

# Headteacher Newsletter

Bumper Edition!!!



## Sky Team Support ...

This summer term we were fortunate to have a whole team of Sky engineers to come along to school and help out with our outdoor areas. They brought soil, paint and enthusiasm! Together with children and staff they painted, planted and helped to refresh the outdoor areas to make school look fabulous. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Dewhurst for making this possible and thank you to all the Sky Team who donated their time.

## Celebrating Deaf Awareness Week ...



## HELLO!



## MEET THE TEAM

Mrs Harding is leading Cherry Class along with Mrs. Dewhurst, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Park and Mrs. Boyle.

Mr. Vare is leading Deaf Studies & BSL tuition and is part of our Pastoral Support Team.

Ms. Robinson is leading Willow Class along with Mr. Vare and Ms. Cartwright.

Oak Class is led by Mrs. Hughes supported by Mrs. Rainford, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Mansford.

Our Early Years children are led by Mr. Jones along with Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Shahid.

Our new Sycamore Class will be led by Mrs. Cunliffe and Mrs. Reilly.



To our year 6 children who will be starting the next exciting chapter in their lives. We wish them all the very best and ask them to keep in touch!

We are all very proud of you!

# Kurling Competition



## Competition Sports

In May some of our older KS2 children went to Bolton to take part in a school's Kurling competition. This gave the children a chance to explore a new sport and compete against other children of similar ages. It also gave our children a chance to meet with other Deaf children. Our children did really well and they all came back with Medals. Well done everyone!

Here are a few photos from the trip.

## Out and About .....

**Early years Wellie walks.** Our Early Years children have been getting out and about each week to Let's Grow. This is a charity run group who run a community gardening project and have donated plants, vegetables and given the children a certificate.



**KS2 Residential Visit 2023.** This year we were again able to take a small group of our older children for a 3 night residential adventure at Hothersall Lodge. The children were fantastic and the staff were very proud of them. My thanks go out to the children for fabulous behaviour and enthusiasm and to the staff who give up their time to make this possible.



# Bits and Pieces .....

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Congratulations to one of our Governors, Councillor Phil Crowe who is now the Deputy Mayor! We are looking forward to having him visit school and chat about his new role with the children. We hope to invite him into school in the Autumn term!



**Firefighters in school.** We seem to have some new firefighters in Royal Cross! School has had an exciting visit from the local Fire Service. Luckily they arrived with uniform just the right size for Larch class.



**Coronation of King Charles the second.** This has been a special time and the staff and children celebrated this event with a special tea party, decorations and wonderful crowns.



## **Deaf Choir and BBC.**

Cherry class took part in this year's Deaf Awareness day and were able to watch a recording of Mrs Harding's brother taking part in the country's only Deaf choir, bringing BSL to millions as part of the King's coronation celebrations.

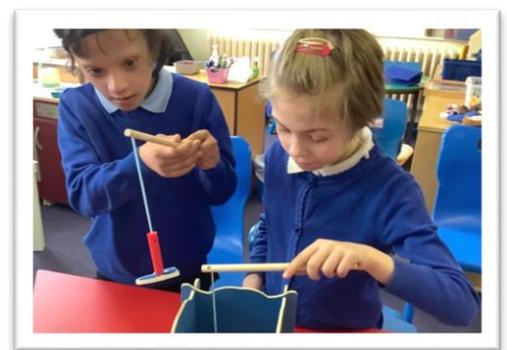
**Early Years Stay & Play.** Thanks to Mr. Jones and the Early Years Team for making this such a success this year. We are looking forward to running these groups again from the Autumn term. We have vacancies for this free event so feel free to share with friends who may have pre-school Deaf children.



**A new Deputy Headteacher!** We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Cunliffe into Royal Cross from September 2023. Mrs. Cunliffe has been coming into school to meet the children and staff and I know everyone will make her very welcome.



**PHSE - Learning to share!** This term Cherry class have been focussing on how to take turns, share and work together. Mrs Harding says she is very proud of them all. **Well done Cherry Class!!**



# Breaking News....

## Art Club Winners! Congratulations to our school Art Club run by Mrs Mansford!

Royal Cross School's Art Club has been selected as a runner up in the Lancashire Pride competition. This was run by Lancashire County Council and celebrated the theme of 'Proud to be Me, Proud of my Friends, Proud of my School'.

The team was so impressed by the quality and imagination of the entry to the competition, that although they hadn't intended to award runner up prizes in the competition, they decided to award Royal Cross as a special runner up prize to recognise their fantastic work and creativity.

They are also giving school £10 worth of books and will come into a special assembly to award the Art Club children with special certificates!

We are all very proud of them all!

Thank you to Mrs Mansford for supporting this club.



# WINNERS

**Computer Coding with Willow and Oak Classes** This term we had a visit from Jay Metha, the year 7 son of one of our Governors who is a whizz at robotics and coding. Jay works with schools all over the country, bringing his enthusiasm and skills with computer coding and robotics workshops. This was Jay's second visit and I know that he will continue to support our school's computing curriculum by returning again next year. The children were fully engaged and enjoyed learning how to build on their coding skills.



**Art Workshop** This term we are excited to welcome a whole school community Art Project led by an 'Artist in Residence.' This will be an exciting opportunity for groups of children to work collaboratively to produce a piece of art work for the school. The children will have opportunities to develop their imaginative vocabulary and to develop their language skills as they work together in groups. The theme is nature with children surrounded by lots of foliage, flowers, insects and creatures all created by the children themselves. The idea is to create a beautiful, bright and welcoming piece that the children will see every morning on their way into school.



**Dinner Money** Unfortunately due to an increase in costs this will be **£2.50** a day from September.

## LAST WORD .....

This is by far the busiest term of the year as staff begin to review children's progress and prepare for all our end of year events. This is the term that we begin to say 'hello' to our new children at the very start of their primary school life and our proud goodbyes as our year 6 children prepare to leave for their secondary school adventure. This is also a term of mixed emotions for me as a Head as I begin to look towards retirement. I will miss the children, families and staff but I am happy to be handing over to Mrs Parveen who I know is as passionate about Deaf education as I am. She will be a wonderful Head and together with the staff, children and families, Royal Cross will go from strength to strength! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your steadfast support to myself as Head throughout the years. This has been very much appreciated.

THANK YOU everyone and all the best for the future!

Have a fabulous Summer break!

