Celebrating Extra Curricular Activities at



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

Ryecroft students are encouraged to view the whole world as their classroom, and to develop a lifelong love of learning. We believe in helping children become not only the best students they can be, but also the best citizens they can be. Although our curriculum is very broad and gives pupils a huge range of skills, we believe it is important to offer additional activities that build pupils' confidence, resilience and self-belief.

We provide a wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular activities, designed to allow each student to achieve success. Every child has a talent in at least one area and to develop this further, we hold curriculum enrichment days, Inter-house talent shows, sports day and many more. Most activities and clubs are provided either at lunch time or after school. These vary depending upon the season and are led by school staff and professional coaches.

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself" - Chinese Proverb

Developing as individuals

Outdoor Educational Visits – Ryecroft students are given the opportunity in taking part on two Outdoor Educational visits. Standon Bowers is a five-day, four-night visit for Year 7 pupils and Chasewater is a three-day, two-night visit for Year 6 pupils. These visits allow students to forge stronger relation-



ships with their peers, develop their leadership skills and challenge themselves in a variety of contexts which they may not experience in their day -to-day lives. Year 8 pupils are also given the opportunity to spend two-days, one night in London.

Sport – Our classroom Physical Education curriculum is supplemented with a sporting calendar incorporating a number of events. Our sporting program offers students both the chance to achieve sporting success, and the opportunity to develop concepts of fairness and sportsmanship. Students throughout the school also participate in a variety of clubs and taster days provided by different sporting bodies during the year. We also receive visits from professional athletes and role models.

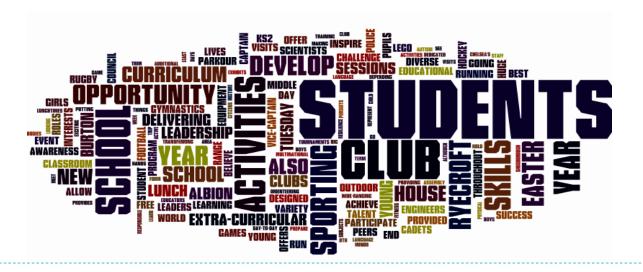
Things completed so far:

- Burton Albion are delivering a wide range of sporting activities as well as the 'Move and Learn' programme.
- ♦ Opportunities to complete football in County Cup and friendly fixtures for various sports.
- Games Captains and Sports Leaders are trained to plan and deliver different sports.
- ♦ Gymnastics club will be performing their routines to the whole school. Year 7 pupils performed their routine to the whole school at Christmas.
- Biking has been introduced as part of their PE lessons and Options choice.
- Developed whole school inter-house competitions.
- Sporting competitions between the 14 other middle schools in Staffordshire.
- Year 8 transition days at Thomas Alleynes High School.
- Bikeability Bike Fix and Level 2 training has been arranged for all Year 5 pupils and Level 3 training has been arranged for Year 7 pupils.

In the pipeline:

- Rugby development in Options block..
- Burton Albion will be coming in after Easter Canoeing making enquiries
- Sky Sports Young Leaders.
- We now have access to JCB lake for Kayaking. Awaiting to secure boats.
- Revising Sports Day plans.
- Swimming Galas

We also continue to participate in various inter-school sporting activities throughout the year.



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire" - W.B. Yeats

Student Leadership – Each year, students are asked to nominate for roles of House Captain; House Vice-Captain; House Games Captain and House Games Vice-Captain. Election to these esteemed roles is conducted by a poll of their peers following nomination speeches and an election campaign. This is also offers the opportunity for Year Eight students to develop their leadership skills.

School Council - Two students from each Key Stage in each Form Group are elected by their classmates to represent them on the School Council, a student body which provides feedback to school leadership on student-related issues.

WorldSkills Show– This is an annual events for all of our Key Stage 3 students. The event aims to inspire our future scientists and engineers through exciting hands on activities and interactive exhibits. Pupils have the opportunity to meet engineers and scientists from large multinational corporations and a range of diverse and unique UK companies. Through receiving dedicated careers advice, we know that young people go away with a fresh, new perspective on where their school subjects can lead them.

Other Activities and Clubs we currently run and / or plan to offer include:

Lego Club	Wellbeing Club	Inter House Competitions	Art Club
Running Club	Gardening Club	German Club	D & T Club
Police Cadets	Road Safety Awareness	Forest School	Chelsea's Choice
Archery Club	Autism Awareness	Film Club	Bike Club
Year 8 Talent Show	Magical Maths	Community Run	Sponsored Walk
Table Tennis	Gymnastics	Choir	Scooter Club

As we can see from Lego Club to Police Cadets, our extra-curricular opportunities cater for all ages and interests. We seek to inspire, enliven and enrich young minds through a mixture of clubs, sporting activities, day trips and residential visits that are designed to enhance the curriculum, providing an opportunity for students to try new things and learn new skills. These pursuits prepare our students for active lives with diverse interests and ambitions as they move beyond Ryecroft Middle.

Years 7 and 8 have the opportunity to broaden their curriculum by taking part in 'Options' offered by members of staff, these include a visit to Barrowhill Nursing Home, Cookery, Drama, Yoga, Board Games etc.

BIG ENOUGH TO INSPIRE, SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE

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