

Rosehill School



Newsletter 2 – December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. As you are aware, the school had an Ofsted Inspection, earlier this term, on 10 and 11 October. We are extremely proud that the overall judgement is that we are an outstanding school. The report is immensely positive and reflects the progress we have made as a school.

We are particularly proud that the report praised the polite and friendly pupils, who treat each other respectfully, and all adults in school who strive to enable pupils to develop the knowledge and skills that will help them to be as independent as possible as they go into adulthood. It said:

"Rosehill is a kind and caring school where pupils are happy and feel safe".

"Pupils develop strong relationships with staff and enjoy coming to school".

"The school works exceptionally closely with families. Parents feel that relationships with the school are strong. Many comment that the school has made a real difference to their child and family life".

"The voice of pupils is truly heard at Rosehill".

As a school, we will endeavour to improve in those areas identified for further improvement. I know that I will have your support in the work we will be doing together to make Rosehill School exceptional for all our pupils. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone in our school community and is something to be hugely proud of.

Have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Warmest regards, Cheryl Steele – Headteacher



Christmas tree decorating December 2023

Rosehill Awards – Autumn 2023



Attendance Awards

Whole School Attendance
90.4%

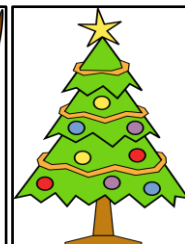
Class Attendance Awards
1st Place – **Class Elm (5) – 89.9%**
2nd Place – **Class Pine (8) – 89%**
3rd Place – **Class Wollaton (13) – 88.7%**

Achievement Awards

Class Ambassador
Primary School – **Tekaira**
Middle School – **Yusuf**
Upper School – **Tanaka**

Gold Award
Autumn Term – **Class 9**

Special Recognition Awards
Middle School – **Will**



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Rosehill is Charlotte Turner

<p>Safeguarding Officer Charlotte Turner Lead DSL c.turner@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Headteacher Cheryl Steele Headteacher DSL c.steele@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Acting Deputy Headteacher Tamara Riddell Deputy DSL t.riddell@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Safeguarding Governor Rebecca Hyder Governor Contact r.hyder@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 
	<p>Deputy Headteacher Adele Harvey Deputy DSL A.Harvey@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Acting Assistant Head Joanne Ritchie Deputy DSL J.Ritchie@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	

Please see one of our DSL's 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**

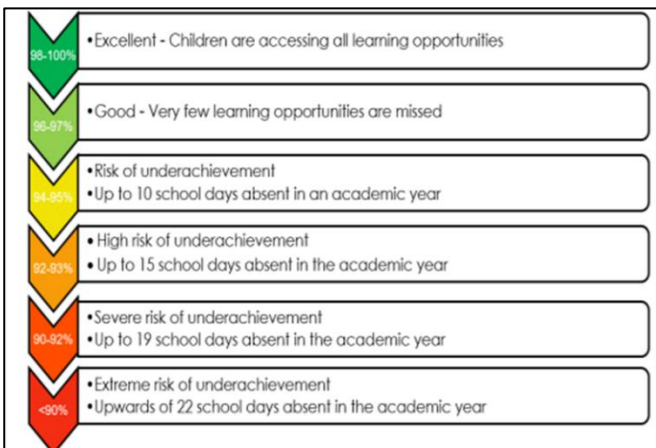
For further safeguarding information, please follow this link to our school website:

<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. All attendance below 95% will be tracked and monitored to address absence. 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



All holidays are unauthorised.

From September 2023, we will be notifying the Council of any extended holidays which could lead to penalties and fines.



Thank you for your support and to all those pupils and families who are helping make improvements to attendance and punctuality.

Absence Procedures:

If your child is absent, you must:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence before 8.30am
- The telephone number is: 0115 9155815
- The school office is staffed from 8:00am to accept parent calls
- A message can be left on the answer phone

If your child is absent, we will:

- Telephone you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you
- Invite you in to discuss the situation with the Attendance Champion or Headteacher if absences persist

We have recently updated our Attendance Policy, which can be accessed via our school website

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/attendance-of-pupils/> Copies are also available on request. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with our Attendance Officer (Kate Lloyds k.lloyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk), or our Attendance Champion (Charlotte Turner c.turner@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk).

