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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the end of term break on the horizon, those memories of the festive season seem to have quickly faded into the distant past. January however, has been a feast of learning here at Ruskin and this month's newsletter is packed with lots of exciting events that have taken place since the start of the year. It's hard to believe that we're already half way through the school year but the best bit is that we've still got the other half to come!

All the best and take care,

Mr Beadnell

"Learning never exhausts the mind."

Leonardo da Vinci

We're in the Mood for Dancing

It's been a busy month for Miss Wakefield and Mrs Musty-Jackson, who took the Ruskin Dance Troupe to perform at the Wyvern Theatre as part of the Swindon Schools' Festival of Dance. The theme was traditional fairy tales and our children performed a lyrical dance that centred around the concept of good versus evil. The level of excitement was off the scale (staff included), and as for the

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Dates for Term 4:

Monday 19th February

TD Day

Tuesday 20th February

First day back at school

Wednesday 21st February

Year 4 Corinium Museum

Tuesday 27th February

Year 3 Lego robotics

Wednesday 28th February

School Council Parliament visit

Monday 5th March (week beginning)

Science Week

Tuesday 7th March

Maths Challenge Day

Friday 9th March

Science Fair

Friday 16th March

Non-uniform day for Easter Fair

Tuesday 20th March

Rocksteady assembly

Parents' evening

Wednesday 21st March

Parents' evening

Friday 23rd March

Sports Relief

Easter Fair

Monday 26th March

Year 4 residential trip

Thursday 29th March

Last day of term: finish at 1:30

Term 4's Value:

Empathy



performance itself: 10 out of 10! A huge well done to all of our dancers and also to Miss Wakefield and Mrs Musty-Jackson for their dedication and enthusiasm. I understand there's plenty more to come...



NSPCC

This term, the NSPCC visited us to take the children for an assembly followed by workshops in the classroom. Aiming to highlight how we can all keep ourselves safe, the children were introduced to 'Buddy' the NSPCC mascot. Children were then given the opportunity to assist the charity by raising money using their English and maths skills. Later this week, we will be re-visited by the NSPCC who will be announcing the grand total in assembly: watch this space!



Veni Vidi Vici

Year 4 have been immersing themselves in the Roman culture this term as part of their Big Idea theme on Ancient Rome. Naturally, this involved dressing up for a day and the children got the chance to look closely at how what you wore was dictated by your status in society. This is always a subject that captures children's imaginations and it was great to see so much enthusiasm and enjoyment: toga-tastic!

Ashmolean Visit

It was off to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford for our year 5s who whose Big Idea is also of an historic theme: 1066 and the Norman Invasion. The museum is a very special place and the children had the opportunity to take in some cultural delights and examine artefacts related to the topic. The children are now using their new-found-knowledge to write letters in runes to the museum's proprietors to thank them for the opportunity.

Sports Round-up

The girls' football team have been in action in January with Mr Burgess joining up with Mr Robertson on managerial duties. The team participated in the '5-a-side Football Festival' where they played 5 games against other primary schools from Swindon. The girls showed a great deal of fair-play and kindness whilst also having a determined and competitive edge. They won all 5 games comfortably, scoring over 50 goals whilst only conceding 3. The Ruskin youth team also had the opportunity to shine as they journeyed to the Next Generation facility to participate in a futsal tournament. Winning 7 out of their 8 games, there is plenty of evidence to suggest that the hard work going into the Ruskin Football Academy is paying off!

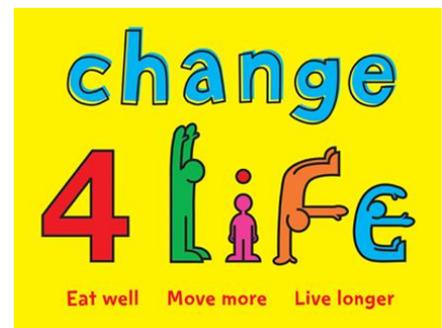


American Diner Day

It was back to 1950s America on January 18th as the school participated in an American-themed school lunch. Beef burgers were the order of the day with a side of onion rings and fries. The atmosphere was great and there was a huge take up for school lunches. A big thanks to all you parents out there for your time and effort in finding/creating some great themed costumes: we sure had a nice day!

Change 4 Life

As part of our continued initiative to encourage healthy snacks at break-times, children are now given the option to have their food scanned at break times using the 'Change 4 Life' app. This way they can determine if their snacks are less than 100 calories, in line with government guidelines. If you would like to know more, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>



Class-Assembly-Tastic!

January saw two class assemblies: the first being Beatrix Potter class who treated us to a brilliant performance based on their Big Idea centred around robots. The children were fantastic: they spoke clearly, remembered all their lines and sang us a funny and clever song. A massive well done!

The following week it was Dame Jane Goodall's class who transported us back to 1940s Britain to remind us all, through drama, singing, music and green-screen technology, of that tumultuous period of world history. An epic performance that merits a huge congratulations.

Goodbye Mrs Mead

It's always sad to see staff leaving us but we'd like to wish Mrs Mead an extra special farewell as she moves on to pastures anew after the end of term break. She has served the school brilliantly and her talent and enthusiasm will be hugely missed. Good bye Mrs Mead and the best of luck!

A promotional poster for the TV show 'LEGO MASTERS'. The background is a light blue sky with grey LEGO brick clouds. The text 'DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S BEST LEGO BUILDER?' is at the top in red. Below it, 'LEGO MASTERS' is written in large, bold, red letters. The bottom half of the poster shows various LEGO creations: a colorful robot, a rainbow, a red car, a brown house, a yellow and black boat, and a green and yellow dragon. At the bottom, there is a text box with registration information and the 'TUESDAY'S CHILD' logo.

**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?**

LEGO MASTERS

Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

Please be mindful of local residents when parking around the school. 😊