



## Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been an exciting fortnight for us all. We have had a fabulous first week with our extended provision for Year 10. Students have really enjoyed the learning and have met the social distance challenge brilliantly. It has been great to see students and teachers working together, face to face to ensure that they move forward in preparation for their GCSE's next year. We had teenagers actually admitting that they'd missed school and despite the early start the quality of discussion and learning was superb. We're looking forward to week 2! Those parents who have chosen to keep their children at home - they are not missing out as we have ensured that the quality of the online learning provision is still a key priority.



## Your invitation to our Virtual Coffee Morning

We have missed you and the children. To try to help each other understand how things are going during this very different world we are currently living in, we would like to invite you to a 'virtual coffee morning' using Zoom with Risedale Principal, Mr Scott and Family Support Advisor, Gary Morley for an opportunity to catch up and have a chat.

Please click on the [link](#) below and join us on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am. We hope to see you there. And don't forget your coffee!

### Here's your invitation to the meeting:

**Topic:** Risedale Parent Virtual Coffee Morning

**Time:** 29 June 2020, 10:30 AM

**Meeting ID:** 985 5819 5393

**Password:** OYivSH

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98558195393?pwd=dHppQldKOTI3WEx6QXdlUUY3Jz4Ulg5Zz09>



## Free School Meal provision will continue over the summer holiday



You may have heard in the news that a "Covid summer school fund" is being set up by the Government to help feed children during the holidays, after a successful campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford. Children eligible for free school meals during term time in England will now get a 6-week voucher. Mr Morley will be in touch with those families this applies to once we have more guidance from the Government as to how this voucher scheme will be coordinated.

## The Risedale Summer Reading Challenge

As so many of you can't get to the library at the moment we are going to bring the library to you. Look out for further information on the library Google Classroom soon. Your English teachers also have big plans. More to be revealed next week...



What are you reading at the moment? Remember - today a reader, tomorrow a leader!

## Behaviour Policy (Student) COVID-19 Addendum

[The Behaviour Policy \(Student\) COVID-19 Addendum](#) has been written to inform pupils, parents and staff of the school about the additional and specific school rules we have addressed in light of the measures that have been introduced in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This policy addendum should be read in conjunction with the standard Behaviour Policy (Student), Child Protection Policy, Health and Safety Policy and The Risedale Way and Online Safety Policy. All of these are available on our school website in the [Policies](#) area.

## Art Kits available for Y9 students starting Y10 GCSE Art




Last week we launched the start of the new GCSE curriculum in our options subjects for our current Y9 students and Ms Westwood has put together an 'Art Kit' for all those students who have opted to study GCSE Art in Y10 (24 students). Each pack contains a starter kit of basic art materials, available for collection from the Risedale Reception, Monday-Friday 9-3pm, term-time only. Ms Westwood has notified these students via GoogleClassroom so they should already be aware. Please ensure that when you, or your child, collects their art kit that their names are ticked off the collection list so Ms Westwood is able to keep track of who has and hasn't received these items.

## Tyler signs for Darlington FC Academy

Congratulations to Tyler Kirk (11Hill) who has signed for [Darlington Football Club](#) Academy next season.

Tyler is shown here in the photo with Club Manager Alun Armstrong and Head of Academy Paul Thomas (photo credit to DFC).



Miss Brierley, Head of PE at Risedale said: "Tyler has always been a keen sportsman. He has represented the school and area for football and studied PE at GCSE. We wish Tyler all the best for the future and can't wait to hear how he gets on.  **#TeamRisedale**"

The DFC Academy is a full-time education and football development programme for talented 16-18 year olds, providing all the skills required to go on to University, Apprenticeships, Coaching, careers in sport, and of course, Professional or Semi-Professional Football for the club.

Link to DFC's announcement regarding Tyler : [Tyler Signs for the Academy](#)

## A great team effort by Richmond Town Footballers

**Update: Richmond Town FC U14 Girls have raised an amazing £720 to date – WOW!**

The team was set a challenge to run a minimum of 30km in May, and at the same time, hopefully raise some sponsorship money to purchase new football kit for the season ahead. Many of the girls have smashed that distance four or five times over! We can't

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congratulate the girls enough, what an amazing achievement! The Risedale girls in the team include players **Olivia Dagnall, Ellie Harrison, Millie Hollis (captain) and Jaime-Leigh Paige (goalkeeper).**



Olivia's parents, Mr and Mrs Dagnall, said: "We know that some of the girls have found this challenge really helpful and it's given them something really positive to concentrate on during the strange times we've faced since lockdown. We're really proud of Olivia and the whole team. Well done girls!"

