



Rishton Methodist Primary School

“Rise up ... take courage and do it” Ezra 10:4

Headteacher: Mrs D Higgins

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Children's Corner

During my time in classes this week, the children have continued to show their brilliant attitudes to learning. Luca was excited to tell me that, he was learning how to write a leaflet "which is full to the brim with facts!" William and Mitchell in Year 5 shared how to order decimals. Phoebe was excited to tell me that her class were learning and practising how to carry out column subtraction. Well done to all of our children for their hard work – everyone has earned a good rest this half term holiday!



Reverend Sharon Visit Reverend Sharon is the Lancashire District Leader for the Methodist Church and she came to visit our school to see all of the good work that goes on here. Reverend Sharon delivered a worship for us and enjoyed looking around the school and meeting each of our classes. She was very impressed and shared that the children's behaviour and attitudes were impeccable, as were their manners.



Parent Workshops Over the last few weeks, we have held a range of successful parental workshops: these have included Maths, Grammar and Phonics. The children really enjoy learning alongside their parents, and we hope to continue to hold these going forward. Your feedback is always appreciated, and we are going to look at holding some events after school, to help those of you who have been

unable to attend during the school day, due to other commitments.

Rishton's Got Talent

The school community came together to watch our children show off their many talents, which included a range of gymnastics, dancing and singing. We are incredibly proud of all those children who took part. A special well done goes to Isabella, who came first, Charlie, who came second, and Tia, who came in third place. The audience were encouraging and enjoyed joining in with their clapping and singing along. On our judging panel were our special guests, our head girl, Emily, and our head boy, Harry, who were excellent when they offered words of encouragement and wisdom.

Sporting Updates

We continue to have a variety of sports clubs running at lunch time, run by SportsCool – the children are able to participate in dodgeball, football, multi-sports, cricket and other activities. We have recently taken part in an athletics competition against other local schools, where our children represented Rishton Methodist brilliantly. Both our boys' and girls' teams won their relay races. Well done to all!

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Opal continues to go from strength to strength. Our children's resilience and independence is growing and it is fantastic to see. Recent additions to our outdoor play include a scooter track, sandpits, small world play and water play.

Staff Corner

In this newsletter, we focus on Mrs Whiteside, who has been a member of the team for 23 years. Mrs Whiteside is one of our fantastic teaching assistants, who currently works in Year 2. Mrs Whiteside has a particular passion for phonics and she tells me, " My favourite part of the job is seeing the children grow and develop their skills." Thank you to Mrs Whiteside for all that you do for the children and staff at our school.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February	School reopens for Spring 2 half term
Wednesday 26th February	Residential Trip for Years 5 & 6 children
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – children to wear bright clothes or fancy dress
Tuesday 11th March	Let's Go Sing at Blackpool Winter Gardens for Year 5 & 6 children
Wednesday 19th March	Spring Parents' Evening 4:00-7:00pm
Monday 24th March	Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 26th March	Easter Disco 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 27th March	East Lancashire Hospice fundraising day
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production 2:00 – 3:00pm
<i>Please see Dojo dates, or the yearly dates list, which was sent home in September, for more key events.</i>	

After School Club – Progressive Kids

After the half term, the new after school club provision will commence – details of how to register and book a spot have been shared on Dojo. James, the company owner, is happy to discuss any details with you, if you would like to drop him an email at j.evans@progressive-sports.co.uk

Final Word

After another very busy half term, we finish today for our February break. I would like to thank all of our families for your continuing support. We will see you back in school on Monday 24th February at 8:40am.

Take care, Mrs Higgins.

