

# Rosehill School

Newsletter 3 – March 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. This one has been a short term, but it's been jam packed with learning and activities. A Night at the Museum Dinosaur Exhibition, E-Safety Day, World Book Day, Science Week and Take One Picture were just some of the highlights but there were also many other individual and group achievements.

A few weeks ago, students in the Upper School ran a Helping Hands Week. As you will be aware, Rosehill have always shown a real commitment to preparing students for adulthood through their extensive National Careers Week programme. Working with their peers, students engaged in a wealth of work-related learning activities such as reading to younger pupils, site maintenance, administration tasks and many more. By taking the lead on this important careers and vocational learning programme, students experience real life and meaningful work experience which raises their aspirations for the future. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Thank you to all of our families who completed our parent curriculum survey. We had some excellent feedback which is absolutely amazing as it has provided us with ideas to improve the school and our partnership with you, our families. During the summer term, I will detail some of the key themes from the survey and how we intend to act on these in the coming weeks and months.

As always, we have lots of exciting things planned next term including our Take One Picture Exhibition, please put the dates below in your diary.

I would like to wish you and your child an enjoyable Easter break.

Warmest regards  
Cheryl Steele,  
Headteacher

## Rosehill Awards – Spring 2024



### Attendance Awards

**Whole School Attendance**  
**92.6%**

**Class Attendance Awards**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Daisy (3) 98.4%**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Newstead (14) 97%**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Sherwood (11) 95.3%**

### Achievement Awards

**Class Ambassador**  
Primary School – **Sara**  
Middle School – **Ola**  
Upper School – **Pranesh**

**Gold Award**  
Spring Term 1 – **Class 4**  
Spring Term 2 – **Class 13**

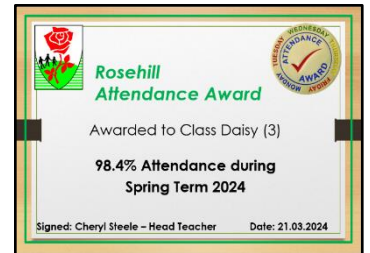
**Special Recognition Award**  
Upper School - **Riakgol**



## Special Recognition Awards

### Attendance Update / Awards

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring pupils have excellent attendance and are punctual to school, pupils wear the correct school uniform (if able to) and pupils continue to show respect towards others. Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential. As you will be aware, we have introduced a weekly attendance initiative, which the pupils really enjoy. Last week, we were joined by our Chair of Governors, Natalie Kenneison, who met pupils from across the school to congratulate them on their attendance achievements. A huge well done to **Class Daisy** who had the best attendance during the spring term, and to the individual pupils across the school who have received excellent attendance awards and improved attendance awards.



Our whole school attendance is **92.6%**

Keep up the good work everyone!

### Headteacher Gold Awards

- ❖ **Class 3** – For their excellent community skills work
- ❖ **Zahir** – For excellent work in school
- ❖ **Sam, Clorelle and Heba** – For being role models in the local community
- ❖ **Tabias & Riakgol** – For developing their road safety skills
- ❖ **Elizabet** – Supporting school developments
- ❖ **Eugen** – For good behaviour
- ❖ **Class 4** – For developing their water safety skills
- ❖ **Muhammad** – For excellent phonics work
- ❖ **Marcus** – For developing his communication skills
- ❖ **Scarlett** – For excellent concentration



### Class Ambassador of the Term Award

This term, all Class Ambassadors have worked extremely hard to promote our school values and have supported projects such as Safeguarding in the classroom, E-Safety, Science Week, and our Creative Collaboratives Art project. Well done Ambassadors, keep up the good work. Special recognition goes to:

- ❖ **Primary School** – **Sara**
- ❖ **Middle School** – **Ola**
- ❖ **Upper School** – **Pranesh**

### Special Recognition of the Term Award

This term, prestigious award goes to **Poppy** for her dedication to signing, and for being an excellent role model. Well done Poppy for your hard work and fantastic achievements this term!

