

Rosehill School

Newsletter 4 – July 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so proud of our Rosehill community. For what we stand for and what we aim to achieve. All of us play a part in that vision – you as parents, the children and all of our wonderful school staff and governors. This in part can be evidenced in how we, as a community, have come together at many events over the last year: the here to help fayre, coffee mornings, talent shows, sports days and the celebration assemblies. Your support has been overwhelming and we thank you for sharing these special times with us.

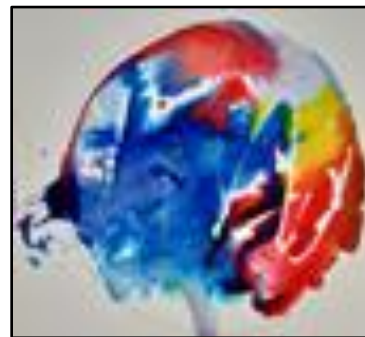
One major aspect of our ongoing drive over the last year has been the development of our Creative Curriculum. We know from our research with the Creative Collaboratives and Durham University the importance of intentionally embedding creativity into every aspect of the curriculum and giving creativity greater emphasis. With the support of our dedicated team, we really have achieved this; From our work with artists such as 'The Makers of Imaginary Worlds', Festival of Science and Curiosity, Dance Equation and the Schools Massive Shakespeare play 'All's well that ends well' to the School Choir and Music Hub. I am sure you will agree creativity, curiosity and creative thinking are key aspects of learning at Rosehill.

Over the past few weeks, students in classes 13 and 14 have taken part in celebrations to mark the end of their career at Rosehill. Thank you for your hard work and the joy you have brought to our school. They will be moving to a variety of colleges and day services and I wish them success and happiness in all their future endeavours.

I would again like to thank all the staff for their hard work this year. Staff at Rosehill are passionate about ensuring the best outcomes for all the pupils and it's a pleasure to work with this dedicated team.

Finally, I want to wish all of our pupils, parents and staff a happy and safe summer break. I encourage you to take some time to rest and recharge, so that you can return to school in September ready to learn and succeed.

Warmest regards
Cheryl Steele, Headteacher



KS2 Pupil's print @ Makers of Imaginary Worlds Workshop

Rosehill Awards – Summer 2024



Attendance Awards

Whole School Attendance
92%

Class Attendance Awards
1st Place – 8 Pine (96%)
2nd Place (Joint) – 3 Daisy, 5 Elm & 14 Newstead (95%)
3rd Place – 6 Willow (94%)

Achievement Awards

Class Ambassador
Primary School – Chris
Middle School – Adam
Upper School – Riakgol

Gold Award
Summer Term 1 – Class 6
Summer Term 2 – Class 12

Outstanding Achievement Awards



Primary School – Urijah
Middle School – Joshua
Upper School – Alfie



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



Rosehill Safeguarding Team

<p>Safeguarding Officer Charlotte Turner Lead DSL Availability: Mon-Fri/ Also via email c.turner@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Headteacher Cheryl Steele Headteacher DSL Availability: Mon-Fri/ Also via email c.steele@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Acting Deputy Headteacher Tamara Riddell Deputy DSL Availability: Mon-Fri/ Also via email t.riddell@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Safeguarding Governor Rebecca Hyder Governor Contact Availability: Via email r.hyder@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 
<p>Deputy Headteacher Adele Harvey Deputy DSL Availability: Wed/Thurs/Fri/ Also via email A.Harvey@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 			

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Rosehill is Charlotte Turner

Please see one of our DSLs in person or call 0115 9155815

If you are concerned that a child/young person may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse OR if you are being abused:

- Tell someone you trust
- In an emergency, dial **999**
- To report a crime, call **101**
- Nottingham City Council Social Care – for a child/young person who lives in Nottingham City: **0115 876 4800**
CityMASH@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
- Nottinghamshire County Council Social Care – for a child/young person who lives in Nottinghamshire County:
<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash>
- NSPCC Helpline: **0808 800 5000** and Child Line: **0800 1111**

