



Week Commencing 18th January 2016

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We are set to have another action packed year at Ryburn, and the News Bulletin will keep you up to date with all the latest information from the school. The Erasmus project is in full swing, and we will be hosting our visitors from Portugal and Denmark over the next few weeks. We are holding our very own Ryburn Oscars ceremony in March to showcase the fantastic work of our students, and our school production of the Wizard of Oz is only three weeks away. I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things happening at Ryburn.

David Lord
Head Teacher

Flood Relief Friday Raises over £1400

A big 'Thank You!' to our students, staff, and of course Parents and Carers who supported our extra non-uniform day' on Friday 8th January. We raised nearly £1400 from the non-uniform day collection and also £131 from a bake sale organised by some of the Year 8 girls. Added to our donation from the non-uniform day on the last day of term in December, this means you have helped us to raise over £2,400 so far.

On Tuesday 26th January, one month on from the day of the Boxing Day floods, 'Calderdale Kids Fill Their Boots for Flood Relief' will be a second optional fundraising day. We will be asking students to wear their boots to school – welly boots, baseball boots, walking boots, or whatever, and give £1 to the fund again. There will also be 'boot' related activities so watch out for further news. This event is in conjunction with the Calderdale Primary School PTA's and the Community Foundation for Calderdale and we hope to raise even more money for the local families and schools hit by the disaster.

We do realise that some parents and carers may be struggling in these difficult times, which is why this event is voluntary, but we also know that our school community is very generous in times of need. Thank you for your support so far, let's hope we can help make even more of a difference for our community.

Carol Concert Raises £390 for Overgate Hospice

Another example of the generosity of our school community is demonstrated in the very kind donations given by the congregation and local businesses who supported our annual Carol Concert at St Bartholomew's Church in Ripponden, in aid of Overgate Hospice, just before Christmas. The students and staff created a magical event and we'd especially like to thank Mr Grimes and the Music and Dance departments for all their hard work.

'Peer Mentor' System in Development

Some of our **Year 12** and **Year 10** students undertook some training with the charity Kidscape before Christmas, with a view to setting up a student Peer Mentor System in school for any student who feels they need someone to talk to about issues with school work, relationships with their fellow students, worries about workload etc. The scheme is now in development and we intend to get it up and running in the next few weeks. It will be run by the students and overseen by Pastoral Staff. If any of our students feel they need someone to talk to but would prefer talking to someone nearer their own age, look out for the posters and assemblies that will be coming up soon!

The Wizard of Oz- Matinee Performance for Community Groups



On Wednesday 3rd February at 1.00pm our students will be presenting their matinee performance of this year's school production 'The Wizard of Oz'. If you are a member of an established local community group and would like to come along and support our students in their 'Premiere' performance, please contact Karen Allen in the 6th Form Office to discuss free tickets for this event. Tickets are also on sale for the evening performances on 3/4/5th February from reception.

Ryburn Oscars



Tickets will soon be on sale for the Ryburn Oscars, which will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March, 2016. The last date for film entries will be Friday 5th February and they should be handed in to Mr Fairclough. All media and film students' work will automatically be entered but other students are invited to compete for an Oscar and prize – more details coming soon.

Comedy Roadshow

A small note to all students who are interested in attending the Comedy Roadshow at Ryburn Valley High School on Friday 22nd January. Join us in the main theatre, where Ryburn Valley High students will be performing some of comedy's greatest sketches at lunchtime from 12:45. Tickets are available on the door and will be available to purchase from 12:30, priced at 50p each.

Show Time!

On Thursday 21st of January a group of **Year 12** Performing Arts students are putting on a performance involving the local primary schools and a selection of Year 7 students. The play is a new twist on some childhood classics, such as 'Cinderella,' 'Peter Pan' and 'Little Red Riding Hood,' please come and watch the performance at 5:30pm. The performance is free but we will be asking for a small donation, so come down and support the Performing Arts department. Refreshments will be served in the interval.



Mr Fantom, Ms Swindell and six **Year 10** students are setting off to Portugal on Sunday to visit the school in Seia who are a partner school in our project "Empower Students with Entrepreneurial Skills". Meanwhile we are preparing to host 19 staff and 23 students aged 8 to 16 from Denmark, Greece, Slovenia, Germany, Turkey and a different school in Portugal who are in our "Happiness in Lifelong Learning" project. They will arrive on January 24th and take part in a variety of activities for the next 5 days. We are sure that Ryburn students will welcome them to school and hopefully make some new friends.

