

# Inspiring Change Newsletter

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# Subject focus

## Travel and tourism

In term 6, the KS3 humanities pupils have been studying Travel and Tourism as a way to expose them to the current expectations and working on completing work to a higher standard.



Travel and Tourism is a BTEC option available to KS4 pupils. In this subject, we look at different UK destinations, natural features, capital cities, and different resorts. Pupils are expected to develop their map skills, plan holidays and write in detail about meeting different customer needs during a holiday in the UK and abroad.

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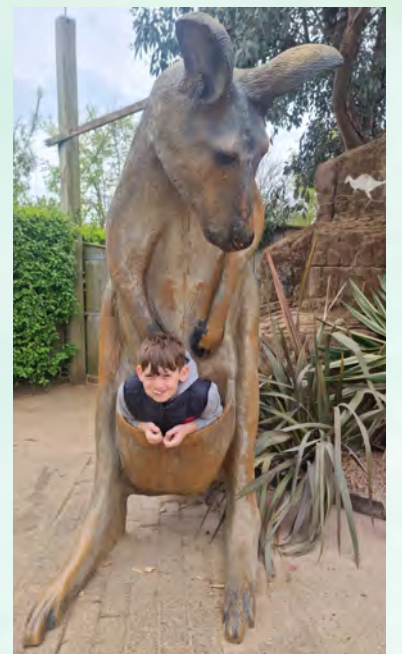
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# Humanities

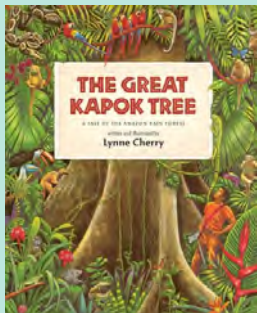
In Humanities for the last two terms, pupils have been studying; climate change, prehistoric life and Travel and Tourism. These topics are important because it allows pupils to understand the world around them, how their actions can impact the climate and how the earth has developed over time. In particular, Max and Laura have really embraced the topics and have worked hard throughout, showing an eagerness to learn and been inquisitive.



The hardest working Humanities pupils had the opportunity to attend Colchester Zoo. This was a wonderful visit where pupils saw many different wild animals, they learned about their habitat and how this has changed and adapted to the current climate. A select few were also able to feed giraffes and elephants, which was a wonderful experience for all involved.



# Primary Update Term 5



We have explored many amazing topics recently at the primary, in term 5 we saw the rainforest come to the primary with the children immersing themselves with all things tropical. They researched where in the world rainforests are located and why, investigating the animals of the region and the problems that the Amazon currently faces. They read the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' and wrote persuasive arguments as to why deforestation has to be stopped.





# Primary Update Term 6



This term, we have looked at the topic of space. The children have loved researching the space race and finding out about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. They have investigated night and day, the seasons and time-zones in science and produced some fantastic artwork of rockets, planets and stars. This was topped off with a wonderful visit to the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, which allowed the children to draw all of their brilliant learning on the topic together.



All of the children we have worked with this year have made good progress and we wish them all well as they transition to their new schools.





# Interventions



It's been a busy term for Interventions at The Rowans with 100% of pupils having at least one intervention per week. Pupils have been working on improving their literacy and numeracy skills alongside their therapeutic and wellbeing interventions.

Six pupils have been attending Squirrels riding school working through levels 1 and 2 of the Changing Lives Through Horses Programme. They have developed knowledge and skills that can be applied in all areas of their lives and also learnt how to trot independently on a horse!



Key Stage 3 have been going to Great Leaps where they have been taking part in a bushcraft carousel and learning the skills required to survive in the wild.

In The Rowans AP garden our 25 horticulturists have been busy preparing, sowing seeds, watering, weeding, trimming, and mowing, resulting in bumper crops of; spring onions, tomatoes, chillies, peas, raspberries, beetroot, rhubarb, runner beans and strawberries. An amazing contribution to our garden!





# Violent Reduction Commitment Pledge

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Medway, the violence reduction unit, police officers and a representative from The Ben Kinsella Trust and Fearless to come and be part of a very special assembly in school. We discussed the dangers of knife crime and considered the devastating impacts on friends and families of victims and perpetrators and on those who had witnessed such trauma.

We pledged, as a school, to not carry knives and to report it if someone we know carries a knife. Mrs May signed the pledge on behalf of the school and then read out a letter that had been written from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, where he commends the pupils and the school for being the first school in Kent and Medway to adopt the Violence Reduction Unit Pledge.

This is such an important pledge reminding our pupils about the importance of their decisions and that actions have consequences. We are proud that our school is a place of safety for all our pupils.

