

NEW ROAD



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Thank you for reading the second edition of New Road. What a busy couple of weeks we have had! The school hosted Whittlesey's girls football tournament; our family fun day was a huge success; Sports Day was great fun; our athletics team attended the County Finals; Foxes class went fossil hunting at Kings Dyke Nature Reserve; our netball team defended their title as last year's winners of the netball shield for Whittlesey schools; Olympian Sam Ruddock gave an inspirational speech about overcoming cerebral palsy; our Year 6 pupils achieved highly in a local authority writing moderation ...and the list could go on and on!

Being the headteacher of such a vibrant and successful school is always a privilege because it is an absolute pleasure to work with so many talented people: our staff and your children!

Our team work is our strength!

Onwards and upwards!

Rob Litten

"I like my new school because we do a lot of sport and competitions. There's no bullying and everybody is friends with everybody"

Riley of Year 6 who joined us a few weeks ago



Royce House Captain James celebrating Royce's victory at Sports Day 2018 - Congratulations!

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Olympian Sam Ruddock at Park Lane: great energy from a great guy!

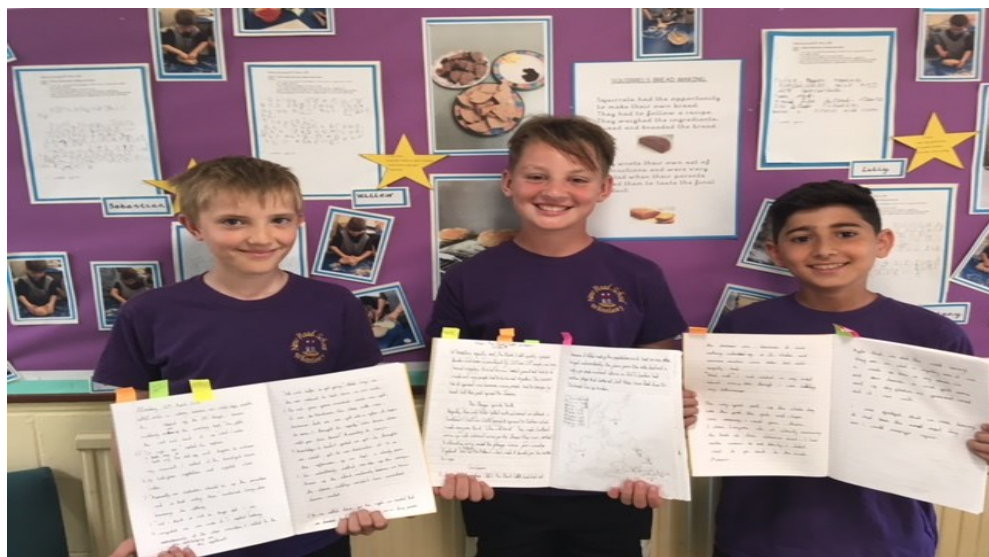
Year 6 Writing Stars!

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." Winston Churchill

Every now and again Cambridgeshire County Council check our pupils' writing to make sure that teachers are assessing accurately. This happens to all schools.

This year it was New Road's turn and we are delighted to share with you that it was a huge success. Mrs Morgan was told that she is doing a great job and the Year 6 writing was very impressive. The County Council fully agreed with Mrs Morgan that 80% of our pupils are working at the expected standard or higher - a huge success for the school!

What is even more impressive is that the County Council asked if they could have copies of the children's writing so that they can show other schools. The council was most impressed with the children's books that were assessed as being greater depth - a much higher level than what the government expects! They will be using these to show other schools what this high standard looks like. Well done Mrs Morgan, Mrs Standbridge and our Year 6 high flyers!!!



Be Inspired! Achieve the impossible!

The Head of PE at Sir Harry Smith, Tim Smith, invited an Olympic sporting ambassador to come to Park Lane to share his dreams and many sporting successes.

Sam Ruddock competes in athletics for Great Britain. He competed at the London 2012 Paralympic Games as a sprinter but has since turned his attention to the field events. His most recent accomplishment was breaking his own British Record with a personal best throw of 13.75m at the 2015 IPC World Championships in Doha.

Sam had an unbelievable impact on our school. Very quickly he built up a real relationship with all our children taking them on his journey as a professional athlete.

Sam gave the following messages: 'be the best you can be', 'beat your ghost of yesterday', 'achieve your own gold medal' and 'setting, planning and achieving your goals'. These really fit into our school's ethos of expecting the best and being the best you can be!

A big thank you to Sir Harry Smith's PE Department!



Sam Ruddock: London 2012

Girl Power on the Football Pitch

Last week, New Road hosted the Whittlesey Girls Football Tournament. An amazing day for the town's schools.

Our team's behaviour and attitude was excellent. There was no overall winner as the tournament was designed to celebrate fair play, team work and respect in the game.

The lady Mayor presented medals and her husband (Rob Windle) was a star as he marked the pitches for us and helped to organise the event.



Sporting Heroes - Our school athletics team did a cracking job at the County Finals. We are so proud of you all!!!



New Road and Park Lane Teams having a rest whilst the referees (Year 6 New Road boys) look on! What a great day of foot-

Breck Foundation

Our Schools and our families should be a safe place for children to learn about what can hurt them and that means learning how to use the internet safely and how to enjoy safe gaming with other people

Mrs Gregory, e-safety leader and Year 5 class teacher based at Park Lane attended a conference where she was incredibly moved by a mother's story of how her beautiful son lost his life after he met a stranger who he had been online gaming with. Breck's death spurred his mother on to create the Breck Foundation, to reach out to children and their families so that she could share her story.

Mrs Gregory invited The Breck Foundation to Park Lane. Park Lane was joined by pupils from New Road and Sir Harry Smith. The presenter was excellent—reaching out to parents and pupils to share Breck's story.

As a school we already know that a good number of pupils (some as young as 7) have deleted strangers they had 'befriended' to game online with - the risk is real and some of our children are taking risks online.

Thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Gregory, for making this possible!

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- Goodbye Year 6!
- One more successful funding bid an extra £10,000 coming our way!
- Activity World for new reception pupils.
- Summer trips.
- Sports Awards

Round-up

- Negative energy not welcome here...



Year 5 pupils from New Road and Park Lane working with the Breck Foundation