★ [Click here to sponsor Richmond Town FC Juniors U14 Girls](#)

## Berlin Trip - Postponed

The Berlin Trip that was initially going to take place on 11-13th November 2020 is now **postponed until 24-26th February 2021**. We consulted with parents about this and there was an overwhelming desire to postpone the trip due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Letters have gone out to parents/carers of students going on the trip.



Please continue to make payments for the trip on ParentPay as well as submitting your child's passport details if you have not already done so. Please can you do this at your earliest convenience as without these details, we cannot book your child's flights.

- **Email Passport Details:** Please email the following (as it appears on the passport) to [lodge.s@risedale.org.uk](mailto:lodge.s@risedale.org.uk) : First name, last name, DOB, passport number, passport start date, passport expiry date, country of issue, nationality, gender.
- **Check/Renew Passport:** Your child's passport must have at least 6 months left in order to travel. If it does not, you will need to renew the passport at a cost of £49 online: [Get a passport for your child: Renew a child passport - GOV.UK](#).
- **EHIC Card:** Please can you also register for a free EHIC card: [Apply for a free European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#).

Please email [lipinski.a@risedale.org.uk](mailto:lipinski.a@risedale.org.uk) if you have any further questions.

Thank you and keep safe.

**Mr Lipinski - Head of History**

## Covid-19 information and support from The Children's Society

The Children's Society has a range of support materials for young people, parents and schools in their mental and emotional health resource 'vault' including:



- Anxiety
- Depression and Mood
- Loneliness
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Phobias

- Self care
- Emotional resilience
- Mental Resilience

The resources can be found here: [Children's Society Coronavirus Advice & Support](#)

## Videos for parents and carers: delivering online safety at home

Think U Know have created videos to support parents during Covid-19 and the closure of schools to many children. Each fortnight, they are releasing a new presentation for parents and carers to help with online safety at home.

You can find the videos here:

- [Think U Know: All videos](#)
- [Parent and carers guide to Image Sharing](#)
- [Parents and carers guide to Live Streaming](#)



## Tik Tok - What parents need to know



No doubt over the past few months you've heard children (and maybe a few adults) talk about the latest Tik Tok challenges or their favourite celebrity's lockdown live stream. A new Parent Info article explores [how Tik Tok works](#), the parental controls available, and how they can help their child to stay safer on the platform.

## Screen Addiction - National Online Safety

### 'A guide on how not to be a screen zombie'

Don't be a 'Screen Zombie' - be present and avoid 'logging out' of the real world! Check out National Online Safety's guide to help you and your family get away from devices, aware of the potential dangers of screen addiction and mindful of the negative impact this can have on wellbeing.



>> <https://hubs.ly/H0rCJDt0>



## Crafty Corner with Mrs Plews - Terrific Terrariums

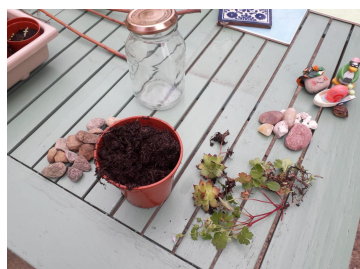
Bring the garden inside by making your own mini-rainforest in a jar.

To make your terrarium you will need:

- A glass jar (a jam jar is ideal).
- Small rocks or pebbles of different sizes.
- Plants such as rockery plants, moss, ferns, cacti or succulents.
- Twigs, petals and little ornaments you have at home to decorate.



And here's how to do it:



1. Place a layer of your smallest pebbles in the bottom of the jar. Save the nicer, bigger ones, for the top.
2. Sprinkle about 3cm of soil on top.
3. Carefully place your plants in the soil and add water.
4. Cover the soil with a thin layer of some of your bigger nicer stones surrounding your plants. This will protect them, prevent weeds and stop it drying out.