## Violence Reduction Unit Commitment Pledge

Innovating and collaborating  
to keep communities safe



By signing below, we are making a public promise:

- If we are in possession of a weapon, we will dispose of it safely
- We will never wield, or use, a weapon of any type that could cause harm to anyone
- If we feel we don't have options, we will ask for help
- If someone we know has a weapon, we will report it
- We will always strive to behave in a non-violent manner
- We will encourage and support our friends to join us in these promises

Signed on behalf of the pupils:

Mrs May



Stop Knife Crime



Schools Team  
Child Criminal Connections

## Secondary teacher of the year

This year's Kent and Medway Teacher of The Year Awards were held at The Ashford International Hotel and recognised the hard work and commitment of staff working in schools across the county. Our very own Miss Ravate was overall Secondary Teacher of The Year! Miss Ravate is everything a teacher should be.

Being a great teacher has many different attributes, as the Haim Ginott quote states "...As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanised or dehumanised." This quote expresses the difference that Miss Ravate makes to the children whom she has taught over the many years that she has been a teacher at The Rowans Alternative provision. She has given so much over the years and is very deserving of recognition. Well done Miss Ravate, we are all incredibly proud of you!

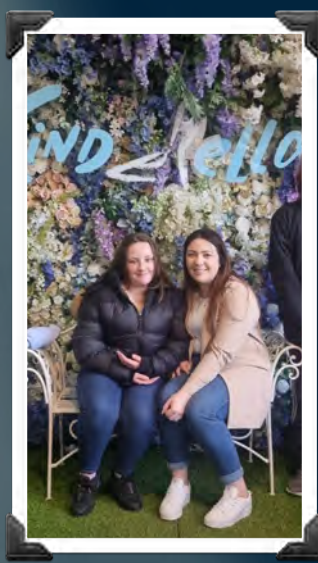




# Cinderella Theatre Trip

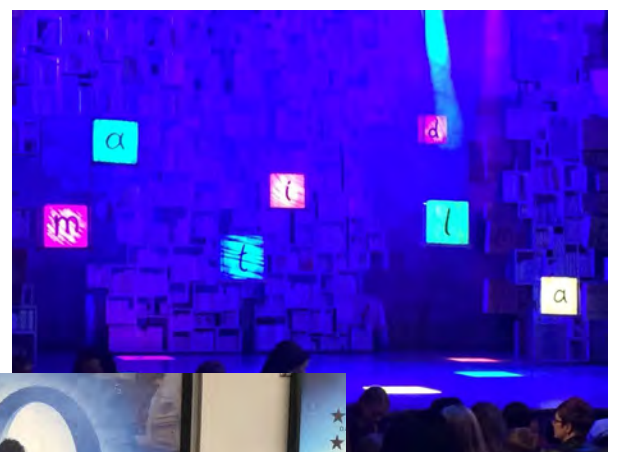


In April some of our KS3 pupils had the exciting opportunity to watch the Andrew Lloyd Webber theatre production of Cinderella! A modern-day twist on a classic fairy tale, featuring amazing performances with Cinderella herself showing girls that they can be fiercely independent regardless of looks or status. All of our pupils had a fantastic time and were exemplary members of our school community whilst walking around London. Before the show started, we were able to take in some of London's more popular attractions, including a walk through Covent Garden, the pupils were amazed by some of the acts that they saw including a very talented magician, although some maybe more impressed by the Dior shop! Overall, both pupils and staff had a magical day filled with fun, new and exciting experiences.



# Matilda Theatre Trip

As part of our exciting English curriculum, the primary school children have read extracts from the Roald Dahl book Matilda, researched the author and investigated the main characters. To really fire their imagination, we went on a trip to London to watch the musical Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre. The first part of the journey saw us catch the Thames clipper boat and enter London via the river. It was a great experience and brilliant to see the impressive landmarks come in to view. We saw the Royal Observatory, Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. We then walked to Nelson's Column and on to the theatre. The show was magical! The children were so talented and their singing was amazing! We loved the stage; the artwork was fabulous and the acting brilliant. We caught the clipper back and drove home. It was a long day but well worth it. We can't wait to see our next show!





# Colour Dash

On Sunday 3rd July, some of the Rowans community participated in the annual Colour Dash at Swanley Park for BEAMS charity. This event was family-friendly and great fun. The children and staff had to run or walk a 5Km course, whilst having coloured paint-powder thrown at them! Everyone wore a white t-shirt, knowing that it would not stay that colour for long! The pupils loved it and were able to put some of their endless energy into a worthwhile cause. All of the donations will help to provide holiday play schemes, day trips and respite care for children that would otherwise not be provided with those opportunities. It was a fantastic experience for all, supporting a wonderful charity and increasing our steps on a sunny Sunday morning. Well done to all of the Rowans children who took part.



