



Dear Parents,

I am writing this at the end of a very busy week at Roundwood Primary! There are always wonderful things going on but this week seems to have been a particularly productive one, with children participating in sporting tournaments (with a fantastic result for our tennis team!), a great performance from the rounders team and yesterday's Roundwood's Got Talent was possibly the best yet – more news on all those events below.



Last week, to reflect on the positive stories that emerged from the tragedies that took place in the run up to half term, we spoke to the children about the way kindness, understanding and generosity can spread in often the most challenging of circumstances. The Bananas Theme from last week was about the importance of showing kindness to one another and we spoke about the Mary Angelou quote of 'being the rainbow in someone else's cloud'. We talked about how the kind things you do and say can be a way to chase away the clouds that might otherwise darken someone's day and the children then worked collaboratively to design and make kites with messages of positivity and support which are on display in classrooms and around the school.



A ray of sunshine has been delivered, not just by the weather this week but also from Pete Stevenson and his team at local landscape and design company Badger Landscapes who have very kindly donated their time and the materials to construct a raised planter at the end of the KS2 playground wall – an area we have struggled with for years as the volume of runoff from the mound and the playground resulted in soil around the drainage area being perpetually washed away. A team of year 5 gardeners are now nurturing the plants there and we are very grateful to Badger Landscapes for their generosity.

It looks as though the forecast is positive for Year 6s' Hindhead trip next week - I know there is much excitement amongst the children - there is almost as much excitement from the teachers! This year, I will be travelling with the children and Mrs Heather Brennan and Mrs Viki Down will be holding the fort in my absence.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend and hope you can make the most of the sunshine.

Kind regards,
Suzanne Webb





Key Dates for this term:

Event	Date
Governors Surgery	16 th June 1.30 – 3.00
Hindhead (year 6)	19 th -23 rd June
Trial Year 2 Hot Meal at RWP	20 th June
Reception New Parents Meeting	28 th June
Sports Day	29 th (reserve 30 th)
Nursery New Parents Meeting	30 th June
Summer School Fair	1 st July
Music Concert	5 th July
Open Sessions	6 th July 2.45-3.15pm, 7 th July 8.15-8.45am
Secondary Transfer Day / Meet the Teacher	13 th July
Year 6 Play	19 th July 7pm
Leaver's Assembly	20 th July 10.30am

Top Bananas

These children received Bananas Awards last week for 'Being kind and understanding of others'

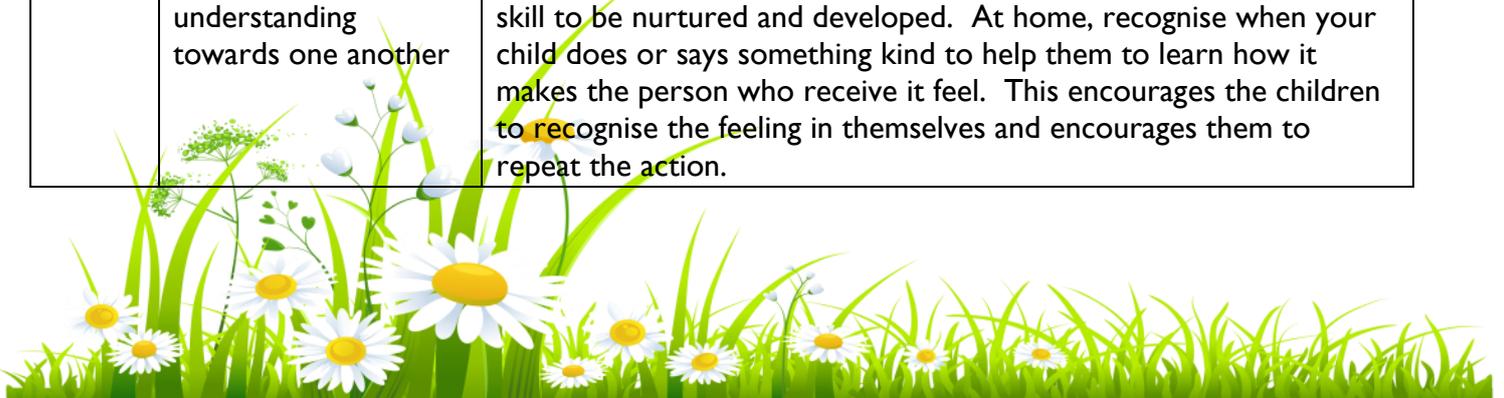
C1	Olivia, Niall	C12	James, Lily	C2	Asha, Joe
C3	George	C34	Rory	C4	Sarah
C5	Lucie	C56	Caitlin, Abbie	C6	William, Jack

These children received Bananas Awards this week for 'Showing a positive attitude towards reading'

C1	Amber, Sofia	C12	Raffy	C2	Evie, Emilia
C3	Chris	C34	Livvy	C4	Maya, Will
C5	Stuart, Lauren	C56	Charlotte	C6	Jason

Bananas Themes this term

Date	Top Banana Theme	How to support this theme at home
5/6/17	Showing kindness and understanding towards one another	Recognising when others need help, support and encouragement is a skill to be nurtured and developed. At home, recognise when your child does or says something kind to help them to learn how it makes the person who receive it feel. This encourages the children to recognise the feeling in themselves and encourages them to repeat the action.