Further Help and Support:

- Conversations About Life Online – NSPCC:
Children are spending more time using the internet- helping them to understand the internet better is the best way to shield them from its worst excesses. I'd like to draw your attention to an article written by the NSPCC: **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**. This highlights ways in which parents (and teachers) can have sensible conversations about the online world, and their children's role within it. To find out more follow the link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/want-to-talk-about-it-making-space-for-conversations-about-life-online/>



For further safeguarding information, please follow this link to our school website:

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/safeguarding/>

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our school attendance officer is: **Kate Lloyds** k.lloyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk

In line with the most recent guidance from the Department of Education, pupils must aim to attend school every day. With this in mind, please note that all absence counts against your child's attendance percentage. As always, we want to work collaboratively with you to ensure the best outcomes for our children. **Remember:** Improving attendance is everyone's responsibility. [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



All holidays are unauthorised. We will be notifying the Council of any extended holidays which could lead to penalties and fines.

Cost of Living Help:

Food Banks

For anyone who is currently experiencing difficulties accessing food there are local food banks available. This link will take you to the **Ask Lion website**, which also contains local news and information about what's on in Nottingham.

https://www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/results.action?directorychannel=6_3_2_1&nh=50

If you require support, you can call Nottingham City Council on 0115 915 5555.

The **NHS Healthy Start** scheme is available for some pregnant people or for some of those that have children under the age of 4. For those that are eligible, this scheme entitles you to payments every 4 weeks to spend on essential items such as: cow's milk, fruit and vegetables, instant formula milk and pulses. Please follow this [link](#) for further help, or email **Kate Lloyds** k.lloyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Special Recognition Awards

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to **Class 8 (Pine)** who had the best attendance this year and to the **59** individual pupils across the school who have received excellent attendance awards - well done!

Head Teacher's Gold Awards

This terms Head Teacher Gold Awards go to:

- ❖ **Jace, Javeria, Ali, Mason, Tekaira, Sara, Muhammed** – Excellent bike riding
- ❖ **Rizwan, Tanaka, Savannah, Panashe, Zahir, Pranesh, Riakgol, Alfie** – Representing the school at the Theatre
- ❖ **Class 7** – Brilliant work
- ❖ **Ali** – Excellent work
- ❖ **Ayaan** – Improved writing
- ❖ **Adrian** – Improved communication skills
- ❖ **Leavers** – Excellent school career



Class Ambassadors Awards

This term, all Ambassadors have worked extremely hard to promote our school values and have supported projects such as Pride and RSE Day. Well done Ambassadors.

Celebration Assembly and Outstanding Achievement Awards



Over the course of the year, I have continued to update all parents and carers about the many ways we celebrate the achievements of every child. Our "Gold Book Awards" have been a real success and I am so pleased that so many parents and carers were able to join us for the end of year Achievements Awards Ceremony this week. We were joined by some very special visitors during the day including the Sheriff of Nottingham, the Director of Education and the Police Commissioner who awarded the pupils with special awards for their personal achievements. Special recognition awards were presented to Urijah, Joshua and Alfie for their exemplary achievements over 2023-2024. These pupils have all shown a real determination in their learning, and they are excellent role models and advocates for their peers. Celebrating pupil success at Rosehill School is very important to us and we will continue to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils next year.



Curriculum Impact

Communication, Language and literacy

Reading

At Rosehill a positive 'Reading Culture' has been established and is clearly evident around the school and in discussions with the pupils. We have recently set up our new reading cafe, so that the pupils can explore a new range of books about various curriculum topics and their special interests. I would like to thank the school Librarians for their integral role in supporting the children in accessing excellent books, and providing a sense of value and enjoyment from reading. Parents can also do this through listening to their children reading at home, as well as reading to their children regularly. Together we are having a massive impact on our pupils' reading and enjoyment of reading and books.