5. Add your decorations.
6. Place in the sun and enjoy! Rainforests are hot and humid, so when you place your terrarium in sunlight the atmosphere will heat up and the plants will grow.



Well done, you've made your own terrarium! You don't need to water often as it's quite happy and self-sufficient in its own little world - just like a rain forest. If closed, you might water them (on average) once a month but this will vary depending on a variety of factors. Open terrariums benefit from being watered every 3-6 weeks. Rather than watering on a schedule, check the soil to see if and how much water your plants need.

*Happy planting!* 

## Upcoming National and Global Events

Things to look out for and get involved with **this week:**

- [Learning Disability Week](#)
- [Loneliness Awareness Week](#)
- [March for Men - Prostate Cancer UK](#)
- [Plastic Free Beauty Day - 17th June](#)
- [Wallace and Gromit's Wrong Trouser Day - 19th June](#)
- [Father's Day - 21st June](#)




### Next week:

- [National School Sport Week](#)
- [Children's Hospice Week](#)
- [National Picnic Week](#)
- [Love Your Lungs Week \(British Lung Foundation\)](#)
- [World Wellbeing Week](#)
- [International Women in Engineering Day - 23rd June](#)
- [Reserves Day - 24th June](#)
- [National Writing Day - 24th June](#)
- [Day of the Seafarer - 25th June](#)
- [United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture - 26th June](#)
- [National Parma Violets Day - 26th June](#)
- [International Sunglasses Day - 27th June](#)
- [National PTSD Awareness Day - 27th June](#)



## A Film Review by Emily Barratt:



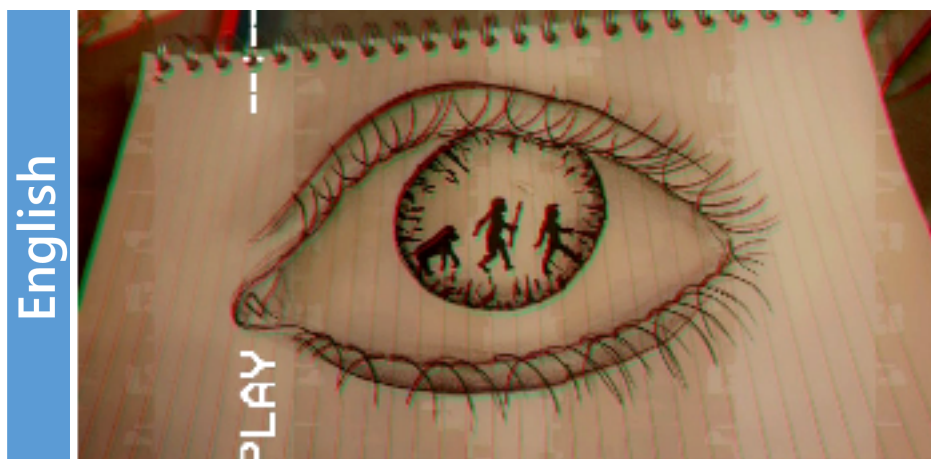
10Westwood have been reviewing a film this week called '[Alma](#)' a short animation from 2009, by Rodrigo Blaas. Overall, the group awarded it 3 stars out of 5 . You can watch it here: [Alma](#)

Here's what Emily had to say: *"It was intriguing as you want to look away as the setting is disturbing but you can't, as you want to see what's next. The tension was building the whole way through and it kept you guessing what would happen. Even at the end it almost left on a cliffhanger where you had to piece the parts of the film together to understand what had happened."*

## OUR GALLERY

Examples of great work completed by our students learning from home and our 'Key Worker' students at school:

Well done to all our students who are working so hard and producing such fantastic work across all subjects. You are a credit to yourselves and the school.



Y9 Paige Vickery's representation of Darwinism in Literature.



Year 7 have been looking at the artwork of Matisse and have created their own abstract collages in his style, using materials they have found at home.

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Year 7 exploring tone and textures in coffee paintings.



Year 8 soap carvings in the style of Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore.



As part of their Art project on 'War and Conflict', Year 9 have been making these fabulous 'Zentangle' illustrations to explore imagery related to their own ideas.