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Welcome to the RGS Weekly Newsletter, 28 May 2017.

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Fairytale Ball

On Thursday students in Key Stage 1 held a Fairytale Ball in their very own castle. There were lots of wonderful costumes and it was a fantastic event, enjoyed by both the students and the many staff members who received invitations to attend. The students learned about being generous and welcoming to others, and so when staff came to their ball they were offered something to eat and drink.

The Fairytale Ball was a great way to consolidate the students learning so far this term and also incorporate a cross curricular approach to learning. Year 2 students have been studying about Houses and Homes this term and so they were able to provide Year 1 students with lots of information about castles and their features. They also worked together in their maths problem solving lessons to make crowns for their guests; measuring their heads to make sure the crowns were the correct size!

During PE lessons the students took part in dance and learned some routines that they were able to showcase on Thursday at the ball.

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If you go down to the woods today...

Last week students in Early Years held a Teddy Bears picnic. Nursery and Reception students came to school with their favourite teddy bear and spent the day doing a range of different activities together. It was lovely to see the students looking after their teddies and making sure they ate some of the tasty food at the picnic!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30th May
- First Day of Term 3.2

Tuesday 30th May –
Thursday 22nd June

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the school hours will be 7.45am – 12.15pm for all students. Students can still be dropped off at school from 7.15am each day. Please note that ECAs will not run from Thursday 25 May – Thursday 22nd June.



Sunday 4th June –
Thursday 8th June
- Arts Week :Throughout the week students in all year groups will complete individual and collaborative pieces of work. There will also be music, dance and drama taking place throughout the week.

Thursday 15th June -
End of Year Reports :All students will receive their End of Year Report on this day. Parents who would like to discuss their child's report are asked to speak to their class teacher and arrange a time during the final week of the school year.

Thursday 22nd June
- Last day of Term
3.2: Parents are invited into school for our end of year assembly. More information will be sent out after May half term. School will close at 12 o'clock on this day to

How are you feeling?

In assembly on Thursday we talked about feelings. Volunteers came to the front to describe how they were feeling and why people might be happy, sad, angry, excited or surprised.

The students decided that how they feel can impact how others feel, and so if they feel sad then it can make others feel sad, but if they are happy and smiley then their friends might be happy as well. We all agreed to try and 'give someone a smile' during the day to make others smile and feel happy.

Music at the RGS

Music forms an important part of the curriculum at the RGS. Last week students in Key Stage 1 learned about rhythm and tempo in preparation for their Fairytale Ball.

Our new specialist music teacher, Mr Woodhouse, is currently working with staff at the RGS, UK and myself, to finalise the music curriculum for next academic year. I am very excited about what we will be able to offer our students next year during both curriculum time and through extra-curricular activities. All students in Key Stage 2 will benefit from learning an individual instrument and Mr Woodhouse will work with all year groups to develop their musical knowledge and confidence performing.

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Arts week

Next week is Arts Week at the RGS! We feel it is important that students benefit from an all-round education and have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities alongside the core subjects of Maths and English.

Throughout the week students in all year groups will complete individual and collaborative pieces of work based around different themes. There will also be music, dance and drama taking place for students to participate in.

Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week the RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to students from each class who have excelled in an area of school life during the week. Students will receive these awards for excellent behaviour, effort or attainment in the classroom, or for demonstrating one of the RGS Learning Habits.

Last week the following students received one of these special awards:

Nursery: Jassim & Maryam

Reception: Reemas

Year 1: Rhiley

Year 2: Yared

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Class of the Week

Maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality at school are essential for students to ensure they maximise their learning time in school and reach their full potential; academically, socially and emotionally.

Last week Year 2 were awarded both trophies as they achieved the highest weekly attendance and punctuality. Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day.



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