



Summer term | Issue 7 | May 2021

# Rokesly Infant and Nursery School newsletter

**TAD days (School closed)**  
Monday 7th June 2021  
**Last day of Summer Term**  
Wednesday 21st July 2021  
**First day of Autumn Term for children**  
Monday 6th September 2021

## Chicks!



On Thursday we said a sad goodbye to the lovely chicks who have made their home in our Reception classes. The children received 30 eggs just two weeks ago and every day they have had the amazing experience of watching the chicks break out of their shells, hatch and grow. The children have drawn beautiful pictures and produced some excellent writing about their fluffy friends. We are so glad to be able to have this wonderful opportunity for the children to look after the chicks in school.



## YMCA clubs

We are really happy to announce that YMCA breakfast and after school clubs have started again and sessions are available to book. For more details please contact Andre Rodney  
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Details of HOLIDAY CLUBS at Rokesly will be announced soon.

## Motor skills and writing

At Rokesly, we work hard to help your child develop the skills they will need for writing. We start this work in the as soon as they join us by developing your child's WRITING ability before they start to write.

Children can often find it difficult to write and we work hard to ensure they develop good fine motor control and the core strength they need in their growing bodies. We do lots of activities to develop this – even when the children are playing.



You can help at home, too. We have more information on the school website and a PowerPoint presentation which explains what we do and gives suggestions for activities you can try at home.  
<https://www.rokesly-inf.haringey.sch.uk/how-to-help-your-child/>

## Dr Bike and the Big Pedal

It has been so good to hear feedback from you about the safer journeys you are having on the way to school since the start of the SCHOOL STREET scheme. The bike sheds are full!

To help us get started on the **BIG PEDAL** we organised a visit from Dr Bike to repair and tune bikes for free. Dr Bike fixed an amazing 33 bikes in one day and even gave our school balance bikes a tweak. Please let us know what you thought of the service.



The children made a huge effort to make bike, scooter and foot journeys. The BIG PEDAL is a national competition, and I'm thrilled to let you know we came an incredible **10th place** out of all participating Greater London schools and 27th overall. **Go Rokesly!!**

## KEY DATES

- Monday 10th May  
Eid assembly
- Wednesday 12th May  
Class photos
- Friday 14th May  
Deadline for Nursery applications
- Friday 28th May  
Break up for Half Term  
**HALF TERM BREAK**  
31st May – 4th June 2021
- Monday 7th June  
TAD 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 18th June  
Great Get Together Picnic – look out for more details soon
- Friday 25th June  
Year 1 TRIP to Kew Gardens
- Monday 28th June  
New Reception parent visits start

- Friday 2nd July  
Year 2 TRIP to London Zoo
- Wednesday 5th July  
Year 2 to Year 3 transition begins  
New Nursery parent visits start
- Friday 9th July  
Reception TRIP to Chalkwell Beach
- Wednesday 14th July  
Rokesly Sports day at Priory Park
- Wednesday 21st July  
Break up for Summer Holiday  
**SUMMER BREAK**  
22nd July – 31st August April 2020

**Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2021**  
TAD 1,2,3 – SCHOOL CLOSED

## Walk To School Week 2021

From **17th – 21st May** we will be celebrating Walk to School week.

This year's Living Streets challenge focuses on the walking superpowers - that benefit that walking brings us, our communities and the planet.

Through the week, the children will be introduced to **Walking Superpowers** to teach them all about these benefits. Each day pupils will find out about a brand new Walking Superpower taking the form of a fun comic-book inspired design.



Walking has so many benefits - from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child, set up for success in and out of the classroom.

Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Each day your class teacher will record the number of active journeys made on the classroom wallchart and learn about a new walking superpower.

**Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity**, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

Following on from our amazing success with the BIG PEDAL, I know we can have an amazing week.

## Fundraising at Rokesly

As restrictions begin to lift, we are working with the PSA to investigate the possibility of holding some community and fundraising events this term. Although we are hopeful, it remains unlikely that we will be hosting large gatherings in school, before the summer holidays. PSA funds help support many activities in school such as purchasing much needed resources, supporting activities and subsidising our end of year trips. Having no opportunities to fundraise has meant that the PSA fund have shrunk considerably this year.

The easiest way to raise money for your school is through **easyfundraising**. It costs you nothing at all and is completely hassle free. Every time you, a family member or friend shops online, orders a takeaway or even books a holiday (we hope a lot of that will be happening over the next few weeks!) money is donated by the company to Rokesly. You do nothing at all except click the link before you buy – it really is that simple.

Since it was set up, our account has raised almost £10,000.

If you Refer-a-Friend you can earn a £5 bonus donation every time someone joins and raises £5 as a supporter through our unique link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2Z04VV/>

## Reminders

### Masks on the gate

Please can I remind all parents that while restrictions are in place, we ask that all adults wear a face covering on the gate and on the school site. We have come so far and you have done amazingly well, so please don't relax just yet.



### Birthday treats

Rokesly is a sweet free school. That means we do not allow chocolate or sweets in school as part of children's packed lunches or as treats to share in class. We understand that you will want to share your child's birthday with their friends in class and are happy to share individual cakes. Please do not send sweets in to school. Thank you

### Summer clothes

Every summer we ask parents to make sure children are wearing practical footwear that is suitable for all school activities – especially outdoor play. That means if your child can't run or climb in their footwear, they are not suitable for school.

Open toes and flip-flops **are not suitable footwear for school**. Please help us keep your child's toes protected from trips or falls.

As the weather improves, please make sure your child has adequate sun protection, with cream applied **BEFORE** they come to school. Please also make sure they have a sun hat which will protect their face and neck from burning in the sun.

### Eid Mubarak

A belated Ramadan Kareem to all our Rokesly families. We wish you all the blessings of the holy month and hope you enjoy a happy Eid with your friends and relatives next week.

Return slip. **We always welcome your views/comments:**

**Re: Newsletter No 7 7/5/21**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

(I have received the newsletter and I have the following comments/queries. Please note, if you do not have any comments you do not need to return this slip).