



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 11th January

We are desperate for swimming volunteers on Friday mornings! If you can help at all, please let us know!

This Week:

- All of our Year 1 and 2 children are working in their new phonics groups and everyone should have received a letter summarising a typical lesson and the learning for the next few weeks in phonics. If you have not received this letter, please let your Class Teacher know.
- We have a specialist dance teacher working with Year 1 this half term to put together an extra special dance performance based on countries in the UK. Parents and carers will be invited to watch the performance towards the end of the half term. Watch out for more information about this soon.
- The NSPCC visited school on Thursday to lead an assembly for Year 1 and 2 children on staying safe. The message was very clear that if children are being hurt or feeling worried that they should tell a trusted adult, and who that might be.
- In a staff meeting this week, our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers discussed and shared best practice with other Year 1 and 2 teachers from schools across the city.
- This week in our celebration assembly, along with celebrating our Handwriting Hero of the week, we will be celebrating our Magical Mathemagician of the week! Children will be chosen for wonderful Maths work during the week and come to assembly wearing a magician's hat!
- Mrs Morris would like to remind all parents and carers that we are now holding weekly coffee mornings at Gayton every Friday morning. Everyone is welcome! Please just come along!

Coming Up Next Week:

- Year 2 children will be taking part in Fire Safety workshops on Monday 14th Jan. This will involve learning how we stay safe in our homes such as working smoke alarms, so your children may come home and ask you to check that your smoke alarms have batteries in that work!
- A reminder that the deadline for Year 2 children to apply for Year 3 School places is **Tuesday 15th January**. All families must apply, or a school will not be allocated to your child. Children attending Ridgeway are not guaranteed a place at Gayton and will certainly not be allocated a place at Gayton if no application is made. If you have not yet made an application you can do this online at <http://www.derby.gov.uk> and search for 'Admissions' or by ringing School Admissions for advice on 01332 642725 / 642728 / 642730
- A reminder that Year 2 children are invited to come to school dressed as a pirate for the day on Wednesday 16th Jan. If you don't have any pirate clothes to hand, just a scarf tied round the head is enough to fuel our imagination! Parents and Carers are invited to a special assembly at 2.45pm to celebrate the learning from the day. Be warned, some audience participation may be required!
- Year 1 children will be going on a walk on Wednesday 16th Jan to look at nature in our local area. A letter will be sent home today with more information about this.
- The fire service is visiting school on Friday, weather permitting, to carry out a controlled demonstration of the Great Fire of London. If any families could donate any cardboard boxes that Year 1 children could make into Tudor houses, we would very much appreciate it if you could bring them in to school by Tuesday next week.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 23 rd & 29 th Jan	Ridgeway Governors Meetings
Thu 31 st Jan	Year 2 Creative Arts Day
W/C 4 th Feb	Phonics Open Lessons

Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Josiah in Class 5. His task was to write a descriptive sentence about the picture he chose.

This writing has been chosen because Josiah worked hard to think about his handwriting, making sure that his letters were formed correctly. As you can see, Josiah then tried hard to 'perfect' a couple of letters that Miss Radford had picked out to practice. Josiah also used his Fred Fingers very confidently to ensure he spelt all of the words in his sentence correctly. Well done Josiah! 😊

