When you decide not to be afraid, you can find friends in super unexpected places

APPRECIATION 🧡 BELONGING 🧡 COMPASSION

SHARE THE MIRACLE

Last Friday the children and staff embraced the ‘Share the Miracle’ initiative to build stronger relationships with members of our community through acts of kindness. We invited residents who are in their Golden years to come to a fish & chip lunch. The visitors were welcomed by Year 6 children who also proudly waited on their guests. After lunch entertainment was provided by the Year 1 & 2 children, who sang songs from their recent class assemblies. In addition, Alex from year 6 expertly played his cornet and Lucy beautifully played a piece from her recent Grade 5 piano exam.

At the end of the lunch, the guests were given an Easter Egg which had been kindly donated by our parents. It was wonderful to see the different generations interacting together. The children marvelled at residents who attended the school in their youth - some in the 1940s! Needless to say, we were proud of all of the children who demonstrated their usual Ropley charm and exemplary manners. I firmly believe it helped the children to have a greater understanding and appreciation of our community.

We have already received lots of complimentary thank you cards; one of the attendees commented, ‘It has been a very special way of bringing people together who probably felt that their links with the school were in the past.’

We are hoping that this will be the first of many events where the children can engage with members of the community. We are looking forward to our open afternoon on 28th June where it would be fantastic if some our senior residents could come along and share stories and pictures of their time at Ropley school.

MINI MOZART DAY

Last Friday, our Year 4 and 5 children took part in a Mini Mozart day at the Grange Festival. They participated in a workshop based on Mozart’s The Marriage of Figaro which they then performed to parents and families.

Will F and Ella N report:

‘The Grange is a massive house which has a theatre. The Year 4′s and 5′s sang with 4 other schools. The theatre had amazing stone work and carvings. The Year 4′s job was Advisors and the Year 5′s job was Butlers and Maids. Dottie said ‘I really enjoyed it and the warm up exercises were really fun!’ Isobel said ‘It was a really fun experience and it was funny for the audience because they joined in.’ Harley said ‘I enjoyed myself.’ Laura said ‘It was fun and I really enjoyed it.’

Miss Vittle said ‘When I sat down in the large auditorium to watch the children perform I wasn’t quite sure what to expect. The children had very little rehearsal and opera isn’t a type of singing that we often have at school! However, all of the children sang and acted confidently and with enthusiasm resulting in a very entertaining performance. It was a treat to be part of such a professional experience and, once again, our children exceeded our expectations.

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 11th May

This was last year’s biggest class fund raiser! This year, local businesses have already pledged over £1000 to sponsor this event, its a great social evening where you bring your nibbles and spare change ready to win on the horses and we supply a fully stocked bar along with an evening of fun entertainment.

Without your support and ticket sales this event cannot go ahead so please buy your tickets and come along for a great night of entertainment.

Tickets £10 each or tables of 8 people £70.
Contact Carol Peters on 07795005666

Friday 3rd May 2019
01962 772381   adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk
SCRATCH DAY COMES TO IBM HURSLEY
Saturday May 11th
Students from age 7 to 16, with any computer abilities are welcome to join us in a celebration of coding using Scratch, a popular way for children to learn how to code. Join us at IBM Hursley and work on project worksheets provided or create a game of their own and get advice on how to use Scratch.
For more details including how to sign up visit: https://day.scratch.mit.edu/events/7970.

FRENCH CLUB
There are still spaces for French club this term on Tuesday lunchtime for Years 1 and 2 and afterschool on Wednesdays from 3 pm for KS2 children. The focus is to provide fun and enjoyable language learning activities through interactive songs, games, stories, rhymes and role-plays without any pressure thus encouraging a positive and confident approach to languages and a well designed transition for secondary. The 30 minute classes for KS1 and 40 minute classes for KS2 are small and numbers are limited.

CLASSLIST
Please do make sure you are looking at Classlist regularly as this is the main form of communication between many parents, classes and whole school...not just for FROGs. We can see that only 60% of announcements and notifications are being opened or viewed. Its really difficult for everyone, not just class reps and the FROGs team, to communicate effectively if messages aren't being read.
If you’re not getting notifications, messages or announcements.....
1) check your notification settings by clicking your name in top left of screen (pc or ipad) or on phone go to your profile button (bottom right under "more"), select notification settings...review the selections and amend as necessary.
2) check you have the latest version of the app.
Contact Sarah Mahoney or Georgie Nicoll if any questions.

ROPLEY PRE SCHOOL - BAG2SCHOOL
MONDAY 13TH MAY
Ropley Pre School will be collecting bags of good quality used clothing, toys, belts, bags, shoes (in pairs please), bedding sets etc for their Bag2School fundraiser. Please ensure all items are clean and in good condition. Bags should be sturdy (bin bags are fine) securely tied up and can be left under the canopy at the village hall on Monday morning by 9am at the latest. Bag2School pay 40p per kilo so this is a really easy way to support the preschool to raise much needed funds.

DIARY DATES
*New events or date changes in bold*
Sat 11th May  Race Night, Ropley Village Hall
Mon 13th May    Year 6 SATS Week
Mon 20th May    Week of the Bee
Tues 21st May   Guitar perf to parents, 10.30am
Fri 24th May   Break for Half Term
Mon 3rd June    150 years of Ropley School, Celebration Month begins
Wed 5th June  Dance Workshops, Whole School
Mon 10th June  Carpenter Bees visit to Birdworld
Tues 11th June Swimming Lessons start
Thurs 13th June Yr R visit to Magdalen Hill Nature Reserve
Mon 17th June  Area Sports Date (Confirmed)
Wed 19th June  Honey Bees trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
Thurs20th June Sports Day
Mon 24th June  Class and Sports Group Photos
Wed 26th June  New Year R visit, 2pm
Thurs 27th June Reserve Sports Day
Fri 28th June  150 years Open Afternoon
Mon 1st July   Year 5 Taster Day, Amery Hill
Wed 3rd July   New Year R visit, 2pm
Fri 5th July   Year 6 Transition Day Amery Hill
Sat 6th July  RopFest 150 - Details to follow soon!
Mon 8th July   Whole Governing Body, 6pm
Tues 9th July  Musical Extravaganza, 1.30pm
Fri 12th July  Year 6 to Pirates of the Currybean
Tues 16th July Year 5’s Perins Taster Day
Wed 17th July Move Up Morning

CLEANERS WANTED
Two Counties Cleaning, who look after our school, are currently recruiting for cleaners to work not only at our school but in the local area. Excellent rates of pay and hours to suit (evenings only). If you would like more details please contact Debbie on 07387 016919

Happel take the lead this term with 214 house points!