



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## This Week:

- Thank you to everyone who joined us for the many events that were held in school this week - our new Prospective Parents/Carers tour, Reception Christmas craft afternoon and the phonics information meetings! We hope you found the events useful! The slides that were shared at the phonics meeting will be available on our school website this week. Miss Bailey will be organising open phonics lessons in the new year, where you can come and join your child for a phonics lesson and see what it is all about! Watch out for more information soon.
- A big thank you for all of the donations for the Christmas event that were brought to school today in return for a non-uniform day. We are very excited about the upcoming Festive Fun Event and Mrs Whitehead is looking after all of the prizes in her office ready for the big day. (Don't worry, we are keeping a close eye on all those mince pies!)
- This week, Year 1 children have been visited by the fire service and our community police officer to learn about everyday heroes. The fire fighters who visited carried out a role play activity in which the children had to accurately recall their home address and noticed that many children could not do this. They have asked us to pass on the message that it is really important for children to know and be able to say their address as this may help them to stay safe in an emergency. Please do talk to your child about this and encourage them to be able to say their address by heart. Thank you.
- I am delighted to share some exciting news! As part of our ongoing work around mental health and in particular, Maths anxiety, we have been asked to participate in a research project by staff at the university of Derby. The research will focus around the development of a story book about Maths anxiety and will help to raise awareness about this issue in children, families and schools. We hope that it is a very worthwhile project and are looking forward to being a part of it!
- The local police have contacted Ridgeway and Gayton. A teenager on a bike stopped and asked two boys if they had their phones on them. They replied they didn't. The teenager patted them down to check, then rode off. The police are appealing for any witnesses to contact 101. The Police Offices name is PC 14981 Chamberlain. The crime numbers are 19000632207 and 19000632122.
- 22 days and counting for the launch of our lottery! Have you got your ticket yet? Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ridgeway-infant-school>

## Coming Up Next Week:

- Year 2 children will be visiting Derby Theatre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to watch a live performance of *A Christmas Carol*. We hope they have a lovely time!
- Some Year 1 children will be visiting Sunnyfield Care Home to sing Christmas songs for the residents and spread some Ridgeway Christmas cheer!

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

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| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 2 to visit Gayton Junior School for a Christmas performance |
| Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Festive Extravaganza! 4pm-6pm                                    |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Reception visit to the National Forest Adventure Farm            |

# Writing Showcase

This week's writing is by Amaya in Class 8.

This term, Year 2 children have been reading Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as part of their topic about Victorian times.



Amaya has written a writing has been chosen for many reasons! Miss Ainger reports that Amaya was really thinking about her sentences and saying them before writing them down – this helps to check that the sentence makes sense. Also, Amaya has demonstrated she can spell some year 1 and 2 tricky words correctly and has made huge improvements in her handwriting this half term and sustained these improvements too.

Well done Amaya! We are super proud of you! 😊

## BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Bailey has chosen **Lifesize** by Sophy Henn for our weekly Book Look.

Miss Bailey was given this book at a recent children's literature event. She was so excited when she received it! Miss Bailey loves this book because it is so interactive. The book lets the reader see how they compare to life sized animals... you can see the actual size of an elephant's toenail, polar bear paw or a giant squid's eye! It is a fantastic way to talk about size and measurement and is one of those books that make children say "Wow!" when they read it. It is a very different kind of book – animal lovers will really enjoy it!

From Miss Bailey (Class 6 Teacher) 😊

