



# Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

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

## This Week (what a busy one it was!):

- Year 2 children took part in Fire Safety workshops on Monday and learned a lot about how to keep themselves safe and what to do in the event of a fire.
- Children in Class 4 and 5 went on their local walk as planned on Wednesday, but unfortunately it began to rain heavily towards the end of the morning meaning that Class 6 did not manage to go for their walk. However, we are hoping to be able to take Class 6 on their walk on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan (weather permitting). Please make sure your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes on this day.
- Y2 children enjoyed meeting Captain Swashbuckle and finding out all about his life as a pirate on Wednesday. The children looked wonderful dressed as pirates and had a fantastic day of sword-fighting, plank-walking, flag-making and saying "Aye aye Captain!" Too many times to count!
- The fire service visited Y1 at school today. The children had an information workshop in the hall followed by a chance to explore the fire engine and have a go with the hose. We then watched a re-creation of the Great Fire of London as the fire fighters carried out a controlled burn of their Tudor house models. A huge thank you to the Notts Road Fire Fighters who visited and made this memorable learning experience possible!
- This week in our celebration assembly, along with celebrating our Handwriting Hero and Magical Mathemagician of the week, children will be chosen for good effort and progress in reading during the week. Our Reading Rock Stars will come to assembly wearing some very funky sunglasses! Reading Rock Stars can be chosen for remembering new sounds, great blending, moving up a stage in their reading books and so on.
- Mrs Hill and Mr O'Donnell from Gayton met with Mrs Dale and Mrs Harford-Smyth to discuss the curriculum at both schools and talk about ways in which we can make sure that the skills and knowledge that children learn at Ridgeway can be built upon and developed effectively for those children who will attend Gayton Juniors in Year 3.



## Coming Up Next Week:

- Ridgeway Governors will be meeting on Tues 22nd Jan.
- Teachers will have the opportunity to observe each other teaching Maths lessons next week. This helps staff to better understand the expectations for each year group so that they can plan challenging and appropriate learning activities for all children in their classes.

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ridgeway Governors Meetings Class 6 Local Walk
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Year 2 Creative Arts Day
W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Phonics Open Lessons
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety Day

# Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by Sarika in Class 1. Her task was to write a list of things she would pack for a teddy bears' picnic in her back pack.

This writing has been chosen because she has thought carefully about what sounds she can hear in each word and written the letters carefully, making sure they are the right way round. We especially liked the fact that she has been really sensible and made healthy food choices, taking fruit and vegetables to snack on too! Well done Sarika!

In my backpack I will take.....