Sports News:

Ryburn's **Year 10** Rugby team are now in the Yorkshire Cup Semi-final to be played on Thursday 21st January at Castleford Panthers.

The quarter-final was won in emphatic style with outstanding performances from Harry Georgiou, William Scrimshaw, Oliver Waite and Ben Horner. The opposition were from St Marys in Hull and despite their determination, they were beaten convincingly 42-6.

Cross Country

The Calderdale Schools Cross Country Championships took place at Crossley Heath on Wednesday 13th January. Ryburn had teams competing in the Years 7, 9, and 11, with over 70 pupils participating in each race. We had outstanding performances from Year 7 boys, Travis Atherton finished 5th and Harvey Oldroyd came 7th. Jessica Russell finished 10th in the Year 9 girls race, with Amy Cowton (1st), Anna Butterworth (4th), Sian Beeley (7th), and Sam Chilvers (3rd) outstanding in the Year 11 races. As these pupils finished in the top ten they have qualified to represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire Championships.

Netball

Harriet Adams and Emma Wasyliw have been selected for the West Yorkshire Netball Academy, well done girls!

Cricket

The **Year 8** Indoor Cricket Team won an interesting and close encounter against Sowerby Bridge.

Ryburn: 96 All Out

Sowerby Bridge High School: 67 All Out

Ryburn won by 26 runs

Gavin Whipp (4 wickets for 9 runs) who got a hat-trick in his first over.

Ryan Martin (3 wickets for 13 runs) who also scored 16 runs with the bat.

Gavin Whipp (C), Luke Martin (WK), Will Amer, Ryan Martin, Sam Kimpton, Ben Kershaw, Sam Crothers, Jack Smith.

Primary Sports News

Ryburn will be hosting a **Year 3** uni-hoc competition on Friday 15th Jan for teams in our feeder Primary Schools. Also Friday 29th January runners from local primary schools will be competing in the annual Cross-Country event at Ryburn.

STEM Club News:

Twelve pupils from Ryburn Valley High School have been invited to the Royal Aeronautical Society headquarters in London on 5th February to meet the other pupils taking part in the competition and discuss their designs. There will also be the chance to visit the science museum.

Miss Monk and Mr Russell presented at the Association of Science Education (ASE) National Conference on Friday 8th January. Using the Flight Simulator project as an example, they shared knowledge and expertise about how to run a large STEM project with teachers from all over the UK and even Europe!

Ryburn Sixth



Ryburn Sixth Parent's Evening Wednesday 27th January

Parents of **Year 12 and 13** students are invited to come and speak to Subject Teachers and Form Teachers on Wednesday 27th January. An appointment system is in place and students should speak to their teachers to arrange a time, starting at 5.30pm. As with other year groups, this is an important opportunity for parents and carers to keep up to date with their child's progress, and we look forward to seeing you.

Ryburn Valley High School Presents

WIZARD OF OZ



3rd - 4th - 5th February
7pm



Tickets Available from Ryburn Reception
Priced at £5 and £4
Call: 01422 832070

Extra Curricular Activity Calendar

Lunchtime

After School

MONDAY	Netball (10/11) – Sports hall Football (7) – Astro/Wembley Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre Comic Book Club - S24	Netball (7) – Sports hall Senior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
TUESDAY	Basketball (7/8/9) - Sports hall Football (9) – Astro/Wembley Gaming/Minecraft (7/8) - 301 STEM club (All) – 118 Debating Society (All) – 108 Brass/Wind Group (Instrumentalists) Drama Distinction Club (All) – 210 Voice Academy (All) - 224 Maths Club (All) - Maths Computer Room Flight Simulator Club	Hockey (All) – Astro Turf Ryburn Recyclers (All) - 215 Junior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
WEDNESDAY	Astronomy (GCSE) – DV Lab Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre	Gymnastics (All) – Gymnasium Football (11) - Wembley
THURSDAY	Football (8) – Astro/Wembley Rugby (7) – Rugby Pitch School Magazine (All) – 108 Disport (Invite only) – Sports hall Chess Club (7/8/9) – 220 Netball (8/9) – Sports hall Soul Band (invite only) - 224 Media Club (All) – M1 Maths Clubs (All) - Maths Commuter Club Flight simulator Club	Girls Football (All) – Astro Turf
FRIDAY	Art Club (7/8) – 211 Amnesty International Youth Group(All) - 202 Scrabble Club (All) – 109 Horrible Histories (7/8) – 207 Football (11) – Astro Turf Top Vox (Invite only) – 224 Dodge ball/Boccia (invite only) Dance 4 All - Theatre	