Marvellous Makers – Nottingham City challenge every city child to read 6 books over the summer! All they need to do is visit a city library to register and start reading. They can collect stickers along the way and if they complete the challenge, they will receive a certificate and an invite to a medal ceremony to be awarded their medal in September. Every week throughout August they also have a range of activities in all libraries. To find out more go to: <https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/summer-reading-challenge/>

E-Safety

The Internet contains a wealth of images, video and information. Much of it is positive, but there is also content that is not appropriate for children. With the summer holidays here, there are a number of things parents can do on home networks to make it as safe as possible. Please follow these links to find out top tips for helping to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/e-safety/> - On this page you will find links to some very useful websites and resources which are available for download. These will provide you with information regarding staying safe online and having fun surfing!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - Internet safety advice and resources.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/> - Learning community for resources, ideas, advice, projects, opportunities, guidance for all key stages/abilities.

Creative and Expressive Arts

Nottingham Schools Massive – All's Well That Ends Well

During April and May 2024, we worked with a director from The Nottingham Playhouse as part of the Nottingham Schools Massive Shakespeare Project. Pupils from across the school performed All's Well that Ends Well on film to an audience of 700 people. Families of the main cast joined us to celebrate their child's achievement at the Playhouse Theatre. The performance was excellent. A huge thank you to the cast and crew involved in this production. To watch the film visit;

<https://youtu.be/GSnreRbhiHE>



The Makers of Imaginary Worlds'

Artists in residence 'The Makers of Imaginary Worlds' joined Rosehill in the Spring term as part of the Creative Collaboratives initiative. 'The Makers' spent several days over 4 months working with our students to explore patterns, movement and colours through felt work, to create our new sensory garden room.

To watch a film about the project visit:

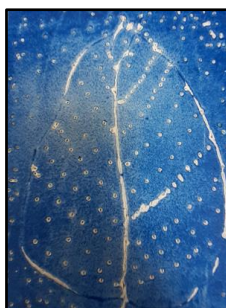
<https://youtu.be/Qlh8xOqyuj8>



Creativity and Play

As part of our ongoing commitment to raise awareness and inclusivity of Autism, Rosehill has created a film for the Arts Council about the importance of Play in Learning. This film will be premiered at the Broadway Cinema before being released nationwide by the Arts Council. Lots of Art projects have taken place within school this year including:

- Katie Sandalova – Artist in Residence Summer '23
- Designing Nadia Whittome's Christmas card
- Dinosaur museum project
- Take One Picture
- Wildlife Photography





Problem Solving, Maths, Science & Technology Curriculum

Lumini Visit

This term we were lucky enough to be offered exclusive access to a Lumini for a day whilst it visited St. Anns. The Lumini is an inflatable structure that uses natural daylight to form beautiful shapes and patterns, creating an immersive sensory experience. Throughout the day each class travelled to the Lumini where they were met by a singer/musician who delivered excellent sensory workshops to the pupils. Her beautiful singing voice had them captivated. It was truly lovely to see the pupils

engage in opportunities of intensive interaction. We are currently in the process of completing a bid to have a Lumini visit our school, so watch this space!



Science

We have had such a busy and eventful year for Science at Rosehill! Starting the year, we were fortunate to have a student from Nottingham University support our teaching in preparation for the Nottingham Festival for Science and Curiosity, which we attended and showcased our work. This led on to a very successful British Science Week for 2024 where students experienced a fascinating series of experiments from colour changing sweets to slime which is both solid and liquid! In addition to our weekly lessons, which help our pupils to develop a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them, as part of Nottingham Schools STEM days, Rosehill were invited to visit a planetarium, based at Woodlands School. Pupils enjoyed the immersive experience and learnt lots of new facts about space and the planets. This term, we have re-opened our fantastic Woodland Walk for pupils to experience the natural world. Our continued work on conservation has been a running theme throughout the year, and although we finished runners up in a national competition,

our project in the Woodland Walk has seen us making bird feeders, insect hotels and squirrel obstacle courses, as well as wildflower planting to make this area a real continued key feature of our school site for years to come.