## Curriculum Impact



### E-Safety Day

E-Safety gives pupils confidence in understanding the importance of using the internet safely and what to do if they see something that is upsetting, or are unsure of. E-

Safety has been embedded into computing lessons with visual reminders around computer areas.

The theme for E-Safety Day this year was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online.' The focus for activities was based around thinking about changes online, including looking at technology over the years and how smaller changes happen online every day and how we can stay safe online. Pupils from across the school took part in a range of activities to develop their understanding of how to limit risks, and help stop the spread of harmful or illegal content.



### The Arts

During the Spring term we collaborated with the artists from the Makers of Imaginary Worlds to design and make a new soft sensory space for our school.

The children have been busy learning felting techniques to create 3D sensory structures. Opening day to be announced after half term for all families to explore. The pupils have been extremely creative with their designs, so watch this space!



### A Night at the Museum Exhibition

In January, we enjoyed a whole school dinosaur project to build a Dinosaur Museum for Rosehill. Each class contributed work from all aspects of the curriculum. The museum was a multi-sensory experience with sound, touch, taste, visual and smells and was visited by the children and their parents. During parents evening families also visited the museum, and enjoyed searching through the artifacts and exploring the unique designs. Well done to everyone for an amazing event.





### Festival of Science and Curiosity

Science is such a cornerstone of provision in our school, allowing children to explore and feel a sense of wonder about the world around us and it's been an exciting and busy time for science during this past term! Firstly, to help us celebrate the annual Festival of Science and Curiosity for 2024 we were lucky to secure a Chemistry student and budding teacher, Ms Ottewell, who worked with a small group of our pupils over a half term. They conducted some amazing experiments which the whole school then got to re-create! Members of the group even then got to visit the Council House in Nottingham to display their work. This was followed by the recent National British Science Week for 2024 where again we enjoyed a range of experiments and moments of wonder, from cornflour slime, that is both a solid and a liquid at the same time, melting sweets which flow into a rainbow of colours, and the ever-popular bicarbonate of soda and vinegar reaction that creates such a fizz and a pop like lava flowing from a volcano!



The pupils really enjoyed creative science lessons and they shared this learning with children from other schools at the Council House Science Day.

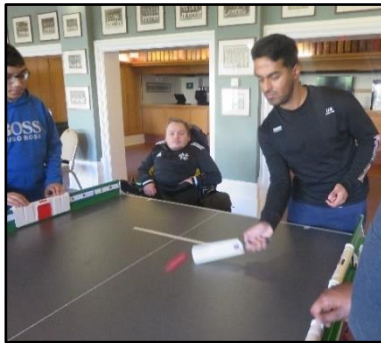
## World Book Day

On 7<sup>th</sup> March, the whole school celebrated World Book Day – an annual event loved by all! The theme of this year’s book day was connected to our Take One Picture project where we have been exploring paintings from the National Gallery to build and share ideas. Children engaged in a whole range of activities such as taking part in a sensory story trail, participating in a storytelling session, taking part in dance sessions, and engaging in a DT/ Art session to make pieces of art linked to the stories/ books. As you know, we love reading at Rosehill School – you can find more ideas for reading together at home by following this link <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



## Music Hub

Pupils continue to work with the Nottingham Music Hub and this term have been taking inspiration from the “James Bond” theme written by Paul McCartney: Live and Let Die. Pupils have learned motifs from the piece on keyboard, violin and a range of percussion instruments, playing in an ensemble and individually. Pupils have enjoyed listening to and identifying a range of instruments in the piece and using technical/specialist vocabulary associated with playing music. We look forward to a performance from the ensembles and the solo musicians later in the year!



## Physical Education

It has been a remarkably busy term for sports at Rosehill. A group of pupils represented the school at the Nottinghamshire Country Table Cricket tournament and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, we are immensely proud of them!

Meanwhile, in Primary School, some pupils have been attending swimming lessons at a local leisure centre where they have progressed through the swimming stages and a few have gained their 25-meter badge.

A special shout out to Frankie for achieving his 100-meter badge, well done!

