



Ringstead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 8th March 2024

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18**

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another busy week full of enrichment opportunities at Ringstead. Wednesday saw the pupils in Owls attend Rockingham Castle for the day as part of their current topic work - Castles. What a lovely day they all had, especially weather wise!

Pupils in both Kestrels and Ravens were excited to receive their first letter from their new pen pals. Children in our school and a Northampton school will now regularly exchange letters, informing each other of their learning as well as making comparisons between a village school and a larger town school.

Whilst the pupils in Robins were thrilled to welcome new additions to their classroom - pet fish!

Today saw the school celebrate World Book Day in style with an assembly filled with book characters galore - the pupils looked fabulous! Thank you to all of our families for making a sterling effort with costumes this year, such creativity and imagination was showcased and what an amazing atmosphere was shared. Mrs McGill led the assembly with a book reading as well as launching a sponsored read, pupils will have been sent home with this information today along with a World Book Day voucher for them to use against the purchase of a book of their choice or in exchange for a specially written World Book Day book.

The day included visits in the morning from local authors and ended for each class with a 'mystery reader'. Please can I take this opportunity to thank our visiting authors, parents or volunteers who came into school today to read to a class during the day, one class even received a reading accompanied by a Moshi Monster!

Looking forward to next week, the Student Council have decided that National Napping Day - which is on Monday 11th March will be celebrated at Ringstead on **Friday 16th March** (We all need a rest after today's antics.) pupils are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day and in return bring in a donation of chocolate for the Easter Raffle.

I'd like to end today's newsletter with the delightful news of Mrs Tyman's baby - Ezra Tyman - who was born on Wednesday 21st February, both mother and child are both doing well. I know you will all join with me in congratulating Mrs Tyman as she expands her family.

I sincerely hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, to the mothers out there, I hope your children surround you with happiness and their unconditional love and for those who have lost a mother, know that she still surrounds you with her everlasting love.

Mrs Roberts

Safeguarding



Please find information this week from the NSPCC on how to hold a conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. [Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#)

Online Safety

Please find information this week regarding online safety for families and children with SEND from the NSPCC. [Supporting Children Online with SEND](#)

Attendance



The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Should you require any further information on whether to send your child to

school or not please find further information from the NHS here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-worry-about-your-childs-illness/)