# Rainbow Day

As a whole school effort, we celebrated 74 years of service from the NHS by holding a charity, Rainbow Day. This milestone has showcased how the NHS has innovated and adapted to meet the changing needs of generations. At The Rowans we are proud to support and celebrate such momentous occasions. Children and staff enjoyed a tag day, rainbow face paints, cake and keyring sale and to top off the day, a staff vs student rounders game. Fun was had by all and we are pleased to announce we raised £150 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed on the day.





# Art, photography, textiles and DT exhibition



This term the GCSE pupils showcased their work in The Rowans end of year exhibition. The exhibition was a huge success. Friends, family, colleagues and the local community joined us in celebrating the pupils' achievements. There was a huge variety of work on display, including outstanding 2D and 3D artwork, beautifully hand embroidered bags, thought provoking photographs and professionally made products. The exhibition was a testament to how hard the pupils and staff have worked throughout the year and it was a perfect finale to a challenging year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to support our pupils at this special event. We will hopefully see you at the same time next year!





# Indoor Rowing



As part of the Youth Trust Sports Week, the PE Department hosted our annual Inter House rowing competition. All teams had to row continuously for 25 minutes with the house rowing the furthest being crowned the winners. Gladiators raced off into an early lead thanks to IC and AB before Spartans clawed back through due to great work from CD and GW. Titans and Warriors stayed in contention with Titans making a late dash for the lead however, it was Gladiators who held on for the win!

Final positions:  
1st Gladiators  
2nd Titans  
3rd Spartans  
4th Warriors.



## District Sports

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June we took a record of 13 pupils to compete at the Secondary School Games District Athletics. The day started with AB finishing a fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> place in the YR10 long jump and AR competing brilliantly in the Javelin. Next up was CD in the Javelin where she came away with a silver medal! An amazing achievement! GW marginally missed out on a medal in the discus as well as BBR and AP in the Shot Putt. The rest of the squad competed on the track and all finished their races in respectful positions. Well done to all that took part. You were all amazing role models for our school!



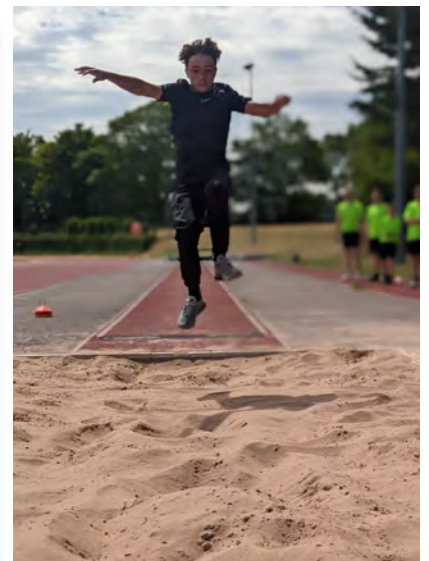
The squad was: CD, EW, LB, HJ, JC, KL, BBR, BS, GW, AP, AR, AB, HG.



# Sports Day



This year's Sports Day took place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Medway Park. Pupils competed in their houses taking part in a range of track and field events such as discus, shot put, javelin, long jump and the 4x100 m relay race. Our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience were modelled throughout the day and it was great to see pupils working together and encouraging each other to succeed. The overall winners of this year's Sports Day were Titans with Gladiators in second Spartans in third and Warriors in fourth place.



# Mathletics



The maths team ran an amazing Mathletics house event in term 6, the aim of this was to incorporate athletics with maths in a way which would be fun for pupils. There were four rounds: maths pong; office tennis; this blows; and hopscotch. Each event required the pupils to answer quick-fire maths questions in order to win points for their houses. Warriors and Titans in particular worked incredibly well and displayed commitment and sportsmanship throughout, making sure each team member participated and they worked well together. Well done to everyone who took part!





# Term 5 Values Day



This term's Values day only had 2 tiers due to year 11 finishing their studies with us and leaving.

## Tier 1:

Pupils who finished in tier 1 were rewarded with a fun trip to Thorpe Park. All pupils modelled our core values throughout the day as they have done all term. All of the pupils on the trip enjoyed all the rides. Making the day fun and enjoyable for everyone who was able to go, they were all a pleasure to take.

