



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

I can't believe we have come to the end of another term. It has been a busy term with lots of exciting things going on. The children should have brought home their termly reports today which give you an overview of how they are progressing and the next steps in their learning. I hope you find these useful.

This week was the final of our fantastic R- Factor. The range of talent both in the heats and in the final was very impressive. Well done to all of the children who took part – we are very proud of you. Thank you to Mr Rob for organising this again and to Ethan Smith, Daniel Catlin and Anastasia Alexandrovich who did a fantastic job as comperes of this event.

Unfortunately, the KS1 'Bunny Run' competition, which 8 of the children were due to take part in this week, was cancelled because of the weather. This was disappointing for the children and we are hoping that it will be rescheduled next term.

Apologies if we alarmed some of you this week. We try to give the children a purpose for their writing and Year 4 were set the task of writing letters to persuade the Council to reject a planning application for houses on Whitehall Rec. Mrs Beasley and Mr Norman were obviously very convincing when they told the children about this as many of the children went home and told their parents all about the plans! We are very much looking forward to reading their writing – this is such a great topic that Year 4 are currently doing- all about our local community.

In response to the online safety advice that was included in a previous newsletter, one of our parents Giles Milton, who works for Parent Zone, has organised an Online Safety Assembly for the children from Years 2 -6. (See the information attached). We have also been able to register with Parent Zone which provides staff with lots of teaching materials around this subject. We are very grateful for his support in this area.

We have been informed by a local resident that parents who drive to school to drop off and pick up their children often leave their engines running while they wait for the children. This creates an unhealthy environment for the children and adults alike. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have talked to the children about this in assembly and have designed a poster to remind parents to turn off their engines. We ask for your support in doing this to reduce the level of pollution in around school.

In the Summer term and the first half of the Autumn term children are able to wear a school polo shirt, instead of a shirt and tie if they would prefer. The polo shirts will be available from the school shop towards the end of the Easter holidays and from Tesco shortly afterwards.

The FoR photography competition is back by popular demand. Please see details of the competition below. The closing date for entries is 24th April. We had some really wonderful entries last year, so if your children have some spare time over the holiday period why don't you encourage them to take part. All entries will be displayed in an exhibition in the school hall on Thursday April 26th.

In the first week back, we will be completing our sponsored circuits to raise money for a defibrillator for the school, I have attached a copy of the sponsor form that we sent out. Thank you for supporting this good cause.

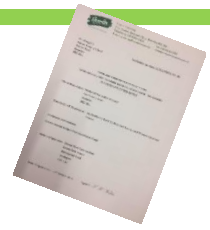
Finally, just a reminder that Reading Breakfast week is the first week back after the holidays, please do pop in if you are able. There will be some new and different activities to take part in this time.

We hope you have an enjoyable break. Term starts again on Monday April 16th.
Best Wishes,

Kath Margetts and all the staff.



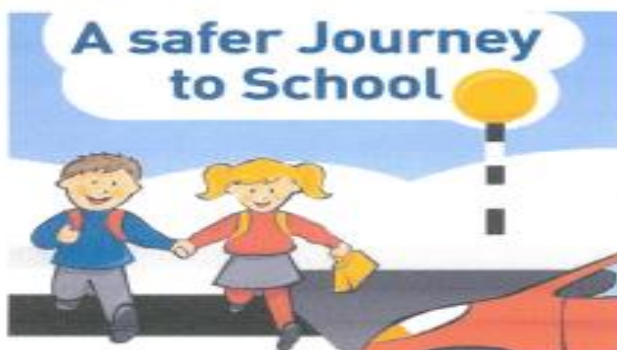
SAVE WHITEHALL RECREATION GROUND!

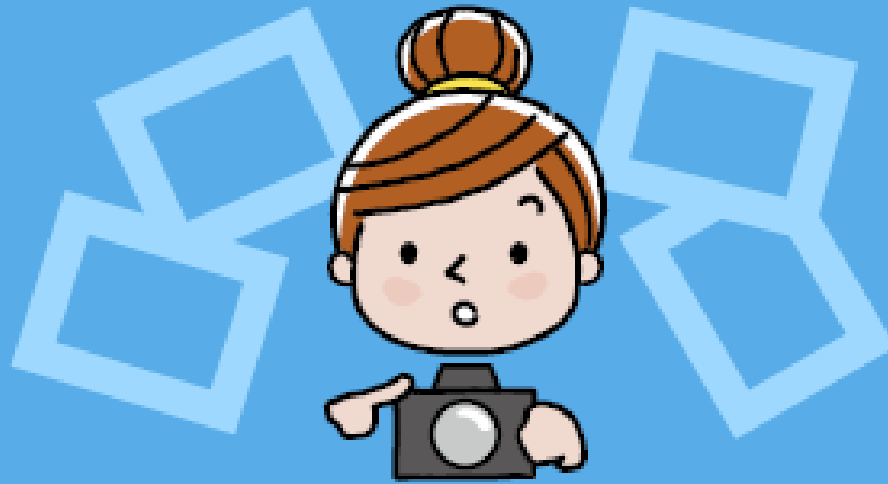


This week, Year 4 received a 'Planning Application' for 20 detached houses and 40 semi-detached houses to be built on Whitehall Recreation Ground along with an access road onto Southlands Road.