Cultural Diversity and Community Inclusion

Rosehill's Got Talent

Rosehill's Got Talent was a showcase of each class' learning this year using our music scheme of work. All pupils contributed to their class performance by singing, dancing and moving, playing tuned and untuned instruments, making props and costumes. Pupils enjoyed performing to parents, staff and their peers. It was wonderful to see a range of creative and engaging performances. Once again, the event was a huge success and we look forward to the event next year.

Congratulations to the winning performers, Classes 4, 8 and 10.



Music Hub Performances

During the preparation for this performance, the pupils had made wonderful progress on their musical journey. They practiced diligently, and improved their musical skills, such as conducting- by creating their own hand signals. They have also developed ensemble skills, learning to listen to others while playing and showing respect for their peers. The pupils have learned call and response techniques and are now able to play along with the music tutor. They have become more aware of rhythm and lyrics, which helps them remember melodies and engage in peer learning during lessons. This preparation has also boosted their

confidence in playing for an audience. They have mastered the skill of turning pages while playing without help and

reading the tutors hand signals simultaneously. This is a significant and challenging step, and we are very pleased and proud of the musical skills they have developed this year.

The School Choir

At Rosehill, we have an extremely talented School Choir who thoroughly enjoy singing and signing. The Choir practice on a weekly basis, and it is open to all ages, abilities and needs across the school (i.e., non-verbal/noise sensitive) for those pupils who show a keen interest in singing, signing and music. This year, the Choir has become extremely popular across all key stages (over 25 pupils); The Songbirds (KS1 – KS2) and The Harmonies (KS3 – KS5) have enjoyed singing at numerous events including the Christmas concert, RSE Day, the Here to Help Fayre and the Awards Ceremonies, where families enjoyed listening to the beautiful harmonies of both Choirs. Next year, the choir will be rehearsing for future events and are planning on performing outside of school. Please follow this link to check out the songs we are learning this year; <https://www.therosehillschool.com/rosehill-choir/>



Personal Development, Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Rosehill's Euros Football Tournament

Although it was sad news for England during this years Euros, our pupils had a great time taking part in their own tournament. Each class chose a country; they spent time learning facts and designing their own football shirts and flags in preparation for the competition. All classes competed in the group stages with some amazing goal scoring and teamwork, it was brilliant to see the pupils and staff have so much fun. Class 11 represented Albania and won in the finals after an intense penalty shoot-out whilst Class 14 came first for their impressive Italian football shirt design. We love to give our pupils new and exciting experiences, it was evident that that some pupils thoroughly enjoyed being just like the footballers they have seen on the TV.



Physical Education

Ridewise

This term, pupils from the Primary School went to Harvey Haddon Sports Centre to take part in cycling sessions. Before the sessions, none of the pupils could confidently ride a bike. Throughout the sessions pupils increased their ability and confidence and by the end of the course, by using adapted bikes it has allowed our pupils to develop vital skills needed to ride a bike.



Notts County Cricket

This year, we have worked with Notts County Cricket club who have organised sessions for pupils who have shown a keen interest in developing their sporting skills. This opportunity has enabled the pupils to develop their table cricket and Kwik Cricket skills and take part in a competition against other SEN schools.

8 pupils took part in the tournament and 10 pupils accessed Kwik Cricket sessions delivered at the Notts Cricket ground. We are very proud of all of the pupils, who have shown amazing teamwork. To view our interview with Notts Cricket, please follow this link <https://youtu.be/bptTAzSbCSE>



Rebound Therapy

We have continued to utilise Rebound Therapy at the school as this form of



exercise facilitates movement, promotes balance and helps increase/decrease muscle tone. It can also be used to promote sensory integration and improve communication skills. This year's aim was to get all pupils engaged in rebound therapy sessions, and the pupils have done exceptionally well with their targets.

Sports Day

There has been an excellent range of sporting activities taking place during our various sports days this year; Pupils from



the Primary School and Middle School worked with EPIC sports coaches to take part in athletics, basketball and other games. Meanwhile, pupils from the Upper School pupils competed in different sporting activities at Nottingham Trent University, including javelin, tennis and hurdles. Well done everyone for your amazing achievements.

