and are looking for ideas for training and handling. For more information please see www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog
- Year 1 would like to thank Lucian's mummy for coming in to talk to Year 1 about her job as a veterinary nurse at Blagreaves Veterinary Centre. The children enjoyed hearing all about her work and seeing the photos of technology that she uses as part of her role. Year 1's animal riddles will be displayed in the Vets from next week!
- We have been informed that some parents/carers may be experiencing problems with our emailed pdf copy of this newsletter – it appears to have letters missing from words making it hard to read. We believe that this is to do with which version of software being used to view the document.

Coming Up Next Week:

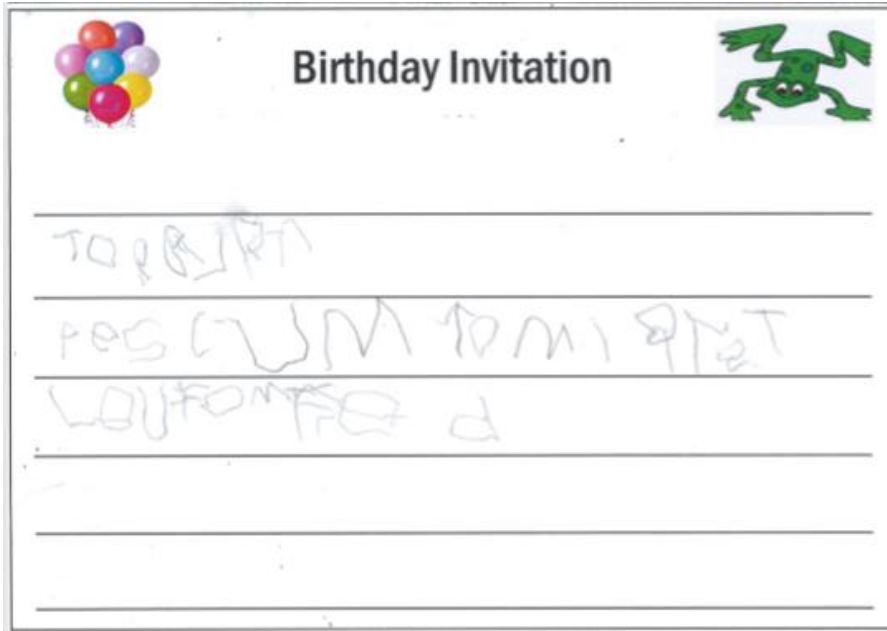
- Prospective Parents/Carers of children who will start school in Sep 2020 are invited to attend a short meeting and a tour of the school on Wednesday 27th November at 1.30pm to find out more about Ridgeway and our ethos.
- Gayton Junior School are holding an open event for prospective parents on Wednesday 27th for parents/carers of Year 2 pupils who are considering applying to Gayton for their Year 3 place in Sept 2020. Sessions are 9.30-10.30am or 1.45-2.45pm. Please let the Gayton school office know if you would like to book a session.
- Our wonderful school photographer will be in school all day on Thursday 28th Nov to take class photographs.
- Miss Bailey is running Phonics Workshops on Thursday 28th Nov at 5.15pm and Friday 29th Nov at 9.00am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. No need to book, please just come along. Enter via the main school entrance.
- Parents and carers of Reception children are invited to a Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 28th Nov. Please enter via the main school entrance from 2.30pm.
- The Friends of Ridgeway are holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 29th November. Rather than bringing a donation of money, in return for wearing non-uniform we would like donations of biscuits, chocolates, wine, biscuits for cheese, mince pies, Christmas puddings etc. for our Christmas event to be held in December. Many thanks in advance.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Wed 4 th Dec	Year 2 trip to Derby Theatre
Fri 6 th Dec	Y1 choir to sing at Sunnyfield Care Home

Writing Showcase

This week's writing is by Rajan in Class 3.



Rajan's writing has been chosen because he was able to hear the sounds he could hear in each word by using his 'Fred fingers' (if you're not sure what Fred fingers are, come along to our phonics workshops next week!). He also used the sound mat on the table to remind him how to write each letter correctly and he did it all totally independently! Mrs Patel was so proud of him! Amazing progress, well done Rajan!

BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Gadsby has chosen **Traction Man is Here!** by Mini Grey for our weekly Book Look.

Miss Gadsby says "I chose this book because I love the way that anybody could recreate a story like this! Traction Man has an action suit for every occasion and all of his outfits and accessories are fashioned from every day household items. He gets into all sorts of adventures but we're never quite sure if he knows he is an action figure! The children loved this story because we all love a hero!"

There are two other Traction Man books available, and we have all three stories in the school library if you would like to borrow them to read.

From Miss Gadsby (Class 4 Teacher) ☺