The children were appalled at the prospect of the park being built on and thought about all the people who use the park. They identified some of the issues arising from building on the park, such as an increase in traffic and pollution, a lack of somewhere for children to play and the destruction of animal's habitats. The children set about writing letters to the 'Council' to persuade them to reject the planning proposal. Their letters were very compelling and thankfully the 'Council' rejected the proposal.

Drop at school,
turn off fuel





PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



EXHIBITION
THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 3.20PM
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES BY
9AM 24TH APRIL

Following the success of last year's photography competition, we thought we would run it again this year! We would like to invite all budding photographers at Raglan to enter our Photography Competition.

There are 3 themes to choose from:

- **Splash of Colour**
- **Movement**
- **Birds, Bugs & Beasts**

All year groups are invited to take part and will be judged in 4 groups:

- Nursery and Reception
- Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6

The winner from each group will receive a £10 Glades voucher. All entries will be displayed in an exhibition to be held after school on **Thursday 26th April**.

How Do I Enter?

- Pictures can vary in size but must be mounted on card or paper no bigger than A4.
- Write the theme, title of your photograph and your name and class on the back of your photo.
- Submit your photo with a £1 entry fee in an A4 envelope labelled 'Photography Competition' and hand it to your Class Teacher or put it in the FOR box at reception, no later than **Tuesday 24th April**.
- You may use any kind of camera and make changes to your photo using photo-editing software. We want to see that you have thought about your subject, how to capture it and how to present it.
- You may enter as many photos as you like, but you will need to pay £1 entry fee per each photograph.
- The winners will be announced at the exhibition which will be held after school on **Thursday 26th April** in the Middle Hall.

* Please ensure you have the permission of anyone in your photographs for the image to be entered into the competition and displayed in the exhibition.

SO GET SNAPPING AND HAVE FUN!

R Factor Results

Well done to all the children who took part in Raglan R Factor this week.

Congratulations to Toby Lewin (ULC) who won this year's R-Factor Final with a wonderful rendition of 'Tomorrow' from Annie. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! Well done Toby.

The other finalists were : Fred Joy (RB), Samuel Hallybone (1R), Iulia-Ondina Simionescu (3J), Julia Garner (4N), Hugo Klander, Eamonn Slade and Talvin Chahal (5D), Ruby Porritt (5R), Saneeka Chitkara (6O), Aishe Karkac, Yousif Nur, and Leia Osborn (RE), Justin Kravets (1H), Charlie Inglis and Baranby Ward (2MR), Toby Nash (2G), Laurne Kycyku (3H), Florence Gray, Isla Gutmann, Beth Turner and Rosie Page (4B) and Isabella Engles, Natalia Engles, and Imogen Waterman (6F)



PARENT ZONE

On Wednesday April 25th our KS2 and Year 2 children will be having an assembly that will be brought to them by Google and Parent Zone, (a company who specialise in keeping children and families safe online).

The assembly will encourage your child to think carefully about what they see, do and share online. It covered five main topics, namely:

- *The importance of using passwords.
- *The dangers of over sharing images.
- *An awareness of phishing for personal details, (if it looks too good to be true it probably is).
- *A call to action to be kind online.
- *A call to action to be brave and speak up if they found something distressing.

It is always good to encourage your children to talk to you about what they love online, and to be brave and to speak up and to tell you if they are ever worried about something they encountered in their online life.

Here are some ways you can help your child have a safe and happy time online:

- Talk to them about their favourite game, app or website – showing an interest in what they like to do online will show them that this is something they can talk to you about.
- Understand that the online space gives children access to the answer to every question – but that some of the answers may be false information, fake news or designed to manipulate them. Encourage them to come to you first – you can always search for the answer together and help them decide what is reliable information.
- Find out more. Parent Zone has 2 websites with expert information for parents on all of the issues amplified by the internet: www.parentinfo.org and www.parentzone.org.uk

Important Dates Coming Up

Monday 16th April - Back to school

Monday 16th – 20th – Reading Week

Sponsored event for defib.

Tuesday 17th April – Year 6 Isle of Wight Parents' Meeting

Thursday 19th April – ULC Chocolate Museum Visit

Thursday 26th April – Photography Exhibition

Friday 27th April - School Lunch Taste Event

Attendance and Punctuality

Overview

This week the overall attendance is 96% Slightly lower than last week!

Well done 3J, ULC and 5D with no lates. Also well done 4B with 100% attendance this week!



Please make sure that your child is only absent for authorised reasons. Please try to make appointments for Doctors and Dentist before or after school.

Lates

This week children were late for school a total of 46 times! – This week children were late for school a total of 46 times! – This is very high!

Please make an extra effort to arrive to school on time next week.



Don't be late through the gate! Please make sure your child arrives in time for school!

Children must be at school each morning by 8.55 a.m. for KS1 children and 8.50 a.m. for the KS2.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
4B	100	5
2MR	98	1
RB	98	2
2G	98	9
3J	97	0
ULC	97	0
1H	97	2
RE	97	4
4N	97	6
5D	96	0
6O	96	2
LLC	96	2
1R	94	3
6F	92	5
3H	90	3
5R	89	2

Gold: Excellent. These classes are above our target of 96.5% attendance.

Green: These classes are doing well with expected attendance.

Amber: These classes are a concern as their attendance is 92-95% which is below expected

Red: Attendance in this class is below 92% and of serious concern.