

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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Rainbow Award Certificates

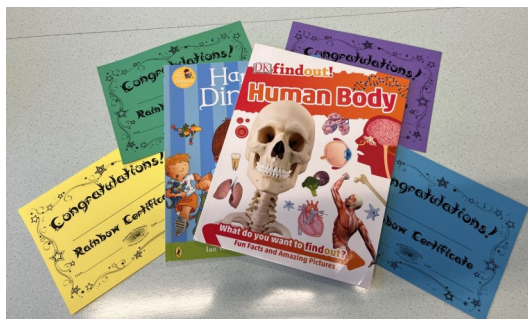
It is always a pleasure to see so many children coming to the office for their Rainbow Award Certificates. From Reception, each class has an eight-step chart to celebrate children meeting behaviour expectations. At the end of the eight steps, children are awarded a certificate, one for each colour of the rainbow. Once the child reaches their blue certificate, they are also awarded a book along with their certificate which we aim to present during a school assembly. Certificates are alternately awarded by class teacher and head teacher.

Our school motto 'Learning, caring, sharing' is the basis of our school behaviour expectations, which are;

Be respectful

Be kind and helpful

Be the best you



Further information about our Rainbow Award system and our Expectations can be found in our Behaviour Policy, which is available on request from the school office and on our school website on the 'Policies' page of the 'Our School' section or on the Behaviour Page in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section.

Handouts:

☀ Sun Safety in School form

☀ Sponsored Bounce Form

Email:

☀ Sun Safety in School

☀ Earth Day Treasure Hunt

☀ School Trends Easter Promotional Code



Attendance News

Rabbit Class achieved an excellent **96.9%** attendance for the Spring 2 term




Reminders.....

Block two activity clubs resume week starting Monday 28th April

Volunteers would be welcome on any of our local visits, please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to join us.

-  **Tuesday 29th April**—Library Visit—Butterfly Class—**Tuesday 29th April**—Year One Castle Visit
-  **Thursday 1st May**—Library Visit—Rabbit Class—Volunteers required
-  **Thursday 1st May**—Year Two Castle Visit
-  **Monday 5th May**—May Bank Holiday- **School Closed**
-  **Tuesday 6th May**—Library Visit—Hedgehog Class—volunteers required
-  **Wednesday 7th May**—Class Photographs
-  **Thursday 8th May**— Library Visit—Squirrel Class—Volunteers required
-  **Thursday 8th May**—Sponsored Bounce

Sports Day



Sports Day will hopefully take place on Thursday 15th May starting at 1.10pm. Please can we ask that you are seated by this time because there are many races to get through. The seating area will be on the opposite site of the trim trail. For Health and Safety reasons please keep toddlers with you at all times. Full details of the races are on the programme which will be sent via email with the next school newsletter on 9th May. Should the weather be wet or rainy a ParentMail message will be sent out to parents by 11.30am

cancelling sports day. Our reserve day is Thursday 22nd May should we be unable to go ahead on 15th May.

Email Addresses

For reporting absences or for before and after school club bookings please use Mrs Cook's email address; admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address; admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before your class start time. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response.

Office Hours

Mrs Newby—All day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday morning only


Mrs Cook—Mornings daily, Monday and Wednesday afternoons only

Class Photos

Classes will be having their class photographs taken on Weds 7th May.



Sponsored Bounce



This is always a much anticipated event in the school calendar. On **Thursday 8th May**, Friends of School (FoS) will have a bouncy castle in the hall (or outside, weather permitting) for the children to use as classes. Each child will be asked to bounce as part of a small group from their class in order to raise money for Friends of School (FoS). Sponsor forms are being sent home in book bags today. This is to give families a few weeks before the event to speak to family and friends to ask if

they are able to help with sponsorship. We appreciate that family budgets are being increasingly squeezed and we appreciate any and all sponsorship that you are able to raise. Even if you are unable to help with sponsorship on this occasion, all children will still have the opportunity to bounce with their class. Please send the sponsor form into school **on the day** so that a member of the FoS can sign them.

Uniform



Whilst we don't have a strict uniform policy in school, we know that all children wearing a school uniform leads to a greater feeling of unity and community, which are important for good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Over recent weeks, we have seen a number of non-uniform items appearing in some classrooms. I would like to remind parents that we ask that children wear the following items

- * jade green sweatshirt or cardigan
- * white shirt or polo shirt
- * grey skirt, dress, shorts or trousers, or a green gingham summer dress
- * **black school shoes or plain black trainers with plain socks**

Items can be bought with the school logo on but this is not necessary. Uniform items are available in a range of shops and supermarkets. We also have a number of second hand uniform items available from the office. Further information can be found on the Uniform page in the Parent section of the school website.

And the winner is.....

Congratulations to Alex in Squirrel class who was the lucky winner of our Spring Easter draw for the Giant Easter Egg generously donated by the Ryedale Lions and made by Birdgate Chocolatiers. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. This raised an impressive £245



Bunny Bingo and The Sun Inn Quiz

Huge thanks go to our Friends of School team who put so much time in to organising fund raising events for the benefit of all our children in school. Before the half term break they put on a fabulous Bunny Bingo evening where they raised £267 during the event and also organised a pub quiz which raised £340. Our thanks must also go to Sharon and Rob at The Sun Inn for providing this opportunity.

Nut Aware!

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School'! We have members of our community with an allergy to nuts, including airborne and through touch. We ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school, including for packed lunches and empty packaging used for junk modelling. We are grateful for your support and compassion in this respect.



Five Ss of Sun Safety

We have started to discuss this in assembly this week, helping children to understand how to keep themselves safe in the sun. More information is available at <https://www.safersun.co.uk/fiveSsOfSunSafety/>



WoW!...War on Waste!

Saturday 26th April

Engaging activities for all ages
on reducing waste in all its forms

All events 10am -3pm unless stated

Earth Day 2025

Beck Isle
Museum
10.30-3.30

Clay leaf prints, clippy mats, bird feeders, bottle top creatures, "green cleaning" demo, apple pressing



Memorial
Hall

Make a sock puppet & bottlecap monster. Bring an old sock!
Ryedale Remakes: Origami flowers & bunnies from old books



Hungate
Centre

Pickering WI Jumble Sale, Pickering Food Share tombola
North Yorkshire Rotters "smoothie bike". Refreshments!!



The
Black
Swan

Repair Cafe: Free assisted repair of household items
Pickering Sew 'n' Sews helping with garment repair



Riverside
Ropery
Car Park

Yorkshire Water: improving water quality & how we can help
North York Moors Nat Park: interactive river modelling table

Outside
Beckside
Crafts

Ryedale Environment Group "Beyond Plastics"
& Pickering Town Council "Eco Treasure Hunt"



Balance
Rooms
9am - 7.30pm

Earth Day "Specials": Yoga & Pilates for adults
Ballet & Yoga for children, essential oils
& healing sound bath



Full details : www.ryedaleenvirogroup.co.uk/ed25

or email [Pickering Environment Group: pickeringenvgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pickeringenvgroup@gmail.com)



Please park considerately



Do not block driveways or obstruct the pavement. Doing so may result in a fine or your vehicle being removed.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play.

If you have concerns about your own or another child's safety then you can speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Sarah Gillam or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Nicky Smith.

Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, call 999.

If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call: 0300 131 2 131

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms

Tel: 01751 472620 email: admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk