



Mrs Scripps' Scribbles

We have had an incredibly busy week here at Ralph Sadleir. Last Saturday our Year 6 Girls' Football Team played at the County Finals in Watford. On Monday we hosted the Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country competition. The Year 7 and 8 students were entertained by Natalie Shay on Tuesday. On Wednesday two of our Year 8 classes heard some very important messages about the dangers of Drugs and County Lines. Yesterday our Year 7 boys played in a football competition against Edwinstree and King James Academy.. All that on top of the 320 lessons that have been taught across this week! We are all ready for the weekend!

Natalie Shay

On Tuesday Natalie Shay, an indie pop artist from North London visited the school to entertain the Year 7 & 8 students and share some important Mental Health messages.

Ellis (Y8) tells us, "I thought that she was quite good; the lyrics of her songs were interesting and she had a good voice."

Felicity (Y8) says, "We have been learning about resilience in school and I thought it was good she talked about it too. I think it's important to learn about resilience, to never give up, even if there is a hurdle you can overcome it and get back on track."

[Take a look at this video of Natalie singing.](#)

Word of the Week

Next week's word is scourge (n) – a person or thing regarded as a great affliction

'Our greatest scourge is neither rats nor fleas but the unending rain, which runs like a stream along the bottom of our trench...' (Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo)

Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

A message has already been sent out via Parent Mail about how to register for the upcoming Parent Teacher Consultation meetings. **A reminder that booking opens at 6.00 p.m. this evening, Friday 2nd February.**

Home Community Service

Well done, Joe H (Y7) who has earned his Bronze Home Community Service Award.

Joe spent the day on Saturday litter picking around his village (it had suffered with bins being blown over in the recent storms!), preparing and baking cupcakes for villagers, bagging them up beautifully with hand written tags, and then hand delivering them to several of his neighbours. A couple of his neighbours are elderly and vulnerable and another had her birthday on the day and all were incredibly grateful for their gifts. It definitely gave him a nice feeling to help out our little community.

[Please click here](#) if you would like to nominate your child for a Home Community Service Award.

House Point Winners:

Students across the school have been given 4166 House Points this week. Currently Wellington has the most House Points since September and Sadleir for this term.

Congratulations to the following five students, all from Y7 who have been awarded the most House Points and no negative behaviour points this week: Samuel T (38), Joe H (31), Toby W (29), Evan C (28) and Thomas L (28).

Currently sixteen students are on track to receive a Gold Award for House points, eighty four for silver and seventy five for bronze.

Friday Morning Snack

Congratulations to Year 5 students who have received the highest percentage of positive points this week.

On 10th February it will be students from **the House with the highest number of positive points** between next Monday and Thursday who will be able to purchase morning snack.

Lunch Update:

Next week is Week 1 on the menu and the rota is:

1st: Year 8	2nd: Year 7
3rd: Year 6	4th: Year 5

Girls' County Football Finals

Mrs Scripps had the privilege of watching the Year 6 Girls' Football Team play in the County Finals at Watford last Saturday. Unfortunately two players were unable to make it on the day, so we were down to six players. We also had to play all our six matches consecutively, so by the end our girls were exhausted. Whilst we did not win the tournament we were very impressed with the values that the girls showed: perseverance, teamwork and resilience as well as great football skills. Thanks to Matt (Betsy's Dad) who coached the team on the day and to the parents who came to support the team. Well done to the team: Betsy W, Daisy M, Laura T, Lyla K, Evie D and Amelia B.

County Lines and Gangs Talk.

On Wednesday students in 8 Jemison and 8 Williamson attended a police presentation about County Lines and Gangs. Annabelle (Y8) says, "It was very interesting and it's good that the police brought awareness to this serious topic. I liked how they talked about it in a matter of fact manner and got straight to the point."

Dates for the rest of the year 2023/24— new/updated dates in red

Date	Who's involved	Event
7th February	8 Wonder and 8 Rashford	'Drugs, Gangs and County Lines' Police presentation
7th February	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.00—7.30 p.m.)
8th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
8th February	Selected students	Netball Match at King James Academy
9th February	Year 6 students	Heights and Weights
w/b 12th February	Year 6 students	Practice SATS week
13th February	6 Radcliffe students and parents	Class Assembly 12.30 p.m.
15th February	All students and parents	Parent Teacher Consultations (4.30—7.30 p.m.)
19th—23rd February	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
19th—23rd February	All students	House Art Competition to be completed during the break
26th Feb—1st March	Year 5 students	Bikeability
1st March	6 George students and parents	Class Assembly 11.30 a.m.
4th March	Selected Students	Girls Indoor Cricket Event at KJA
5th March	All parents	Parent Forum: Reports & Parent Evenings (9.00—10.00 a.m.)
7th March	5 Pearson students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
12th March	Selected students	Big Bang Science Conference
13th March	All students and parents	Science Fair 3.30—4.30 p.m.
15th March	5 Teresa students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
18th March	5 Parks students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
26th March	6 John students and parents	Class assembly 12.30 p.m.
27th March	All students	Bring entries in for the Easter House Bake Off Competition
28th March	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)



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SUMMER TERM 2024		
15th April	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
16th April	All students and parents	Start of term
28th April—3rd May	Year 8	Trip to France
7th May	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 9.00—10.00 a.m.
21st May	Year 8 students	HVP1 Vaccine
24th May	-	INSET Day—school closed to students
24th—31st May	All students and parents	Half Term Holiday—school closed
3rd—7th June	Year 6 students	Trip to PGL
11th June	Selected students	House Athletics
12th June	Year 7 students	Trip TBC
19th June	Year 8 students	Thorpe Park TBC
26th June	All parents	Parent Forum (subject tbc) 2.30—3.30 p.m.
27th June	All parents	Reports Home
5th July	All students and parents	Sports Day
9th July	All students and parents	Sports Day Reserve—if cancelled on 5th due to weather!
11th July	All students	Transition/Moving Up Day
15th July	All students	Olympics Cross Curricular Day
16th July	Freman House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
17th July	Sadleir House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
18th July	Salisbury House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
19th July	Wellington House students and parents	Prize Giving (2.30 p.m.)
23rd July	All students and parents	End of term (1.30 p.m.)

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
2nd September: INSET Day	6th January: INSET Day	22nd April: Start of term
3rd September : Start of term	7th January: Start of term	26th—30th May: Half Term Holiday
28th Oct—1st Nov: Half Term Holiday	17th—21st February: Half Term Holiday	18th July: End of term
6th December : Occasional Day	4th April: End of Term	21st—23rd July: Allocated INSET Days*
22nd December: End of term	7th—21st April—Easter Holidays	* Twilight sessions throughout the year.
23rd Dec— 3rd Jan: Christmas Holidays		