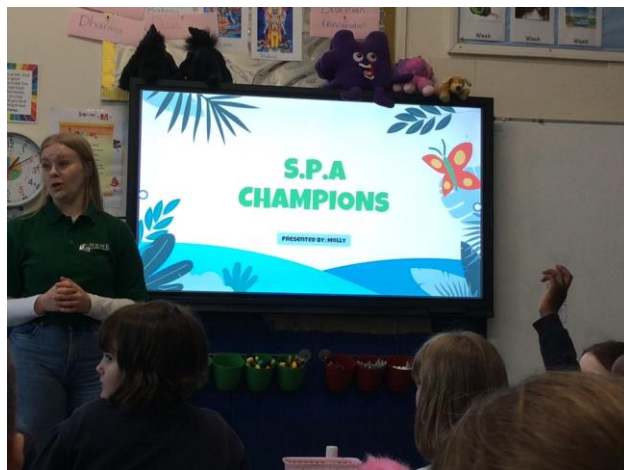
Stars of the Week

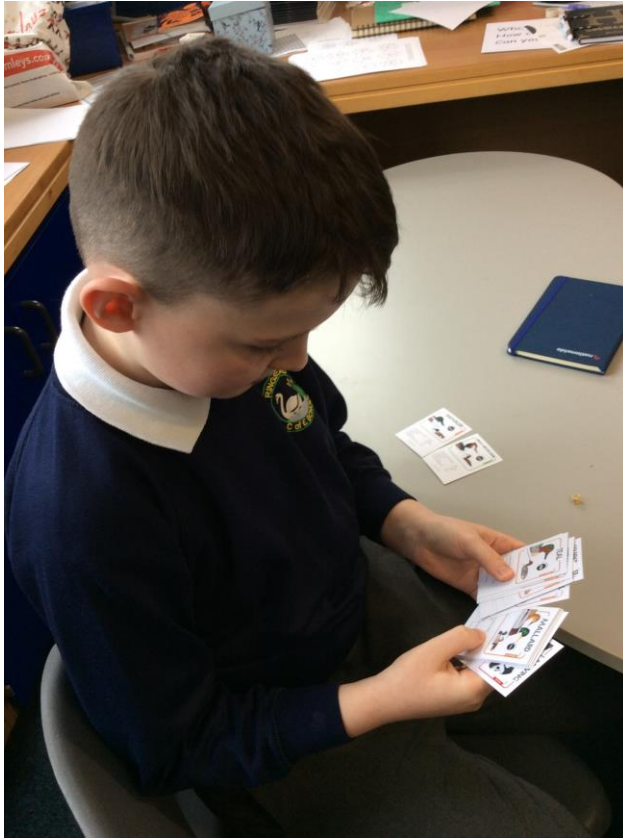


There was no Star of the Week assembly this week as instead we celebrated World Book Day. Star of the Week assembly will return next week.

Ravens - SPA Champions

Last Wednesday, Raven Class received a visit from the Nene River Trust. Pupils learnt about local areas which are Special Protection Areas and all pupils are now SPA Champions. Among other things, students learnt how to protect migratory birds, all about the Country Side Code and why we should look after our environment.







Robins History

Our History lessons continue to explore Victorian life this term. This week we considered what it was like for a poor Victorian child, specifically Mary Anning. We tasted unsweetened porridge, carrot peelings, (cooked) potato peelings, mild cheese and bread. We then designed a meal for Mary, based on what we know about her life so far.





New Arrivals in Robins

Introducing the newest addition to Robins! Four Platy fish arrived this week and we are incredibly excited to take care of them and watch as they grow.



World Book Day



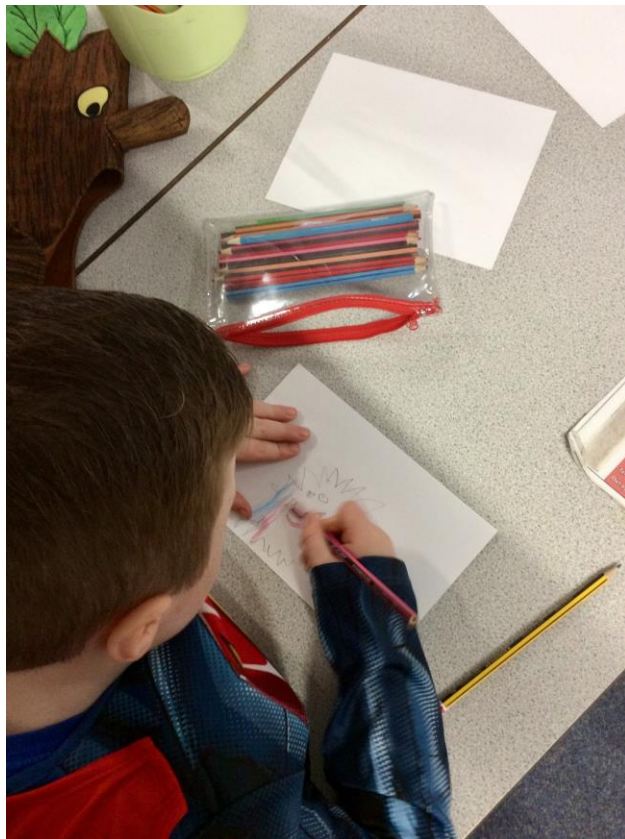









Robins were fortunate to spend time with the author Stephanie Harrison. During the session she explained the inspiration behind her two stories and guided us to draw our own characters.





Family Support











NORTH NORTHANTS SEND IASS YEAR 5 SEMINARS 2024

TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY
SCHOOL FOR SEN LEARNERS

A tailored workshop which is designed to provide an understanding and answer questions about the transition from primary to secondary school for SEN learners.

This workshop is for **you** if your child is currently in Year 5:

- with an EHC plan
- or who is receiving SEN support in school.