Swimming



School swimming has continued for our year 5/6 pupils. This has provided pupils with the opportunity to develop their water safety and basic swimming skills. Pupils were also able to develop their independence and improve their wellbeing. Staff from classes 3 and 4 have supported the pupils to develop their swimming ability and progress through the Rosehill swimming levels. In addition to the statutory swimming sessions for key stage 2 pupils, the Sports Coach has worked with a number of health services to provide health promotion swimming sessions for another group of pupils. These sessions have helped improve fitness, physical activity levels, healthy lifestyle choices and have improved mental health and wellbeing, as well as supporting each pupil's individual health needs. Some pupils have gained their swimming badges, for 5, 10-, 25-, 50 and even 200 metres, which is such a great achievement!

Gym Sessions



Pupils from Upper School attended Portland gym to help improve their physical and mental wellbeing. They accessed different machines in the gym to increase their endurance, stability, and overall wellbeing.

Pupil feedback demonstrates just how important these sessions have been – one pupil expressed, 'I really enjoy the gym as I love going on the bike it's my favourite'.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Pupils from Upper School completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award expedition. Over 2 days they completed 13km and were so proud of this achievement. They also completed the other sections of the programme; skill, sport, volunteering and expedition. The pupils have worked so hard throughout the programme and developed vital life skills.



Access to nature

Pupils from upper school completed the Access to Nature programme. The pupils accessed a variety of new activities. They completed a conservation day at Clumber park, orienteering at Rufford park, visited Pooles Cavern and engaged in rock climbing and weaselling in the peak district. This programme enabled pupils to develop their leadership skills, team work, communication and allow them to access new adventurous activities.

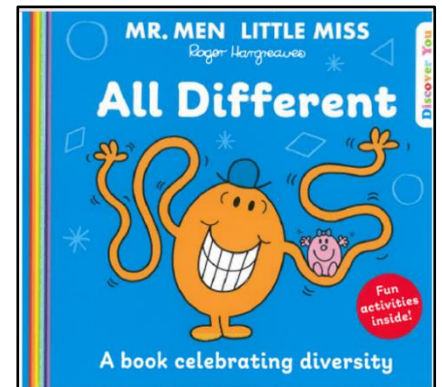
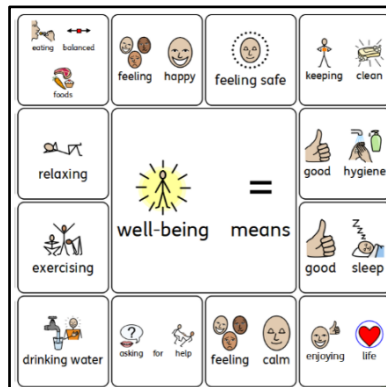


Portland Games

Pupils from upper school attended the Portland Games to represent Rosehill School. They competed against other schools in cricket and badminton and also accessed the climbing wall. They all did so well and it was a great opportunity for them to mix with pupils from other schools and enjoy competitive sport.

Relationships & Sex Education

During the Summer Term, we have covered a variety of topics/subjects in PSHE and RSE, including during Assemblies. These includes topics such as; Pride month celebrations and diversity, the importance of keeping safe in the sun, learning why exercise is good for our bodies and how to look after your mental wellbeing/health.



Throughout the year, pupils across the school have developed personally and academically, we are all very proud of the hard work and determination they have shown.

For more information about our RSE curriculum programme please follow this link <https://www.therosehillschool.com/pshe-rse-health-citizenship/>

Update from Hannah Scarfe in the Primary School

The Primary department have finally been enjoying the sunshine! All the classes have been active and spending time outdoors. Some children from classes 2, 3, and 4 participated in Ridewise sessions at Harvey Haddon. They gained confidence through the sessions, trying a variety of 2-wheeled and 3-wheeled bikes. Class 3 enjoyed swimming lessons this term, while classes 1, 2, and 4 regularly used the minibus to



explore the community. They visited parks in the city and used different equipment to support their sensory regulation. Class 1 also had the opportunity to visit an exhibition at the Lakeside Theatre!