Pupils across the school have also accessed EPIC multi sports sessions, Dance Equation and Little KIXX football club. Not to forget, some of our older student in the Upper School have been attending Portland Gym to help with their health and wellbeing. There are many benefits to staying active, please follow this link on the website for ideas for ideas <https://www.therosehillschool.com/physical-education/>

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## Department News

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### Update from Hannah Scarfe in the Primary School

This term in Primary all teachers have said that they have seen massive progress with regards to communication. Some children have been saying more words and others are consistently using symbols to communicate. We are extremely proud of this fantastic achievement. The children in Class 4 have now finished their term of swimming lessons. We have seen amazing progress; all the class have gained confidence in the water, and some are at the beginning steps to learn to swim. A massive congratulations goes to Frankie for gaining his 100m badge.



The department have really enjoyed the “Take One Picture” project this term and are looking forward to displaying our final pieces. The texts that have been linked to the art theme have also been thoroughly enjoyable – especially Pete the Cat! As well as all the fantastic work and achievements in class, the primary learners have engaged fully with events across the school such as World Book Day, Science Week and Comic Relief. We hope the Primary families have a good Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all raring to go for the summer term!



#### Update from Katie Tomlinson in the Middle School

Happy Spring and Easter to all our Middle School families. Yet again, we have been very busy in Middle School, not only taking part in lots of whole school activities and department activities, but also learning in our classrooms.



As a department we have continued to develop our social skills by having dinner time all together and taking part in weekly ‘wake and shake’ sessions and assemblies; in assemblies this term we set new year’s resolutions that we will review at the end of year, we learnt about keeping wildlife safe and Engineers and the important work they do. We also enjoyed World Book Day, Science Week, the ‘Take One Picture’ art project and we created some fantastic artwork for the dinosaur exhibition.

In our classrooms we have been learning about Money, creating posters, baking yummy healthy food/drinks, learning to play the glockenspiel, reading lots of stories and much, much more! Pupils are making good progress and are working hard towards their targets.

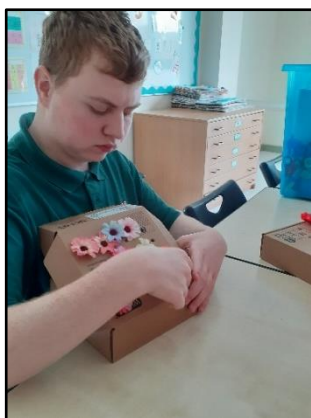


Sadly, we say goodbye to Ellie Holmes who is going to further her career elsewhere and Shona King who is going on Maternity leave; we will miss you both and wish you all the best.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term (and hopefully more sunshine).

#### Update from Joanne Ritchie and Tamara Riddell in the Upper School

Upper School have been extremely busy as always working towards our targets and outcomes. This term, we have enjoyed work around a picture from the National Gallery and learning about dinosaurs. We have been on adventures in the community, where many classes have visited local cafes and shops and some classes have enjoyed outdoor learning in parks which we hope to continue as the weather improves!



Within our Post-16 department, students have been engaging in Work-Related Learning and worked hard looking after the school’s library, running a mobile library for pupils in the Upper School and food delivery service, which proved to be exceptionally successful! They engaged well with ‘Options’ and chose what they would like to learn. Over the term, they chose from Floristry, Film Club and Newsletter Club. During the

Summer term students will be able to choose from Gardening, Cake decorating and Orienteering. Options are a fantastic opportunity to listen to pupil voice and develop a range of interests in our learners.

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## Social Action Projects, Fundraising & Donations

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### Careers/ Helping Hands Week

Post-16 classes (12-14) engaged with Helping Hands week in March. Students learned valuable skills and completed various jobs for other departments, including washing toys, delivering reading and storytelling sessions to younger learners, sorting and organising resources and refreshing displays across school. At the end of the week, all students were invited to a disco which was a real treat!

Class 12 took responsibility for resourcing and putting up a new dance studio display, the space is now refreshed and looking good for the next term.



Class 13 were given the task of helping Primary classes clean their toys.

Pupils went to collect the toys each morning and brought them into the cleaning station, and they became incredibly efficient at getting the toys clean and dry before lunch time!

