

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



28th JANUARY 2022 – EDITION 19

FROM MR RARATY



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 3rd Feb

Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

3.30 - 4.45pm

Drop in Session

Year 1 - 5

Dear Parent / Carer,



We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!

Rodings Primary School aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights: In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Rodings pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School.

For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa and/or watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DOPyJKSUxo>

Yours sincerely,

Mr Crawley

HOUSE POINTS

407

DE VERES

596

HROTHA

601

MANDEVILLES

528

TILTY

FROM YOUR GOVERNING BOARD

Our two new governors were welcomed on board at our first meeting of this term, Karen Whitehouse and Lauren Dearsley. Staff wellbeing was then discussed. A recent survey showed that staff are happy and positive, and stress is being well managed despite the high expectations of Ofsted, the issue of Covid, and the juggling and covering of staff in recent months.

Mr Raraty then gave us his Headteacher update. With regard to Covid he explained that the Hummingbirds have been hit particularly hard recently. Overall there had been increase in cases of Covid at Rodings since Christmas. SEND data was then presented to us, and various SEND issues were explained including the departure of a valued educational psychologist from Essex County Council. Staff changes were discussed with the Governors and we heard news of the advertising of one new post at Learning Support Assistant at Rodings.

The main part of the meeting was taken up by Mr Raraty's excellent presentation of the new Rodings Road Map, a five year strategic plan to take the school from 2021 to 2026. The plan was extremely inspiring. No doubt it will be shared soon. The school development plan, highlighting the day to day running of the school, will sit under this strategic level road map. Five key areas for strategic development over the next five years were discussed with the board. It was gratifying to realise that we are all singing from the same hymn sheet. Our Chair, Steph Green, then explained about the need for the Governance Action Plan to also sit alongside the road map, detailing our shared strategic vision as the school's Governors.

Finally, Andrea presented a Finance update. The Kitchen redecoration project was discussed and agreed, this will be completed during the Easter holidays. Before ending the meeting, various policies were ratified and INSET days were agreed for the next academic year.

Sarah Stevenson

TERM DATES 2022-23

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 = Schooldays
 = Weekends

 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

RODINGS INSET DAYS FOR 2022/23:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 5th December 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

This means that the academic year for children starts on Monday 5th September 2022.

PHYSICS

THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY



LIKE THESE PHOTOS?

Forces are all around you but do you think you could actually capture one in a photograph? Why not have a try?

COMPETITION

Take a photograph that shows a force. This could be anything from a cat jumping, a plane in the sky or a falling ball. The opportunities are endless! The more creative, the better!

Once you have your photograph, please write a sentence to explain why you have taken the photograph and what force is being shown.

THERE ARE PRIZES!

There will be prizes given out for winning entries. A prize will be awarded to the winning entry in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

The winning entry from each Key Stage will be put forward for an inter-school competition with 7 other local schools and the winner will be given an even bigger prize!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Can you capture a force in a photo?

DEADLINE
21st February
2022

HOW TO ENTER

You can either print your photograph and your supporting sentence and hand it to your teacher or email to:

mrs.oakley@rodingsprimary.co.uk

LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING

Great Dunmow Primary,
St Mary's Primary,
Felsted Primary,
Fitch Green Academy,
Stebbing Primary,
Rodings Primary,
Thaxted Primary and
Great Easton Primary.

With thanks to the Ogden Trust who are funding the prizes!



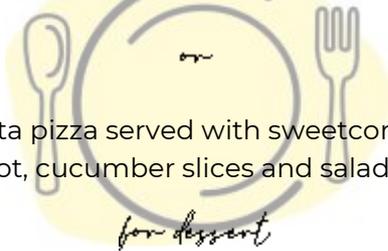
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Menu

Week commencing 31st January 2022

MONDAY

Pepperoni pizza served with sweetcorn, grated carrot, cucumber slices and salad bar



Margherita pizza served with sweetcorn, grated carrot, cucumber slices and salad bar

for dessert

Ice cream & sauce

TUESDAY

Great Garnett's sausage served with potato wedges, baked beans, peas & salad bar



Quorn sausage served with potato wedge, baked beans, peas & salad bar

for dessert

Fruit jelly

WEDNESDAY

Garnett's roast chicken served with roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding & gravy



Roast Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding & gravy

for dessert

Apple crumble & custard

THURSDAY

Tomato & bacon pasta served with cucumber sticks, carrot sticks & salad bar



Tomato & herb pasta served with cucumber sticks, carrot sticks & salad bar

for dessert

Oaty cookie

FRIDAY

Omega 3 fish fingers served with chips, peas & salad bar



Veggie fingers served with chips, peas & salad bar

for dessert

Cupcake

THE COOKING POT

