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IMMERSION DAY
Creative curiosity for our Prep pupils

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
Individual and team sporting achievements

ARE YOU A READING CHAMPION?
Will you be part of the Reading Champions Quiz 2026?

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Our Show Sponsor for #BeautyandtheBeast is announced

IMMERSION DAY

INDEPENDENT AND CURIOUS LEARNERS

Independence and curiosity are the focus for this week's 'Teaching and Learning Curiosity Corner'.

Immersion Day across our Prep School supports our pupils' **curiosity** as they begin to explore their new topics. Through a range of immersive activities and lessons, pupils from Nursery to Year 6 embrace the opportunity to 'become' their topic, feeding their curiosity to learn more and look forward with excitement at the prospect of discovering something new this term!

Enrichment time for our Seniors this week focused on developing **independence**. Year 8 pupils were challenged to manage a budget which required them to research the most cost effective way to take a trip to London! Year 7 worked in teams during a Biology practical investigating insulation for penguins. Year 9 pupils participated in the Faraday project which introduces pupils to engineering, inspiring them to consider STEM careers, and develop practical skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and creative thinking.

Pupils in Years 10 to 13 focused on exam feedback and preparation as well as an RSE talk given by visiting speaker Andy Hunt.

L-R: Zion (Senior Beast), Caitlin (Senior Belle), Isabella (Junior Belle), Fiona Bennett (Director of Highgate Transportation) and Sam (Junior Beast)

We are thrilled to announce Highgate Transportation as our 2026 show sponsors for #BeautyandtheBeast.

Based in Bristol, Highgate Transportation is a highly experienced and trusted team of traffic engineers and transport planners working across the UK. Since 2011, the company has supported public and private sector developments from feasibility through planning to highway design and delivery, providing practical, people-focused solutions.

We are delighted to welcome Highgate Transportation on board in supporting the performing arts here at Rougemont. Alongside their work in the planning and transport sector, HTp are passionate about creating opportunities for young people through apprenticeship degrees and other career pathways, and with their commitment to a sustainable, greener future for all, our ethos and visions align to create a wonderful partnership. We look forward to working with HT Director, Fiona Bennett, and her team, for the upcoming production and #BeautyandtheBeast and beyond.

Learn more about Highgate Transportation here: http://www.highgatetransportation.co.uk/ #Future ReadyCities #PlacesForPeople #SustainableFutures #GreenerFutures

Tickets for our special centenary production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast featuring both our Junior and Seniors casts are available now!

>>>> https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/malpas-road/rougemont-auditorium/beauty-and-the-beast/e-adlmvp

SENIOR ENRICHMENT

Thank you to Lanyon in Year 12 for being our photographer for Senior Enrichment!

Year 9 worked in teams as they participated in the Faraday Challenge.

Year 7 enjoyed their time in the Biology Labs investigaing artificial insulation for penguins.

Year 8 enjoyed a Language ‘brunch’, too!

IMMERSION DAY – INFANTS & NURSERY

Watch the highlights here!

Infants enjoyed discovering their new topics today.

From *Ticket to Ride*, to *People and Places*….

…to *Dungeons and Dragons!*

We had so much fun being curious!

IMMERSION DAY - JUNIORS

Watch the highlights here!

Our *Predators* in Year 3 gave us quite a fright!

Whilst the *Tudor* ladies in Year 4 were the picture of elegance!

Professor Dumbledore and Mary Poppins aka Mr Pritchard and Mrs Singer!

Year 6 showcased some imaginative costumes as they dressed as *Inspirational Characters…*spot Marty McFly!

Our delightful *Victorian* ladies in Year 5 are ready to embrace Victorian life!

LITERARY EVENTS

There are plenty of exciting literary events at Rougemont over the coming months.

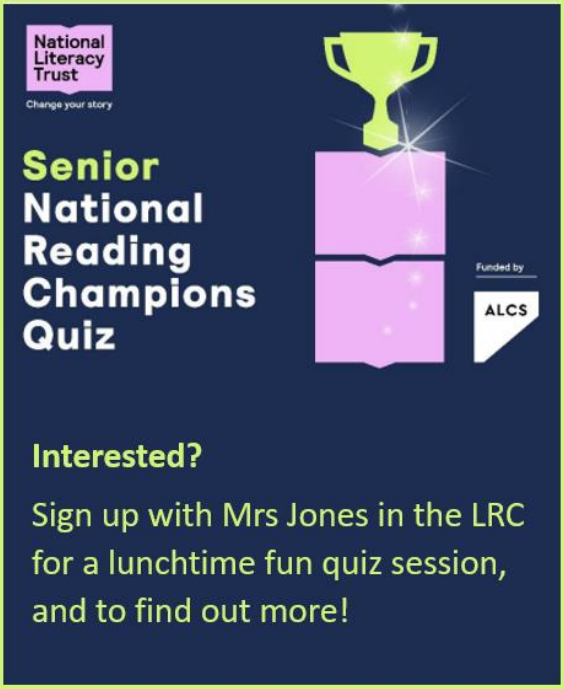
Let the Quiz Trials Begin!

Will you be part of our 2026 Reading Champions Team, participating in the Live (Online) Wales Heats of the Senior National Reading Champions Quiz, on Monday 23rd March, 10:00-12:30 with Mrs Pritchard?

We need a team of 4 keen readers and a reserve.

