

School Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the Laurus Ryecroft School Newsletter! Our stories are written mainly by our talented students, bringing updates on what has been happening at Laurus Ryecroft. If you haven't already, please follow and like our Twitter and Facebook pages @LaurusRyecroft for information about what our students are working on.

Mr M. Vevers, Head of School

Rugby Varsity

The first ever Laurus Trust Rugby Varsity competition took place on 5th February and included the boys' teams from Cheadle Hulme High School (CHHS), Laurus Cheadle Hulme (LCH) and our very own school Laurus Ryecroft (LR). The girls only played one fixture, as LCH girls are yet to have full rugby training. However, the LR girls won 35-5 and the LR boys won 50-0 overall against both teams. All of the students who attended received a Laurus Trust Rugby Varsity badge and the winning teams from Ryecroft won a gold medal. The boys won the first ever Varsity shield.



I was very proud to be on the winning team and I am privileged to play with such amazing girls!

- **Khadija Kessaci**



Adventure Trip

Recently at Laurus Ryecroft a group of students were awarded with an adventure trip for outstanding behaviour and 100% attendance.

The students said that it was an amazing day, and not only did the students have a brilliant day, so did teachers Miss Pryce and Mr Carling. The day included lots of fun activities such as rock climbing, caving, laser quest, axe throwing and glow in the dark mini golf.

All the teachers say you will be rewarded for good behaviour, and they were not lying about it! Every term people with great behaviour and 100% attendance are rewarded with either badges or award trips.

- **Felicity Jones**

Laurus Mailbox

Recently in Laurus Ryecroft, our School Council members launched the Laurus Mailbox. This is the means of communication within our school. We believe it is important that students understand they might not get a praise postcard for holding a door open but instead they could receive a thank you card. Students can also send cards for birthdays, to say sorry or to say congratulations. Our Mailbox was launched because we, as School Council, thought the students would get enjoyment from being able to show gratitude. We launched this Mailbox a few weeks ago in an assembly, led by the School Council members. - **Evie Winston**

Laurus Loves London

Laurus Ryecroft had its first residential on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of March.

Approximately 100 students and 13 staff departed for London. We arrived shortly after lunch and went straight to the hostel, where



we hastily dropped our bags to get to the Tower of London on time. In 42 hours, we visited the Tower, had dinner on The Strand, saw the musical Wicked, toured Shakespeare's Globe, had lunch in the Tate Modern and finally, braved the London Dungeons.

A few highlights were the armour evolution



inside the White Tower and the Crown Jewels which co-ordinated with the regal attire. Secondly, at The Globe, we

discovered that the upper class were allocated better quality seating and there was an open roof, so there was no need for electricity. The final highlight of the weekend was Wicked as the songs were exhilarating.

- Evie Winston

New Rewards Badges

Recently at Laurus Ryecroft, we have introduced more reward badges! These badges are for specific areas of learning within our school. The areas included are: Humanities, English, Maths and Computing, Creative Arts, PE, Science and finally the Headteacher's Award which is a silver star. Students can earn these badges by doing significant things for that specific area. Personally, I have my heart set on getting a PE badge first!

- Gracie-Ella Curtis-Piddington

Science Week

As part of science week, students took part in a huge range of activities related to different areas of science. They undertook a forensic science investigation to discover 'Who stole Mr Vevers' lunch'!

Students also had the chance to meet some exotic animals by entering a competition based on an animal research project. Finally, the culmination of the week was the Science Fair. Entirely organised by the students, the fair consisted of over 20 different independent science research projects including bouncing eggs, erupting volcanoes and colour changing flowers! An amazing week of scientific discovery!



PP&R

Laurus Ryecroft's out of lesson learning has just become easier. The preparation, practice and retrieval guide is now here to help both students and parents understand the homework process so everyone can get involved.

At Laurus Ryecroft we refer to homework as Preparation and Practice (P&P). This practice may often take the form of retrieval practice – PP&R. Retrieval is different from revision in one distinct way – it involves students retrieving information from their memory, as opposed to looking up information in books or from their notes.

Students are familiar with retrieval practice exercises as they complete these in lessons. The act of retrieving information is a powerful learning tool that can make significant improvements to long-term memory and retention of information. Visit the Assessment section of our website to find the guide.

Highlights of the Spring Term

Year 7 student Alex Spencer -Coll wins Laurus Prelude Cup at the Laurus Musician of the Year competition.



Two Year 7 teams compete in the regional First Tech UK Robotics championship, with one team making the final.



Students observe International Women's Day as part of National Careers Week with a celebration of inspirational women from different fields of work.

Year 7 Charity Team raises nearly £100 with a series of fundraising events for Comic Relief.



Forthcoming Events

2nd April – Writer in residence visit – Matt Dickinson

3rd April – Whizz Bang Science Show trip

30th April – UK Junior Maths Challenge

2nd / 9th May – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Term Dates

8th April to 22nd April – Easter Holidays

6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

27th May to 31st May– Whit Half Term

12th July – Last day of Summer Term



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