Class 14 took on the jobs of reading to pupils in the Middle School. Their sessions were a great success, and it was great to see the pupils interacting, gaining confidence and taking pride in their work.

Everyone loved the disco at the end of the week. Great work Upper School!



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## Other Information & News

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### Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March



Once again, we celebrated Red Nose Day with all pupils involved. Various competitions took place such as drawing red noses, and pupils from the Upper School hosted a truly amazing cake cafe. Rosehill would like to thank all families and friends of the school for being so supportive and for providing very positive feedback.

We look forward to parents and families being involved in future fundraising events. **Pupils helped to raise a whopping £81.13 – well done everyone!**

## Hope Fundraising

Our lovely friends from Hope Fundraising have been visiting Rosehill School for many years to hold their Coffee Mornings where they hold a raffle/tombola to raise money for various charities.

We are very fortunate that they have donated money raised to the Rosehill School Fund Charity. On this occasion it was a cheque for £500 which is amazing and will buy sturdy scooters for our Upper School pupils.



## Assemblies

Each pupil at Rosehill is entitled to access the PSHE, Citizenship and RE curriculum. Our themed assemblies ensure that this curriculum provision meets the needs of our pupils and school community. Recent assemblies include Engineers Week, World Book Day and World Frog Day. You can find out more about our assemblies by following this link <http://www.therosehillschool.com/assemblies-1/>

## Makaton Signing

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 Easter. Signs are uploaded to the school website on a weekly basis:

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/communication-including-signs-of-the-week/>



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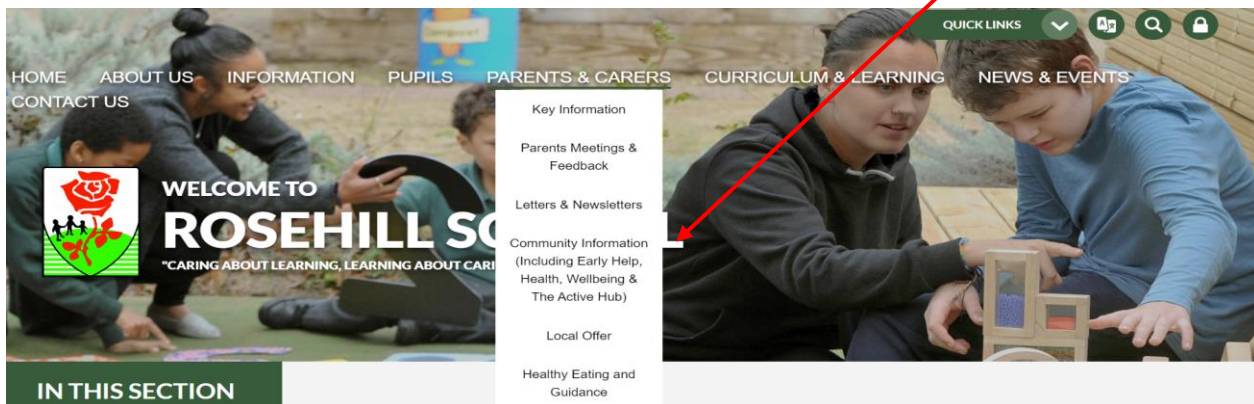
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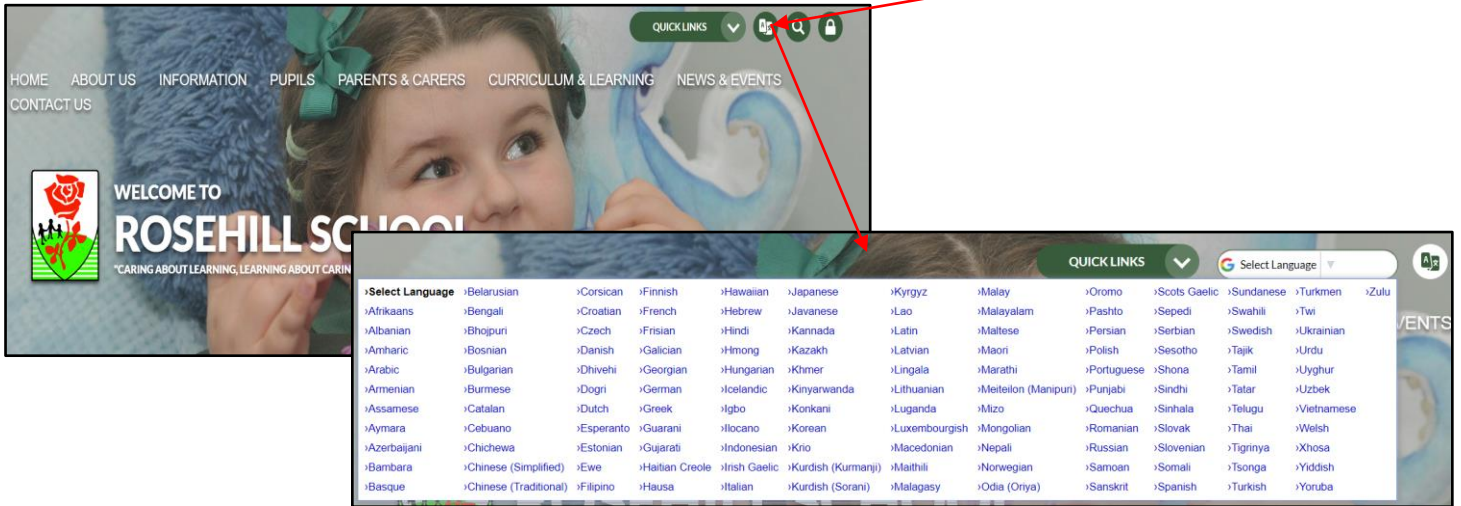
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## Parent/Carer Communications & School Website