Pupil Achievements and Special Recognition

Gold Awards & Class Awards

We use positive reinforcement and celebrate achievements in many ways to help build their confidence. Please follow this link to learn more about our different awards and ways of celebrating achievements across the whole school

<http://www.therosehillschool.com/pupil-achievements/>

Class Ambassador Awards

Primary School – Tekaira for helping with class jobs

Middle School – Yusuf for helping with class and department jobs

Upper School – Tanaka for supporting Nottingham Trams to implement their new symbolised travel system.



This term, our Class Ambassadors have worked extremely hard to promote our school values and have supported the development of the school website, safeguarding displays, Children in Need, Harvest Festival, Stars in our Schools and met with Inspectors during the Ofsted Inspection and provided important feedback. Well done Ambassadors, keep up the good work.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to Class 5 (89.9%), Class 8 (89%) and Class 13 (88.7%) who had the best attendance this term - well done!

Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Projects

PE - Outdoor Learning Week

This year, we had another fantastic and successful outdoor learning week with exciting adventure activities taking place across the whole school! Pupils from the Primary and Middle School enjoyed archery activities, whilst Upper School worked together to erect their own tents. As a reward for all their hard work they enjoyed hot chocolate in their tents.

The pupils fully embraced the outdoors and engaged with these exciting opportunities with great enthusiasm.

It was exciting to see pupils and staff engage in challenges and the pupils shared their feedback about the importance of outdoor learning.



History - Black History Month

This year, we raised awareness of Black History through an exhibition. With the help of our colleagues at the Nottingham Playhouse, we created an interactive exhibition (with communication aids i.e., symbols) to help shine a light on the importance of celebrating Black History and the achievements of many inspirational people.



In the meantime, Young Citizens invited a group of pupils from Rosehill to Birmingham's Hippodrome Theatre, where we watched Disney's Lion King.

Rosehill have again been awarded the **Circle of Life Award** by Young Citizens, on behalf of Disney for our Black History curriculum work.



The Arts

This year we have continued to be part of the Creativity Collaboratives; a national action research programme that aims to build networks of schools to test a range of innovative practices in teaching for creativity. Nottingham is one of 8 places across England running a Creativity Collaboratives programme. Working alongside local NST schools, we have developed some exciting approaches and we have been awarded the Creative Collaboratives Award for our creative work.



This term, we had the honour of designing the Christmas card for Nadia Whittome, MP, to send on her official emails and welcomed Nadia to our school for some Christmas Crafts.

We welcomed the International Artist Willard Wigan in to talk to our parents about his journey as a person with Autism.



We also entered the Channel 4 competition to create a room for the Tiny Design Challenge. You will be excited to hear that we came runner up and had our work exhibited at Wollaton hall!



Please follow this link to find out more about the Arts <https://www.therosehillschool.com/art-and-design/>

PSHE - Anti-Bullying Week

We held our annual Anti-Bullying week again this year, where the theme was **Make a Noise About Bullying**. All classes took part in a variety of activities to enable them to understand how they can reach out when they are being bullied or when they see bullying. Activities included: making 'Make a Noise' poems, reading stories relating to bullying or injustice, designing a 'Bantometer' to show how banter can turn from harmless to hurtful, taking part in department assemblies, role play, how to stay safe online and what makes a friendship a caring friendship.