## Tier 2:

Pupils who finished in tier 2 and just missed out on the Thorpe Park reward trip were taken to Mote Park for an amazing picnic and an afternoon of volleyball, which all the pupils seemed to enjoy and engaged in. Pupils worked on developing our core values and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



# Term 6 Values Day

This term pupils who finished in tier 1 of our values chart for consistently modelling our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience were rewarded with a trip to Liquid Leisure to take part in the aqua assault course. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Pupils who finished in tier 2 were taken to Lower Ladysden Farm where they had the opportunity to pick their own strawberries or raspberries. Pupils who finished in tier 3 remained in school to work on our core values and prepared gifts for members of the local community. The pupils had a great time during their activities.





# The Class of 2022

Year 11 had a magnificent send off this year in a summer garden party themed presentation evening. Year 11 pupils wore their best outfits and came to the event looking beautiful. It was great to see them looking so grown up and ready to celebrate their time at The Rowans. The evening started with a Mocktail on arrival and a visit to the sweet's trolley, where a large selection of yummy treats was available to choose from. Year 11 then went onto finding their personalised posters and busied themselves getting them signed with goodbye and good luck messages. During the whole event year 11 and staff used the impressive balloon arch and bubble machine as the perfect backdrop for form and group photos. We laughed a lot and played with some props enjoying the start to the evening.

Mrs May then started the official programme and we laughed and cried whilst hearing the individual messages of year 11 journeys. It was very emotional to hear all of the amazing achievements and fun times all of year 11 have had whilst at The Rowans. We also had the chance to watch the eagerly awaited year 11 films and we laughed and cringed a bit more at the story they told!

What a super way to end the journey for our awesome year 11 pupils. We look forward to seeing your grow and flourish in the years to come.



# Well Done!



# Extra Information

## Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 1:  
Start - Friday 2nd September 2022  
Finish - Friday 14th October 2022

Term 4:  
Start - Monday 20th February 2023  
Finish - Friday 31st March 2023

Term 2:  
Start - Monday 31st October 2022  
Finish - Friday 16th December 2022

Term 5:  
Start - Monday 17th April 2023  
Finish - Friday 26th May 2023

Term 3:  
Start - Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Finish - Friday 10th February 2023

Term 6:  
Start - Monday 5th June 2023  
Finish - Friday 21st July 2023

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.





# *Final Word*

*By Mrs May*

As we finish another school year, it's a great time to reflect on the various successes and achievements made by so many at The Rowans. It has certainly been an action packed final two terms. We have had the exam period where pupils conducted themselves with maturity and positivity, demonstrating our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience, on a daily basis. I am confident that these positive attitudes to learning and the mature way in which they have approached the exams will ensure that they achieve the best possible outcomes. We have already seen what hard work can accomplish with the amazing Art, Textiles, Photography and DT pieces that have been produced during the final exams in these subject areas. It was a real pleasure to see all of this final work displayed at The Rowans' Exhibition, the quality of work was impressive and the talent was clear to see.

We have known some of our year 11 pupils for many years and it is always hard to say goodbye, it has been a challenging journey for some at certain times but I am proud of the personal progress that they have each made. It hasn't always been easy but watching them transform into young adults has been a privilege. My message to our leavers is this: Live your lives without regret, it's ok to make mistakes but learn from them. Your futures are waiting for you, you can make a difference in the world and to people's lives. Believe in yourselves the way in which I believe in you, success and happiness can take many forms and are different for all of us. Search for your own success and your own happiness, dream big, be brave, be a good person, make good choices, have fun and enjoy life. You are all an inspiration to me, don't waste your chance to inspire others.

The year 11's and indeed, all pupils, have been fortunate to have been surrounded by dedicated and inspirational staff, who work tirelessly to ensure pupils are making progress academically and personally alongside supporting pupils to be the best version of themselves. Miss Ravate has been formally recognised at the Kent and Medway Teacher of The Year Awards 2022, being awarded with Secondary Teacher of The Year, we are all incredibly proud of her and recognise how lucky we are that she is part of our school community.

We have had some key events in this final term including District Sports Day, where one of our pupils achieved a silver medal, competing against all Medway Secondary Schools. We have also had our own Sports Day, hosted by Medway Park, where pupils have competed in their house teams, achieving some remarkable results in both track and field events. We have concluded our school year with an enrichment week, it has been fantastic seeing the pupils engage with activities that are often new to them, being supported by staff, to push themselves, growing their confidence and developing important practical and personal skills.

The partnership we have with parents is vital in ensuring best support for our pupils so thank you for all your support this year, it is appreciated and valued. I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Should you need support, please contact us in the normal way by emailing [help@therowansap.co.uk](mailto:help@therowansap.co.uk). We have a full programme of summer activities which pupils have already signed up for and we look forward to catching up with them over summer. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Academic Induction Day.