ARE YOU…

- ❑ A keen reader from Years 7, 8 or 9.
- ❑ Aged between 11 and 14 years (not turning 15 before 1 Sep 2026)?
- ❑ Available for the Wales Heats on 23 Mar and for the grand final on 20 May (not on a trip on either date)?



Thursday 5 March - World Book Day

The whole School is invited to dress up as their favourite literary character on this day. Who will you be?!

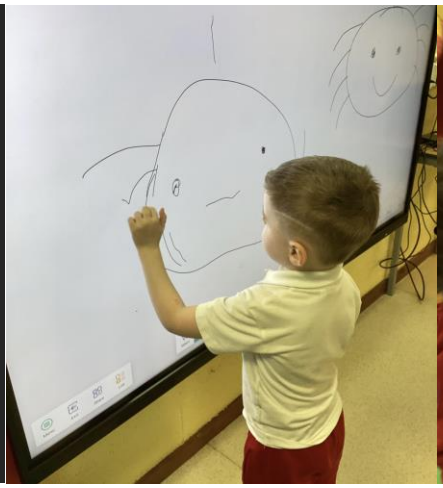
WORLD BOOK DAY

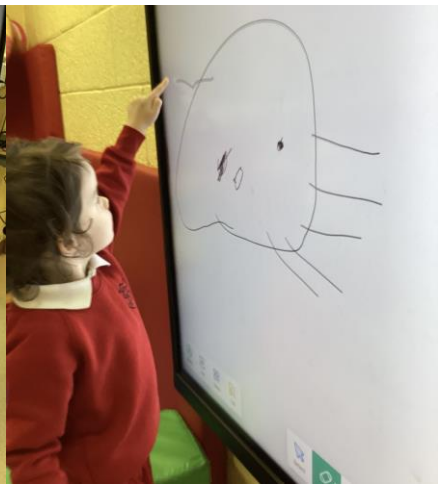
NURSERY NEWS

News from Mrs Forouzan and the team

This week, pupils in Nursery have been exploring *The Incy Wincy Spider*!

They have showcased their drawing skills creating their own spider.





They also created their own storyboards following Incy on his journey down the water spout!

DANCING KING

EDDIE SPINS TO SUCCESS

Ballroom and Latin Dancer Eddie (Year 5) is hitting new heights as he is now being trained by the one and only @shirleyballas

What an amazing opportunity for this young dancer as he carves out his pathway to dancing success across the UK and beyond.

We wish Eddie the best of luck for the UK Championships in Bournemouth.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

SIBLING GOLD

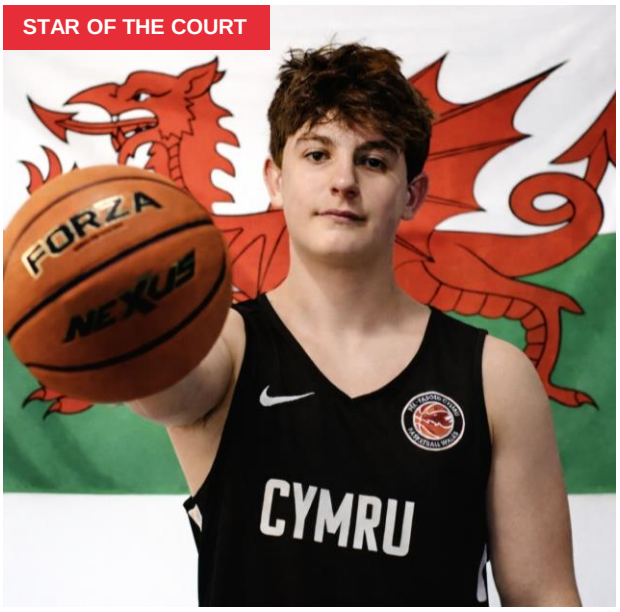
Eva (Year 7) took part in the Junior Open indoor athletics competition last weekend in Cardiff and won Regional medals. Eva won gold for East Wales in the 60m Hurdles and bronze for the 800m.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

SIBLING GOLD

William (Year 6) also participated in the competition and won Gold for East Wales in the 800m and silver in the 60m Hurdles.

STAR OF THE COURT



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Year 9 pupil Lewys who has been selected to play in Lithuania with the Welsh National U15s team. Lewys also plays basketball for the Premier team Bristol Flyers and the local team Newport Fire.

TEAM ROUGEMONT

RUGBY PRESENTATION

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 10 pupils who were awarded their @newportschools_rugby caps last week after a successful season!

ASSEMBLY LEADERS

Our Year 9 pupils host their first class assembly

KS3 ASSEMBLY

Getting good sleep!

Our KS3 pupils are being empowered to host their own class assemblies this term.

This week, Year 9 pupils presented an assembly to their peers on the importance of sleep. Having researched the topic thoroughly, pupils presented their results which highlighted how important sleep is for young adults as they navigate school work, clubs, homework, social and digital lives.

They all agreed that we should get more sleep and ensure electronic devices are switched off and put away to ensure the best possible sleep.

We look forward to sharing coverage of the next KS3 assembly in the coming weeks.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES

LETTINGS AT ROUGEMONT

What's on at Rougemont during the evenings and on weekends?

BEN MCDONALD
HEART SCREENING FUND

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THE HEART SCREENING AND DEFIBRILLATOR CHARITY

NEWPORT HEART SCREENING

Every week, 12 young people in the UK lose their lives to undiagnosed heart conditions. Many of these can be detected through a simple heart screening.

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY 2026

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