12/6/17	Reach for a book!	In preparation for relaxing in the garden in the sunshine with a good book, think about planning this summer's reading with the children – what books are now available? Find out about the local library's reading challenge programme which runs over the holidays and encourage your child to continue to make an effort with their home/school reading too.
19/6/17	Routines – being the best that you can be	Talk to your child about the importance of meeting expectations in terms of behavior, following rules and showing good manners at all times.
26/6/17	Teamwork	Our school community is a fantastic example of a team, where we all rely on one another for support, encouragement and ideas. During sports week, the children will experience different team games – talk to them about the qualities of a good team – how do teams work together to be successful? Does everyone have to be good at everything?
3/7/17	Being a good friend	As children move on to different schools and classes, the idea of friendship becomes ever important. Talk to your child about how to be a good friend – perhaps share with them ways in which you are a good friend – what does it look like? How can they form new friendships with children at their new school or get to know people who are in their class?
10/7/17	Putting in effort	Success is not achieved without effort – at the end of the year, help your child to reflect on how far they have come with their learning. What have they learnt about themselves as a learner? Help them to recognise where their strengths lie and think about what has made those aspects of their learning go well so they can employ the same strategies next year.
17/7/17	Having confidence – moving on	Be the best you can be Be co-operative Be listening Be inquisitive Be resilient – keep on trying Our learning values are key to encouraging children to draw on their strengths as learners and grow as individuals. In our assemblies this week, we will be talking about going forward with confidence and having the courage to explore new things, safe in the knowledge they are ready for the next step!

Rounders tournament

On Tuesday afternoon a team of Year 5 and 6 children went to the Harpenden School Sports Association's Rounders Tournament. The afternoon was bright and sunny and the children had a fantastic time.

Throughout the afternoon the children played 6 matches and took it in turns to bat and field extremely well.

Roundwood V Manland: 3½ 3

Roundwood V The Grove: 1½ 3

Roundwood V Redbourn: 2½ 6

Roundwood V St Helens: 4 5½

Roundwood V Sauncy Wood: 5 2½

Roundwood V High Beeches 4 8

'We played really well as team and I'm proud of everyone' *Caitlin*



'We didn't give up and kept trying.' Ayush

'We got more people out than we scored Rounders but most of the games were very close' Max L.

Mrs Wakeman

Tennis tournament

On Tuesday 13th June, 12 Roundwood children travelled to St Albans Tennis Club who hosted the Hertfordshire Schools Lawn Tennis Orange Team Matchplay. Our 3 teams played extremely well against some very tough competition and Roundwood Primary School came away winning the cup ! The sun shone the whole day and the teams battled hard in the heat, Team Them played fantastically well and came 1st in the competition competing against 9 other teams, so well done to Rhys L, Sam H-W, Ethan G and Gabriel J. Team Agassi also played very well coming 3rd overall congratulations go to Kate J, Emily P, Rachel H and Winston M. Team Williams played unbelievably well with Louis W, Sebastian T, Harry G and Otis H-W coming a fantastic 4th. So a well-deserved result for all the hard work the Roundwood tennis teams put in. There were also some individual awards made so many congratulations go to Sebastian T for Best Forehand, Rhys L for Best Serve and Harry G for Best Backhand in the competition. What an amazing afternoon of tennis, and what a team from Roundwood Primary, well done to all. A special thank you also goes to David Lawlor and Megan Godfrey- Evans for organising this tournament for us all to enjoy. *Mrs Jarvis*

Roundwood has got talent

On Thursday 15th of June a few Year 6 volunteers (Jack ,Lucy, Emma, Ella, Ben, Ollie and Caitlin) organised Roundwood's Got Talent. Children from each KS2 class auditioned to get into the finals and have a chance of winning the coveted cups! One solo act and one group act went through to the finals from each class.

In the finals, our amazing judges (Mrs Brennan, Fabiana Solano and Mrs Hayward Surrey) decided which solo and group won for both upper KS2 and lower KS2. Oscar, Clara, Charlotte and Skyler, and Anna and Lauren won! With a finale of chicken and chips and a performance from the presenters, 2017 RGT was one of the best shows in history!

Emma, Lucy and Jack

Reminders about parking

Please can we remind all parents to park considerately. There has been a complaint about a grey mini causing problems by parking inconsiderately in a no parking zone near school. It is important that we all strive to make the approach to school as safe and as stress free as possible for the children.

Swimming News

On Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st May, four Roundwood Primary pupils took part in the Hemel Hempstead Development Meet swimming gala. There were hundreds of other swimmers competing and it was a very exciting, competitive weekend. Ava, Scott, Jacob and Caitlin all swam really well winning lots of medals and even a few speeding tickets! In this case, speeding tickets are a good thing - it means that you swam your race faster than your age group. "It was fun and tiring and we enjoyed cheering on our team mates and swimming as fast as we could!"

Staffing Update

We have welcomed Miss Rachel Lockstone to the Foundation Stage team this half term and we hope she will soon feel like she is at home here!

During Hindhead, the arrangements for the classes whose teachers are travelling with Year 6 are as follows: C1 – Miss Tyler; C4 – Mr Whitehead; C5 – Ms Shutte; C56: Mrs Bird and Mrs Kraushaar.

Reminder

We hope the spell of good weather continues and ask you to ensure your children come to school every day with a water bottle, having had sun cream applied and with a hat to be worn on the playground; sun protection is so important.

Maths Challenge

Many children from years 5 and 6 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge in April answering very challenging maths problems. Well done to all the children who received their bronze and Silver awards and to Leo G and Jason C achieving Gold. Jason C also achieved a special award for the highest score in the school!



Van Cols

You should have by now received proofs of school photos. Please could we have your order back by Tuesday 27th June.

E-Safety Tip: Use parental controls on any devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones. Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops.