When you are next in school, please check out our '**Parents Noticeboard**'. This board is regularly updated with useful information, including dates of events. In addition, please remember to visit our **Community Information** section on the school website is regularly updated so that parents and carers have access to important information throughout the year. [www.therosehillschool.com](http://www.therosehillschool.com)



We also have a **translation option** on the website, where you can select from over **100 different languages**.



### 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 would love to see you all there! Please follow this link for more information <https://www.therosehillschool.com/parents-meetings-feedback/>

<b>Summer</b>	<b>Date: 23/04/2024 Time: 10:00am – 11:00am</b>
	<b>Topic: Parents Makaton Training</b>
	<b>Date: 23/05/2024 Time: 10:30am – 3:00pm</b>
	<b>Topic: Here to Help and Enterprise Fayre - Various providers available to support families</b>
	<b>Date: 18/07/2024 Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm</b>
	<b>Topic: Parents &amp; Carers' Coffee Morning - Transition to new classes/ Plans for the next academic year</b>

### School Meals

A reminder about school dinner prices (£2.50 per dinner, £12.50 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.

### Finally, ...

Please do take time to read this feedback in our Positive Comments section on the school website by following this link <http://www.therosehillschool.com/what-others-say-about-us/>

Warmest regards  
Cheryl Steele, Headteacher

## Key Calendar Dates 2024

**Pupils break up for Easter on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and return after the Easter break on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### Summer Term 2024:

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	School re-opens to pupils
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30-5.00	Prospective Parents Open Event
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00-11.00	Parents Makaton Training
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School closed</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Mental Health Awareness Week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Numeracy Day
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Wildlife Photography Exhibition
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	All day	Here to Help Fayre



#### Half-term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All day	School re-opens to pupils
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30-5.00	Prospective Parents Open Event
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TBC	World Music Day/Rosehill's Got Talent
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	RSE Day
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Upper School Camp
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Choir & Music Hub performances
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Inhouse Sports Day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All week	Science Living Eggs project
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Upper and Middle Sports Day – venue to be confirmed
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Primary Sports Day
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Celebration
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00 – 1.00	Parents Coffee Morning
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	TBC	Celebration Assemblies
Date TBC	TBC	PRIDE Day
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 25 July	All Week	Beach Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Last day in school for pupils
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils