



# NEWSLETTER

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Happy Easter from staff and students at The Roundhill Academy. I wish to thank the staff at the school for their fantastic work and efforts this term. People say that working in a school is a vocation and I am lucky to be blessed by an incredibly hard working staff team who always put our students' best interests at heart.

As you are aware, we had some sad news at the start of the term with the death of our Premises Officer, Gordon Nairn. The school community is only now coming to terms with this sad news and we want to thank you for your support and understanding through this difficult time. You will see below in this newsletter an article for how we are planning to commemorate Gordon's life.

It is with regret I need to write about a small number of parents who are not supporting the school, our behaviour policy or are being rude and abusive with staff. Our behaviour policy is published online and is clear in terms of sanctions for poor behaviour. Alongside this abusive or rude language towards staff, either on the phone, in meetings or via email, will not be tolerated. Please ensure that you treat staff at the school with respect as the school reserves the right to ban parents from the school site or limiting communication to only one member of staff.

Our new behaviour policy adopted this year has resulted in a 15% reduction in low-level disruption and incidents across the school. Alongside this, we have seen an increase in fixed term exclusions, demonstrating that as a school we are tackling poor behaviour that impacts students' learning. After Easter, following feedback from parents, we will try a slight change to the policy. We will reduce the length of the behaviour block from 13 weeks to 10 weeks to see what impact this has on behaviour.

We have seen an increase in the number of mobile phones being used and seen around the school. I wish to reiterate the policy that phones must be switched off and in bags before students arrive at school. We reserve the right to ban students from bringing phones into school if they continue to break our school policy.

When we return from Easter, we will have in place a new Science lab, classroom and fitness suite. This extra accommodation is necessary as we continue to grow in size and popularity. I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing break and look forward to seeing students return to school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

*"I had set myself the personal goal of running/walking for this year's Race for Life as a New Year's Resolution, but after recent sad events I thought it would be nice to do this in memory of Gordon."*



Mrs Rana

## Race for Life - 'Gordon's Girls'

A group of female staff from The Roundhill Academy have volunteered to run the Race for Life on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in memory of a friend and colleague Gordon Nairn who passed away in January after a short illness. Gordon was a cheerful, friendly, hardworking and popular member of staff who worked at the school for 21 years.

We will keep you updated on how you can donate money to Cancer Research UK Race for Life.



## The Roundhill Family Partnership

The Roundhill Family Partnership is a group of parents who meet to support the school and effect positive change. All parents of children at The Roundhill Academy are automatically part of TRFP.

Our next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

## Fairtrade Fortnight 2018

Thank you to all Tutor Groups who shared a Fairtrade Breakfast in support of the GROW campaign. The Geography department have received many photographs showing a scrummy start to the day.

*"Why are we supporting this campaign? Almost a billion of us go to bed hungry every night. Not because there isn't enough, but because of the deep injustice in the way the system works."*

Wild weather and unpredictable seasons are changing what farmers can grow and is making people hungry. Food prices are going up. Food quality is going down. Soon, climate change will affect what all of us can eat. For nearly a billion people in poverty, more extreme weather and more disasters mean more hunger. By buying Fairtrade, we are supporting all who live in developing countries to secure a better way of life for them and their families.



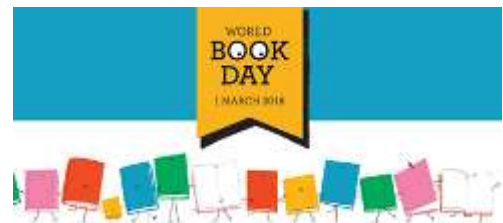
# World Book Day



What better way to begin March than with the annual celebration of reading that is World Book Day! The Roundhill Academy was transformed in to a book lover's paradise with decorated doors depicting a range of authors and themes, from the great Roald Dahl to the master of the detective genre, Arthur Conan Doyle. It was great to see so many Tutor Groups so involved in creating their doors and to hear the conversations students were having about their favourite books.

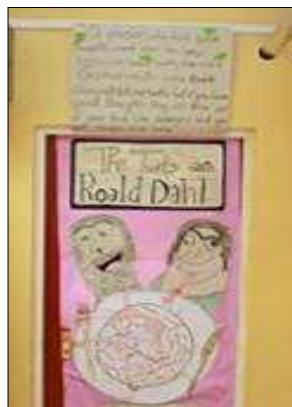
Students also took part in a book cover treasure hunt, a book swap; guess the teacher's favourite book quiz and a "Drop Everything and Read" lesson during Lesson 1 of World Book Day. All students were also given a book token as part of the celebrations.

Well done to everyone who took part and keep reading.





Congratulations to JMA whose Matilda themed door won the competition. Great work everyone!





The second annual Leicestershire Ogden Partnership inter school physics quiz for Year 8 students was held at the Abbey Pumping Station Museum in Leicester. Five other teams were in competition with The Roundhill Academy. Each team sent along three budding scientists who had won their school heats in the initial intra school competition.

In the atmospheric surroundings of the pumping room, students were set a series of challenges aimed at testing their general scientific knowledge, centered on Physics. Students matched famous Physicists to their discoveries, solved density and pressure calculations, and identified mystery objects using empirical evidence, solved cryptic clues to reveal famous Physicists and finally competed head to head in a quick fire round.

Students from The Roundhill Academy did well in individual rounds, and won one of them, but the final victors were Manor High School.

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Money raised on Non-Uniform Day for the three students going to Borneo was £227.13 each.

We are planning to do more in school to raise money to donate to projects whilst there.



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If you have any concerns about the safety of any young person at this school please ask at Reception to speak to any of the following Designated Safeguarding Leads.



James Tickle  
Principal



Helen Blythe  
Assistant Principal



Michaela Rueben  
SENDCO



Jo Parfitt  
Head of Student Services

The Roundhill Academy fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children and support students in school. The aim of the policy is to safeguard and promote our students welfare, safety and health by fostering an honest open, caring and supportive climate. The students' welfare is a paramount importance.



The Roundhill Academy are proud to be working towards renewing the Leicestershire County Council Beyond Bullying Award. As part of this process, we are updating our Anti-Bullying Policy and would welcome feedback from parents about the changes that have been made. Please log onto the school website to look at the draft new policy. Any comments can be emailed to [jo.parfitt@roundhill.leics.sch.uk](mailto:jo.parfitt@roundhill.leics.sch.uk).

## Reflect, Respect, Resilience and Responsibility



Part of our Behaviour Policy states those students are expected to:

- Conduct themselves in ways that support the values of the school, Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Reflective, this includes being respectful when interacting with members of the public.
- Contribute in a positive way to the school community.