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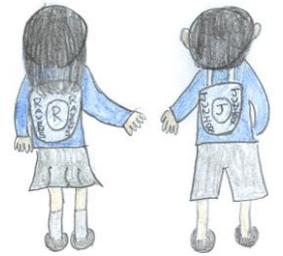
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A belated Happy New Year!

Even though pupils were absent over the holidays, a great deal has happened in school. Hadley's Haven has now been completed and as the area is now covered in artificial turf, it can be used all year round by the children. Large doors have been installed on the PE store in the hall, making it a much more useful storage area. The reading scheme has been completely re-organised and over £4000 spent on lovely new books. The children were very excited to at last be allowed to take them home!

Strength Lab

Hopefully many of the children have been complaining of aching and sore muscles last week! We have recently introduced a programme called 'Strength Lab'. This is based around 5 core moves such as lunges and squats. Great attention is paid to body form and position, so that the children learn to move and hold certain positions correctly. There are then 24 levels of moves as the exercises become progressively more challenging. All of the teachers have received training on an INSET day. One of the coaches who developed 'Strength Lab' is working with four classes this term, to support teachers with the implementation. Pupils should be developing core strength and learning to move correctly, so that they can apply these skills in games lessons. Simon Brundish (coach) describes it as the times tables of PE lessons!



Safespeak

The NSPCC took an assembly for all pupils on Monday, where they explained to the children about the different types of abuse, such as cyber-bullying or neglect and about the help-line that they could call if they ever needed to speak to someone: Tel. 0800 1111

e-Safety

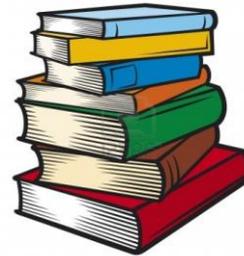
As you are probably aware, online crime, such as cyberbullying, is an increasing issue nationally and globally. To help protect your child, have you set parental controls on devices at home such as laptops, tablets, game consoles and phones? There is information on how to set Google safe controls, xBox 360 parental controls and Facebook privacy settings on our website, under 'Information for Parents -> Information and Downloads'. There will also be opportunity to attend an e-safety meeting, aimed at parents, scheduled for March 13th at 6pm and March 14th at 9am.

Mr Watts

Readathon

A big thank you to all the children who participated in the Ravensdale Readathon. It was pleasing to see the varied range of books which children have enjoyed reading in the past few weeks. Thank you also to the people who sponsored them. In total we have raised £193.80 which will go towards our fundraising for Hadley's Haven.

Mrs Hands



Diary Dates

These can now all be found under the 'Events Calendar' on the website.

CHANNEL 4 LEGO BUILDING COMPETITION

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Are you obsessed with LEGO Bricks? Do you love to build awesome LEGO creations? We are looking for pairs of all ages to take part in an exciting new competition on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur LEGO builders.

Contact TV production company Tuesday's Child if you are interested in hearing more about how to take part. Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest and we will send you an application form. If you are under 18 please get a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually.

www.tuesdayschild.tv

TUESDAY'S CHILD 

Parent's Forum

As there are very few parents who have signed up for this and there will always be occasions when members can't make the meetings, we have decided to open all meetings up to any parents who are interested. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd of February at 6.15pm in the Community Room, and lasting no longer than one hour. The topic for discussion will be home-school communication, including reports, texting service, home-school diaries. All parents are very welcome to attend. Please could you email the office at admin@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk if you wish to join us.