The event was launched by **Odd Socks Day**. We celebrate Odd Socks because it is an opportunity to encourage staff and pupils to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! This year we held our first Odd Socks Family, here are the winners:

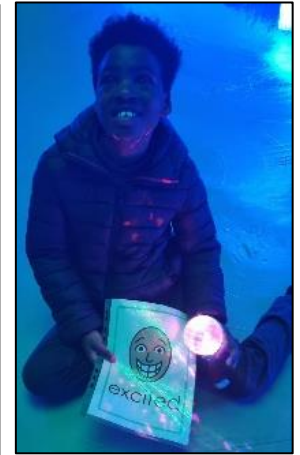


E-Safety

It is essential that children and young people are taught how to stay safe online and feel protected when they are using the internet. For further information about Rosehill's E-Safety Policy, whole school curriculum and a useful parent guides and websites, please follow this link <https://www.therosehillschool.com/e-safety/>

The Luminarium

Earlier this term we were lucky enough to be invited to the Luminarium Showcase in Beeston. We took a small group of pupils to spend time in the amazing interactive sculpture that uses light to create different shapes and colours. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sensory experience and exploring the maze. The Lumini Project have kindly asked us to help with the organisation of a showcase they will be bringing to St. Ann's next year so keep a look out for more information on this.



Social Action Projects, Fundraising and Donations

Wellbeing Champions

The Wellbeing Champions are constantly working hard to create memorable experiences for the whole school with the hope to support positive mental wellbeing. Already this term they have organised a MacMillan coffee morning, where they raised **£69.58**.

We are so proud of our pupils and the whole school community for supporting such a wonderful charity. Let's see if we can raise even more next year!



As well as all of this great work the Wellbeing Champions continue to develop their knowledge about mental health support with many of them now trained in mental health first aid. Over the next term we would love to see parents become a part of the wellbeing team. The website <https://nottalone.org.uk/> is a great website providing local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham. Please remember that the school are always here to help if you require any support.

World Mental Health Day



For the last few years, we have worked hard to raise awareness of mental health. In October, we dedicated a day to developing pupils' understanding of mental wellbeing and understating emotions through a range of activities and discussions. Pupils and staff wore yellow to show their support for the 'Hello Yellow' campaign, and raised **£19** for the Young Minds Charity.

Harvest Festival

This year for the

Harvest Festival, we had a wonderful whole school celebration. Pupils were given the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including digging for vegetables

and visiting our milkshake café. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to deliver essential items to the **Trussell Trust Foodbank**

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

Pupils were so interested in the organisation of the foodbank that they offered their services and without being asked they began to stock the shelves – they were that good that they have been invited back to complete some work experience. Thank you for your support, everyone.



Children in Need

We didn't disappoint Pudsey Bear again this year. We wore pyjamas to school and took part in a fun run! In total we

raised **£61.58** for Children in Need – well done everyone!



Department News

Update from Hannah and the Team in the Primary School

Primary have had a busy half term – the main focus was learning about hobbies and interests. Class 3 and 4 have been reading the book “Let’s Go for a walk” with Ranger Hamza. Class 1 have started to go out in the community on the minibus and Class 2 have been exploring the different school environments.



All of Primary have been learning about different celebrations at this time of year such as Diwali, Hannukah, Remembrance, Bonfire Night and Christmas.



Update from Katie and the Team in the Middle School

First of all, we would like to welcome new pupils and their families to Middle School; all pupils have settled well into their new classes. We have had a very busy Autumn Term learning about inventors and Scientists, technology and the importance of sport and exercise. We have continued with Department Assemblies on Tuesday afternoon in which we talk about and explore different festivals and celebrations and we have also continued to have lunch together as a whole department. We would also like to congratulate the pupils for their fantastic efforts and showmanship in this year’s Christmas Concert; we are very proud of you all.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; The Middle school Team are looking forward to the Spring term and all the fun and learning that will take place.



Update from Tamara, Joanne and the Team in the Upper School

Our topic in classes 9, 10 and 11 this half term has been celebrations. We have studied celebrations from around the world and different religions. We have “celebrated” Bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas. In classes 12-14 (post-16) pupils have focussed on independence and preparation for the future.

They have been learning to apply their maths and English skills to real-life situations such as shopping, home management and looking after environment. They have been completing practical tasks such as managing the library and reading café, running the school café, making displays and even looking after the school's fish! Pupils have been learning to take responsibility for their own learning and make choices in art, music and the performing arts. They have also been developing essential physical skills in Sports afternoon with a range of options available (dance, multi-sports and yoga).

Other News



Make your trip more accessible!

Scan the QR code to download our Widgit Symbol Guide for travelling on the trams. Alternatively, visit the Travel Centre to pick up a printed copy.



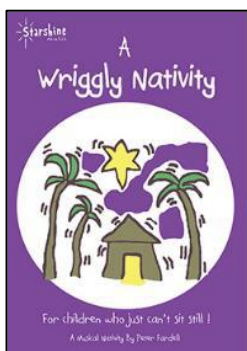

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A Symbol-Friendly Organisation

Nottingham Tram Widget Project

Post 16 students were chosen to work alongside Widgit and the NET Tram to attend an event which involved going on a tram to travel to the Old Market Square to visit the Christmas Winter Wonderland to trial some new symbolised resources. NET Trams, has improved the experience of passengers with additional needs by installing a range of symbols and visual aids from Widgit on its trams and in its travel centre to encourage more people onto the network and help those with additional needs to complete their journeys easily and safely. Well done to those students involved for promoting this important project.



Christmas Concerts



During December, children across the whole school performed in our Christmas concerts. Once again, the pupils were remarkable and delivered outstanding performances. The Primary Christmas concert, A Wriggly Nativity was a huge success. All the pupils took part, singing and dancing. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers.



This year, the Middle and Upper Schools performed an original script, "Herod: Searching for the New King", written by

Cory, one of our pupils. The performance retold the traditional Nativity story from the point of view of the envious King Herod. The pupils and staff exhibited a creative, exciting and humorous performance. Pupils created props, costumes and learned a range of lines and routines. All in attendance agreed that the performance was a huge success for the pupils and school. We are extremely proud of everyone involved.



Christmas Post Office

Our Pupil Wellbeing Champions have been very busy the last few weeks working in the Rosehill Post Office. It has been a great opportunity for them to develop lots of skills when selling items to their peers, emptying the post-box and organising it all in the sorting office before delivering cards, letters and parcels. We love to bring learning to life and this has definitely been a brilliant experience. They even looked the part in their official Royal Mail uniform.



Cosy Christmas

Who doesn't love a cosy Christmas, we certainly do! The whole school had a lovely day taking part in a range of Christmas experiences. Pupils and staff came to school in their cosy Christmas pyjamas ready to snuggle down under the blankets and watch a festive film at the Rosehill Cinema. Classes enjoyed some tasty treats in the Christmas café before taking a trip to the grotto to see Santa. We finished the day with some Christmas classics as we had Songs Around the Tree. It was brilliant to have the chances for classes to come together and to see so many happy faces.



Transition Fair

The Transitions Fair was a great success this year. The event allowed parents and young people to engage with providers and explore their options for when they transition on from Rosehill. With the support of Futures, parents are given a better understanding of timelines, when and how to apply for different services such as colleges and day services. Pupils were also given the opportunity to develop their independence and communication skills by working in the café and on bring and buy stalls, serving tea, coffee and cakes to providers, parents' fellow pupils and pupils from Carlton Digby School. If you require further information regarding Post 16 options please contact our Careers Lead, Joanne Ritchie J.Ritchie@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk



Makaton Signing

Every week our signing lead Sarah records new signs for the following week and signs are uploaded to the school website. <https://www.therosehillschool.com/signs-of-the-week/> These signs link in with school topics, therefore more recently we have added signs for Christmas. There are lots of signs on the website, for you to practice at home, and within the community. Please get in touch with our Communication Lead Ellie Holmes E.Holmes@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk or our Signing Lead Sarah Newsham s.newsham@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk if you would like more information about signing.



Santa



Donkey



Christmas

Other Information for Parents, Carers & Families

Parent & Carer Workshops

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to attend the workshops and other events which have been well-attended. In the Autumn term we had; workshop on Relationships, Sex and Health Education, meet the team event and our Transitions Fayre - feedback from these events has been exceptionally positive. We will continue to strive to make these sessions useful, informative and relevant. 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 at the events coming up over the spring and summer term:

Spring 2024	31.01.2024 - Parent Meeting (Progress update, meet the class teachers) 12.03.2024 - Prospective Parents Open Event 21.03.2024 - Coffee Morning: Self-harm/ Compulsive behaviour/ Understanding feelings (Educational Psychology Service)
Summer 2024	23.04.2024 – Parents Makaton Training 23.05.2024 - Here to Help and Enterprise Fayre 19.06.2024 - Prospective Parents Open Event 18.07.2024 - Coffee Morning: Transition to new classes/ Plans for the next academic year

Please follow this link for more information <https://www.therosehillschool.com/parents-meetings-feedback/>

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 that our News and Community sections on the school website is regularly updated so that parents and carers have access to important information throughout the year www.therosehillschool.com. Please feel free to contact the school with any queries or comments you may have.