In English, the theme of traditional stories was a hit. The children loved "The Gingerbread Man," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and "Hansel and Gretel." Classes 3 and 4 also joined together to participate in some traditional story cooking sessions – It was great to see the classes working well together.

A huge well done to all of the primary pupils!

Update from Katie Tomlinson and Adele Harvey in the Middle School

And just like that, we have come to end of another very busy academic year; our Middle School pupils have worked exceptionally hard this 'Summer' term. We have been learning about capacity in Maths, describing places and homes in English, exploring space and states of matter in Science and making tasty chocolate treats in Food Technology. We have also continued with our weekly wake and shake and Assemblies; the pupils have made great progress in these and are always eager to take part.



Gardening club has continued over the year, and we have grown; courgettes, sunflowers, mixed flowers, mint, beans and cress (we made yummy egg and cress sandwiches), as well as lots of outside activities.

Sadly, we have quite a few pupils moving to upper school so we wish them all

the best and look forward to seeing them around school; that means we have some pupils from the primary department joining us and some new pupils to school, we look forward to welcoming you. Thank you to parents/carers for your continued to support; also, please join me in saying thank you to the wonderful Middle School class teams. Have a lovely summer break and see you in September.

Update from Joanne Ritchie and Tamara Riddell in the Upper School



What another fabulous year we have had! Our sixth form students have worked on many accreditations and have been awarded certificates. It is so exciting to see our newly developed sixth form curriculum coming to life with the students' making choices about their learning and what they want to learn. Students in key stage 4 have accessed a wide variety of life

skills programmes of study across the academic year. The LIVE programme has included work around developing personal care skills, caring for the environment, recycling, home management, being healthy, maintenance and gardening. All students have developed their independence and teamwork skills.

Upper School Camp

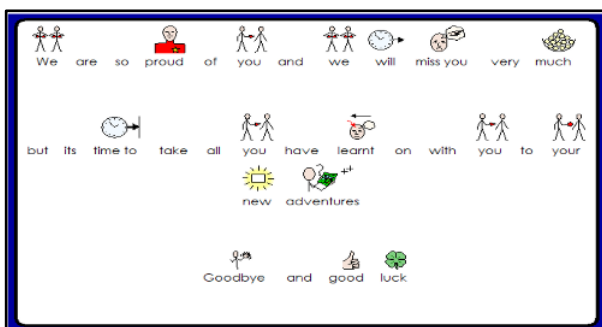
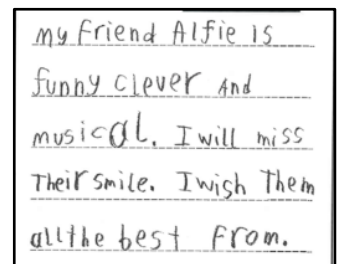
In June, pupils from Upper School went on our annual camp to Great Hucklow. We had a group of 16 pupils and 13 staff. Pupils visited The Heights of Abraham, Yorkshire wildlife park and went bowling at Mansfield Superbowl.



Local walks, games, time together, no i-pads and no laptops – all pupils have enjoyed this unforgettable experience and had a great opportunity to develop and demonstrate independence, team building and problem-solving skills! There have been a number of special moments too! It was also an excellent team building opportunity for staff.

Graduation Event - Leavers 2024

This term has been very emotional for our post-16 students as we say Good Bye to our leavers. Students had been preparing for the leavers' celebration throughout the term; writing card and letters to their friends, making decorations, making and choosing gifts and learning disco dancing for the party! They have also taken part in Friendship week across department and were able to spend time and have fun with their friends from other classes.



In July, we celebrated the students who are leaving Rosehill by holding a leavers assembly and party. Students who were leaving, their parents, wider family, teachers, carers and friends were all invited to join in and look back at some special memories and share messages for the future. Although it is sad to see our young people transition, it is also a time of exciting new opportunities and we wish all our leavers 'happy adventures' and look forward to hearing about all the wonderful achievements they make in the future.