ENC Thrapston Council Chamber	 THURSDAY 07 MARCH 2024	 10AM-12PM
Corby Cube Council Chamber	 TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024	 10AM-12PM
Virtual Session Microsoft Teams	 THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024	 6:30PM-8:30PM

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL Please contact us to register your place.
SENDIASS@NORTHNORTHANTS.GOV.UK
0300 373 2532

Primary to Secondary School Transition Seminars for Year 5 Parents:

As part of our commitment to supporting smooth transitions for students with special educational needs, we will be hosting seminars specifically tailored for the parent/carers of Year 5 pupils. These seminars aim to provide valuable insights, resources, and guidance to help parents navigate the transition process effectively. We believe that informed parents play a crucial role in ensuring successful transitions for their children, and these seminars are designed to empower them with the necessary information and support. We will be hosting **three** sessions will be focusing on the transition from primary to secondary school for SEN learners. They will cover:

- What parent/carers can do before applying
- How to apply
- How places are allocated
- What you can do if you do not get your choice of school.

Details:

Virtual Year 5 Primary to Secondary Transition Seminar via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 14th March 2024

6:30pm-8:30pm (2 hours)

SEND IASS Year 5 Primary to Secondary Transition Seminar at East Northants Council Chamber

Thursday 7th March 2024

10am-12pm (2 hours)

Venue: ENC Thrapston Council Chamber, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ

SEND IASS Year 5 Primary to Secondary Transition Seminar at Corby Council Chamber

Tuesday 12th March 2024

10am-12pm (2 hours)

Venue: Council Chamber at The Cube, Corby, George Street, NN17 1QG

*** Spaces are limited, and booking is essential.**

Details for Truth from the Youth Council Meetings:

To accommodate everyone's attendance, due to differences in school term times and exam periods, we have revised the session dates for the remainder of this academic year. Details for the next session are as follows:

Wednesday 27th March

9:30am-12:45pm

Kettering Council Chamber, Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX

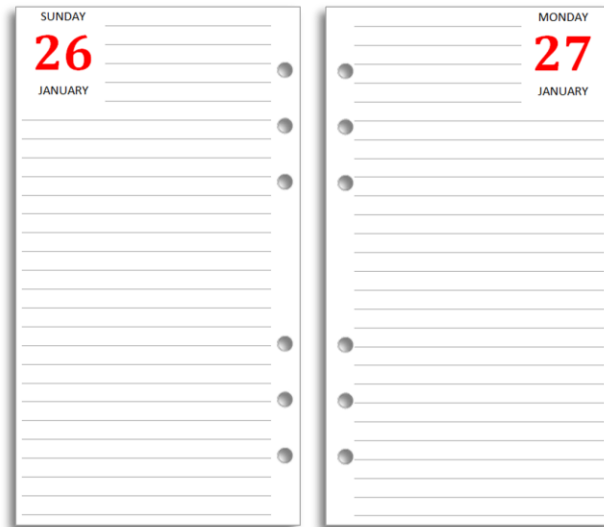
*Please note in your diary the subsequent dates for the council meetings, which will now be: **Wednesday 1st May 2024 and Wednesday 26th June 2024***

Academy Governance Committee



Please contact our Chair of Governors - Mrs Harrison via r.harrison@ringstead.pdet.org.uk should there be anything you wish to share or discuss in relation to our school.

Dates for the Diary



March

Friday 16th- National Napping Day. The Student Council would like pupils to wear pyjamas on this day and in return bring in chocolate for an Easter Raffle.

Tuesday 19th - Parents Evening (further information to follow)

Thursday 21st - West Lodge Farm - Robins

Thursday 21st - Parents Evening

Thursday 28th - Easter Collective Worship at St Mary's Church 1.30pm - everyone welcome.

Thursday 28th - End of Term

Term Dates 2023/24

Academic Year 2023/2024

Term 1 Friday 1st September 2023 - Friday 20th October 2023

Term 2 Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term 3 Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Training Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December

- Half term holiday: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
- Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January to Friday 4 April



- Half term holiday: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
- Easter holiday: Monday 7 April to Thursday 17 April

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April to Tuesday 22 July

- Bank holidays: Friday 18 April and Monday 21 April
- Bank holiday: Monday 5 May
- Half term holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
- Summer holiday: Wednesday 23 July to Friday 29 August



Key	
	School Holidays
	Training Days
	Bank Holidays
	School Day
	Weekends