

# The Rauceby Reporter



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I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and were able to spend some quality family time together. I have really enjoyed talking to the children about where they have visited and who they have seen, not to mention the incredible gifts they received. On behalf of the staff and myself, can I thank you for all the Christmas gifts we received; they were extremely thoughtful and very much appreciated.

Mr D Manby

## Blue Badge Recipients

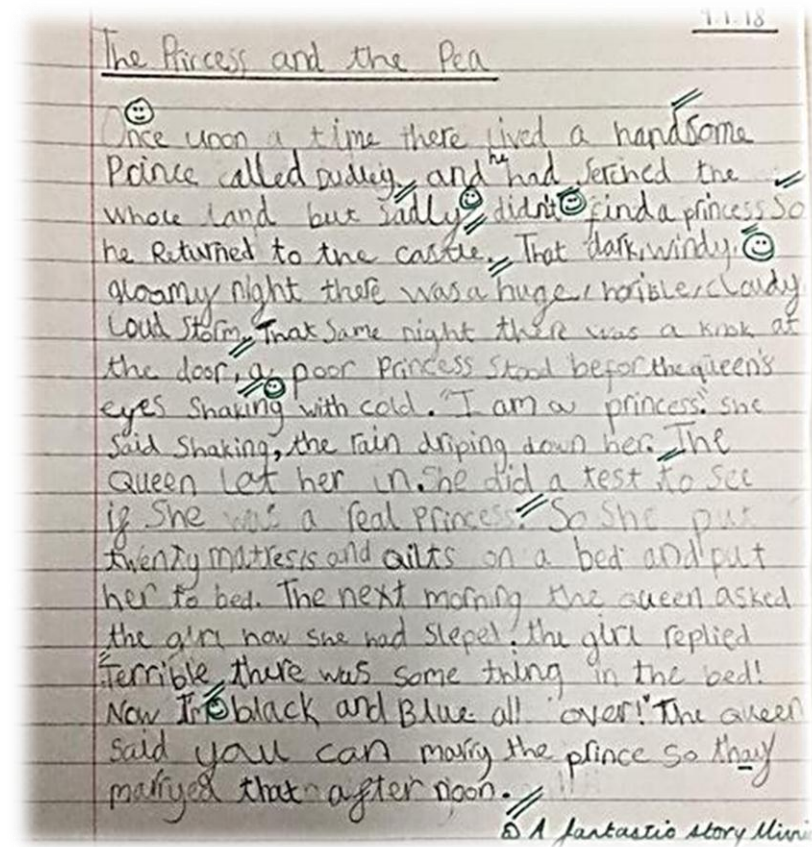
Blue Badges were awarded this week to the following children:

- Reception: Isla for using her amazing imagination whilst painting  
Jacob for his enthusiastic leadership  
Mia for super sound work
- Year 1: Gabriel, Gemma and Lucinda for fabulous interpretation of the Bayeux Tapestry
- Year 2: Chloe for confident and accurate Maths work  
Minnie for a superb story
- Year 3: Tobias for a great start to 2018  
Willa for super multiplication in Maths
- Year 4: Jack for impressive dance moves in PE  
Josh for a fantastic start to the year  
Olivia H for preparing and presenting a fantastic assembly
- Year 5: Eleni, Jessica and Lily Tomlinson for being fabulous role models in how to stick at multiplication until you get it!
- Year 6: Mollie for excellent questions and story predictions in our book club sessions  
Nancy for determination and engagement in Maths

Well done to all of you. We are proud of the work that you produce and the effort that you put into all areas of school life.

It is a pleasure to give out the blue badges to the children each week, celebrating their successes both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to see the children wearing their badges with pride this week.

This is Minnie's fantastic piece of writing:



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## Attendance

At Rauceby we are very proud of our attendance record but recently I have noticed an increase of families taking holidays in term time. Our whole school objective is to have attendance at 96.5% which we are currently on target to achieve. Part of this success is due to those children who managed 100% attendance last term; what a great achievement! These were:

Erin Eastwood	Gracie Evans	Oliver Sneath	Lucy Robertson
Elizabeth Fearn	Willa Goss	Henrietta Tones	Isabelle Roche
James Fearn	Darcie Parrott	Freya Troop	Ieuan Smith
Thomas Lewis	Leah Roxburgh	Harry Wilson	India Newton
Oliver Russell	Ruby Stacey	Aaron Cepelak	Alice Livingstone
Archie Bailey	Martha Turner	Olivia Cepelak	George Pemberton
Gemma Barker	Isabella Whelan	Archie Goss	Eloise McTiernan
Jack Cameron	Harry Barker	Scarlet Leachman	Emilie Wilson
Ava Darragh	Olivia Cameron	Evie Southern	Guinevere Cowling
Fergus Vincent	Lily Morrissey	Ruby Thompson	Bailey Modder-Fitch
Lottie Wright	Ethan Dachtler	Liam Twells	Daniel Hughes
Ava Eastwood	Thomas Enstone	Olivia Jessop	
Lilia Pettener	Tyler Farmer	Hannah Roberts	

Shortly, I will be sending out letters to those parents whose children's attendance falls below 90%. I understand there was significant illness last term; even I couldn't avoid the sickness bug, but it is important that children are not kept of school for every ailment. One of the questions I have to answer to the Department for Education is 'How do school notify and tackle lateness and persistent absences?' By sending out letters I am just making you aware of a potential issue and, if possible, I will work closely with parents to help resolve any problems there may be.

Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to their peers. There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement:

- Of pupils who miss more than 50% of school, only 3% manage to achieve five A\* to Cs, including English and maths
- Of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A\* to C GCSEs, including English and maths

## Food Banks

*At the end of last term, our two Rauceby Ambassadors, Holly and Fathima, approached me about a concern that they had about what they had seen on the local news. They thought as a school we could help. I was amazed by mature and thoughtful approach the girls had to the issue and really showed our school values in action. The article below is what they have come with. I hope you can support this initiative, which I hope will be a permanent fixture in our school.*

In the news recently it has been highlighted that the food banks are having a great shortage of supply. Food banks provide food to the homeless and families who are on low incomes and may be struggling financially. Therefore, in true Rauceby spirit, we have decided that we should have a box in the bell tower which we would like you all to help the school fill up with suitable things for the Sleaford food bank. The list below shows what foods they are in need of:

Tinned meat, casseroles, curries & stews

Tins or jars of sauces

Snack rice and noodles

Tins of ravioli or Macaroni cheese

Tinned fruit

Packet desserts such as jelly & whipped desserts

Boxes of cereal

UHT milk

Shower Gel

Toilet roll

Nappies & baby milk



(Please make sure all items are 'in date' as produce past its sell by date cannot be used)

Many thanks,  
Holly and Fathima

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## **Additional Needs information morning**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Mrs Burge, our SENCo, is holding an informal information morning from 9.30am – 10.30am.

## **Starting school in September 2018**

Please do not forget to apply for a reception place at school, if you want your child to start reception in September 2018. The date of birth for these children will be between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014. Even if you already have a child at this school, you must apply for a place.

You can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), ask for a paper application form or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. Parents can only apply by using one of these three methods.

The main closing date is 15 January 2018, although the online and telephone application facility should still be available to use until 31 January 2018.

If you need any further support with your application then please feel free to contact the Education Team on 01522 782030 or email [schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## **Snowdrops project**

North Kesteven District Council is currently working with Child Bereavement UK on a snowdrops project. The event was held for the first time last year in our district and came about after a resident moved to the area from Oxfordshire and found that there was nothing in Lincolnshire for people to get together and remember those children that are no longer with us.

This year's event is due to take place between midday and 3pm on Sunday 11 February at Whisby Nature Park. During the event families will have the opportunity to plant snowdrops in memory of someone special that has died. All proceeds will be donated to Child Bereavement UK, which supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement. Information on the charity is available via the link <https://childbereavementuk.org/about-us/>

## **Upcoming Events**

Tues 23 Jan	-	SENCo Invitation to Parents
Wed 24 Jan	-	Full Governors Meeting
Tues 6 Feb	-	Meeting for Y5 parents (residential to Rand Farm)
Wed 7 Feb	-	Year 3 and 4 Trip to Magna
Thurs 8 Feb	-	Valentine's Day Disco
Fri 9 Feb	-	End of term (3.30pm)
Mon 19 Feb	-	Start of term 4
Mon 26 Feb	-	Year 1 and 2 trip to Lincoln Castle
Mon 5 March	-	Football fixture
Thurs 8 March	-	Netball fixture
Fri 9 March	-	Mother's Day Service in Church

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