School Meals

A reminder about school dinner prices for all age groups (£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.

Charities and Food Banks

For anyone who is currently experiencing difficulties accessing food or if you are worried about money, please follow the links on the next page.

Are you worried about money?

Are you worried about money?

Sleepless Nights? Get advice...



www.asklion.co.uk/mentalhealth

With energy prices and household costs increasing, it is really common for people to avoid facing up to debt problems but leaving debt to mount up will only make it worse. If you're struggling to pay your bills, it's important to make sure you pay the most important ones first. There are more serious consequences of not paying certain bills than there are for others.

For advice and support visit www.asklion.co.uk/bills. If you require support, you can call Nottingham City Council on 0115 915 5555. <https://www.leftlion.co.uk/read/2018/november/food-banks-nottingham>

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Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks and together provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. Between April 2022 - March 2023, food banks in our network provided almost 3 million food supplies to people in crisis, a 37% increase on the previous year. [The Trussell Trust - Stop UK Hunger](#)



You can get help by calling Help through Hardship for free, to talk confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice advisor on **0808 208 2138**. They can help address your crisis and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they will issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

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](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) (www.healthystart.nhs.uk) for further help, or email **Kate Loyds** k.loyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk who will be happy to discuss this with you.



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 term. Staff 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. I am extremely pleased that on Friday 25th November staff were further recognised for their hard work as the school celebrated 'Stars in our Schools'. Many staff were awarded for going above and beyond for the school, which is fantastic!

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



Rosehill School Key Calendar Dates

Pupils break up for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and return to school after the Christmas holidays on Thursday 4th January 2024

Spring Term 2024 - Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March 2024

Thurs 4 th January	School re-opens to pupils
Mon 29 th Jan – Fri 2 nd Feb	A night at the Museum Exhibition
Wed 31 st January	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th February	Science Week
Tues 6 th February	ESafety Day
Fri 9 th February	INSET Day 4 – School closed to pupils

Half-term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Mon 19 th February	School re-opens to pupils
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 March	Careers Week
Tues 12 th March	Prospective Parents Open Event 3.30 – 5.00
Thurs 21 st March	Parents Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00
Thurs 28 th March	Easter Parade

Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April – Friday 26th July 2024

Wed 17 th April	Prospective Parents Open Event 3.30 – 5.00
Tues 23 rd April	Parents Workshop – Makaton 10.00 – 11.00
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed to pupils
Fri 17 th May	National Numeracy Day
Mon 20 th – 24 th May	Wildlife Photographer Exhibition
Thurs 23 rd May	Here to Help Fayre – All day

Half-term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Mon 3 rd June	School re-opens to pupils
Wed 19 th June	Prospective Parents Open Event 3.30 – 5.00
Fri 21 st June	Rosehill's Got Talent
Mon 24 th June	RSE Day
Wed 26 th – Fri 28 th June	Upper School Camp – Details to be confirmed
Wed 3 rd July	Rosehill Choir & Music Hub Performance
Fri 5 th July	Inhouse Sports Day
Wed 10 th July	Upper and Middle Sports Day – venue to be confirmed
Fri 12 th July	Primary Sports Day
Tues 16 th July	Leavers Celebration
Thurs 18 th July	Parents Coffee Morning 10.00 – 1.00
Mon 22 nd July	Celebration Assembly
Date TBC	PRIDE Day
Mon 22 nd – Thur 25 th July	Beach Week
Fri 26 th July	INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils

Pupils break up on Thursday 25th July 2024 for the summer holidays.