Social Action Projects, Fundraising & Donations

At Rosehill School, we pride ourselves in raising money to support charities that help the local community. As part of our Sixth Form LIVE curriculum, we have all been working towards an enterprise project. Classes have made bags, pencil cases and bath bombs to sell on our stall in the café. Please look out for the products we make year-round to sell in the café. For further information regarding donations, please contact the school on 0115 9155815 or visit the school website <https://www.therosehillschool.com/charity-donations-fundraising/>

Other Information & News

Makaton Signing – Update from Sarah Newsham

Every week our signing lead Sarah records new signs for the following week. These signs link in with the school topics that term and recently have been about The Euros, Pride and animals. Signs are uploaded to the school website on a weekly basis: <https://www.therosehillschool.com/communication-including-signs-of-the-week/>



Hat



Life



Panda



We are very proud of the pupils who completed their level 1 Makaton training this year. It provides a practical introduction to the Makaton language program. Sessions include learning over 100 signs and symbols. All of the pupils' have done amazingly well and are now signing confidently.

Over the next year our Makaton trainer, will be providing staff training and more Parent workshops.

Parent & Carer Workshops

Thank you to all parents, carers and friends who continue to attend the parent and family workshops. All of these sessions are informal, and a time to meet other parents for a chat and a coffee, so we love to see you all there! Please follow this link for more information <https://www.therosehillschool.com/parents-meetings-feedback/>

Autumn 2024	Date: 30/09/2024 Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm
	Topic (provisional): SALT - make and take/ Means, reasons, opportunities
	Date: 14/10/2024 Time: 4:00pm
	Topic: Prospective Parents Open Event

School Meals - Price Increase from September 2024

We have been informed from Nottingham City Catering department that the price of school meals will be increasing from 1st September 2024 to £2.70 per meal (£13.50 per week). There will continue to be an emphasis on healthy eating. Please contact the school office on 0115 9155815 if you require further information regarding an application for free school meals.

Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school with **severe nut allergies**, and are therefore a nut free school. In order to ensure that our pupils are safe during the school day it is vitally important that the following foods are not included in pupil's packed lunches or brought in as snacks. Please do not send peanuts in any form e.g., peanut butter or snack bars containing peanuts. Please do not make sandwiches using seeded bread, rolls with sesame seed topping, bread sticks with sesame, hummus or any products containing tahini or snack bars containing sesame. If you are unsure then all products show clearly on ingredients any allergen contents. Children suffering from such allergies can be affected and then become seriously ill very quickly after accidentally eating, touching or coming into contact with surfaces which have been contaminated with nuts and sesame. Thank you for your support ensuring the safety of our children.

Governor News

Message from the Chair of Governors, Natalie Kenneison:

This year has been an exciting year for the Governing Body at Rosehill school as we now have two parent governors; Lynsey and Louise. We are very lucky to have them on board and I know they can often be seen attending Rosehill events representing the Governors and feeding back to the whole Governing Body about how events have gone. Thank you so much for the holistic support you provide to the rest of the Governing Body. We have also introduced Governors having a curriculum interest as well as their specialist area to support all Governors in their knowledge of how the curriculum is developed and delivered, which I know Governors have enjoyed and enables us to find out more about the work of the school. Please follow this link to find out more about our Governing Body.

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/governors/>

Finally, ...

It is always a sad time at the end of academic year when we say goodbye to some of our pupils and staff.

