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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear families,

As we bid farewell to the final days of January, it's hard to believe that we're already approaching the end of the month and, with just two weeks left, the conclusion of another enriching term at our school.

History day for KS1

Last week, our KS1 classes were visited by Owain from the Salisbury Museum, who delved into the transformations in cars and transportation. Exploring various images depicting transport across different eras, the children examined a functional engine model and engaged in discussions about its components.

Their exploration extended to conceptual car designs, inspiring them to craft their visions for future vehicles. Additionally, they created a museum featuring diverse technologies within our living memory. Encouraging the children to estimate the historical placement of each object on a timeline, they later researched and accurately positioned them using Google.



Football success

On the 18th of January, a team of boys from Year 5 and 6 participated in the County Football Tournament hosted at Wiltshire FA in Devizes. This event showcased schools that emerged victorious in their respective local competitions within the county last year. Demonstrating remarkable teamwork and skill, our footballers secured victories in 2 out of 4 challenging matches. Impressive goals were netted by George and Teddy, while our goalkeeper Ollie exhibited noteworthy saves. Despite narrowly missing the opportunity for a runner-up position, finishing in 3rd place due to goal difference, the team's performance left us all and Mr Hamilton immensely proud. He commended not only their prowess on the field but also their exemplary representation of our school throughout the entire day.



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Date for your diaries

Following this week's DPSA meeting, it is time to dust off those dancing shoes as we are delighted to share with you the date for the ever popular school disco. This will be taking place on Thursday 7th March with Reception and KS1 disco at 4:15pm til 5pm and KS2 disco from 5:15pm til 6pm. Parents will need to accompany their child to the Reception and KS1 disco, and although welcome to do so for KS2, there is no requirement to stay. If you are available to support the DPSA with this great event for the children, please do contact them – downtonpsa@yahoo.com – thank you. More details about the event will follow.



Dress Down Day – date change

Due to the addition of the school disco to the calendar for next term, we have made an amendment to the date for dress down day in exchange for chocolate donations for chocolate bingo. This will now be on Friday 1st March, with the bingo even remaining on the original planned date of Friday 22nd March.

Reminder - Photography Competition

There are just four weeks remaining to enter the Ringwood Rotary Club Interschool Photography Competition. Photography is a great way to explore creativity, see the world through a different lens, and discover the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Here is a quick reminder of the rules:

- Each student/ teacher and parent can enter only 3 images each.
- Entries should be submitted as JPEG files attached to an email
- Each individual JPEG photograph file should be retitled with your name, photo-title, school and age group and sent attached to an email photocompetition@ringwood.hants.sch.uk
- Please make sure that your images are a good enough file size and quality to enlarge to A2 size for exhibition - ideally 2MB
- No AI is allowed to be used
- With over a thousand entries entered into this competition, it's really important you label your photographs clearly.
- The deadline for entries is Friday 23rd February 2024.

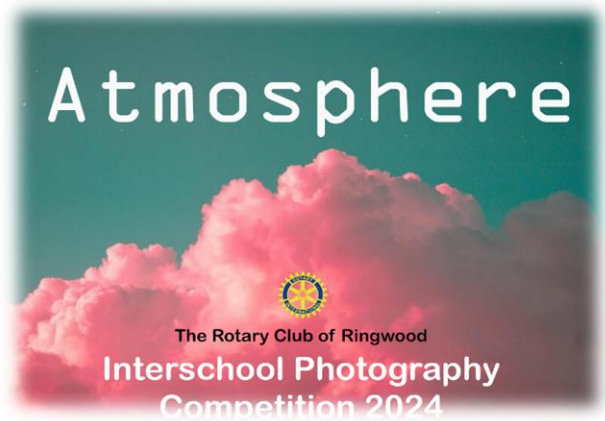
Mrs Townsend will also be including any entries for an in-school competition, so please remember to email us your entries so it can be included in our local competition too.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

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