This year we will be wishing a fond farewell and good luck for the future to the following staff:

- Mrs Shell (Teacher) as she moves to new adventures in her career. In her time at Rosehill, she has been a class teacher, Science lead and has worked across the school in all departments. She has supported many school initiatives including the introduction of Science Lab13 which developed children's curiosity
- Mrs Bailey (Teacher) who will be moving onto new pastures. Over the last few years, she has developed and embed Creativity and the Arts at the school. She has introduced lots of exciting projects and artists, which have further developed children's creative thinking skills
- Miss White (Sports Coach) will be starting maternity leave. She is a huge part of Rosehill, creating lots of different sporting opportunities for our pupils, as well as exciting DofE expeditions. We wish her all the best as she begins her life as a Mum, and can't wait to meet her little one!
- We also must thank Mrs Cleland and Mrs Wilson who will be leaving us having been covering classes this year.
- Mrs Whyman (Data Officer) will be retiring and will be sorely missed by everyone across the Rosehill community. Over the years Mrs Whyman has had such a positive impact on the school and been a huge part of what makes Rosehill School such a wonderful and creative place. It will be very hard to replace her enthusiasm and warm nature around the school. We wish her all the best for her retirement.

Next year, we have a number of staff returning from maternity leave and new staff joining us. We look forward to welcoming them to our team and we will provide an overview of staffing and key contacts on our website for the autumn term.

I would like to include a very special thank you to the entire staff team at Rosehill for their ongoing commitment and hard work this year. Staff do go the extra mile and it's been a pleasure to receive positive feedback, on a regular basis from pupils, parents, visitors and other professionals about our staff.

Please do take time to read this feedback in our Positive Comments book, when you are next in school. This book is located in the main reception area and by following this link to the school website <http://www.therosehillschool.com/what-others-say-about-us/>

We hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting activities that develop the potential of all our unique individuals within the school. I will continue to provide Newsletters each term, keeping you all up-to-date with school developments and events.

Warmest regards

Cheryl Steele,
Headteacher

Key Calendar Dates 2024 – 2025

Pupils break up for Summer on Thursday 25th July 2024 for the Summer break, and return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

We are currently confirming our calendar of events for 2024/2025, below are some dates for your diary.

Autumn Term 2024 (29th August – 20th December 2024)

29 th August	INSET Day 1 – School closed to pupils
30 th August	INSET Day 2 – School closed to pupils
2 nd September	INSET Day 3 – School closed to pupils
3 rd September	INSET Day 4 – School closed to pupils
4 th September	School re-opens to pupils
24 th September	The Selfish Giant Play
30 th September	Parents Coffee morning
7 th – 11 th October	Black History Month
14 th October	Prospective Parents Open Event
17 th October	Harvest Festival

Half-term: (Mon 21st October – Fri 1st November 2024)

4 th November	School re-opens to pupils
12 th November	Odd Socks Day
13 th November	World Kindness Day
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
18 th – 24 th November	UK Parliament Week
21 st November	Maths Day
28 th November	Parents Coffee morning
29 th November	Stars in our schools
11 th December	Christmas Concert Upper / Middle
13 th December	Christmas Concert Primary
19 th December	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day

Spring Term 2025 (6th January – 4th April 2025)

6 th January	School re-opens to pupils
29 th January	Parents Evening and Meet the Team
3 rd – 9 th February	Children's Mental Health week
11 th February	E-Safety Day
10 th – 14 th February	Festival of Science and Curiosity / Science week

Half-term: (Mon 17th February – Fri 21st February 2025)

24 th February	School re-opens to pupils
27 th February	Prospective Parents Open Event
6 th March	World Book Day
10 th – 14 th March	Careers week / Helping hands
20 th March	Parents Coffee morning

4th April

Easter Parade

Summer Term 2025 (22nd April 2025 – 25th July 2025)

22nd April

School re-opens to pupils

29th April

Parents Makaton Training

5th May

BANK HOLIDAY - School closed to pupils

6th – 9th May

Eco-schools and Outdoor Learning week

21st May

Here to Help and Enterprise Fayre

Half-term: (Mon 26th ~May – Fri 30th May 2025)

2nd June

School re-opens to pupils

9th – 13th June

Sponsored walk week

10th June

Prospective Parents Open Event

20th June

World Music Day / Rosehill's Got Talent

26th June

RSE Day

9th July

Sports Day – Upper / Middle

11th July

Sports Day – Primary

15th July

Leavers Celebration

17th July

Parents Coffee morning

21st July

Celebration Assembly

22nd – 24th July

Friendship Week

Fri 25th July

INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils