

# Raleigh & Admirals Academies

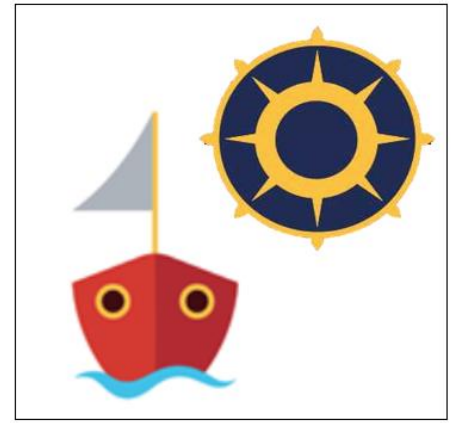
Our Values in Action – A Principal's view

## Welcome to Bulletin 4

We are now at the end of the Academic year and I cannot believe how quickly this academic year has passed us by. Whilst all of the children need time to rest and recuperate, it is vitally important that we reflect on what should be considered a successful year for Raleigh and Admirals Academies.

## Some notable highlights

- **Raleigh achieving Ofsted 'Good'**
- **Admirals achieving Primary Science Quality Mark**
- **Overall statutory pupil data demonstrates an improving trend**
- **New teaching and learning policy in place**
- **Implementation of the Primary Knowledge Curriculum**
- **Implementation of a new reading and writing curriculum**
- **Implementation of new curriculum resource for DT, RE, PSHE, French, Music**
- **Soft implementation of a new Maths programme**
- **Overhaul of Admirals library and £6k investment in books**
- **Embedding Little Wandle Phonics programme across Reception to Yr 2**
- **Launch of Phonics strategy for years 3 to 6 with a dedicated TA**
- **Introduction of our ARK values, and pupil certificates**
- **Launch of House system, house competition and house captains**
- **Opening of the ARK & the Harbour; launch of a full nurture programme**
- **Introduction of Turbina class and Shamera class**
- **Significant increase in pupil specific SEN funding**
- **Overhaul of reception outdoor area, increase in Nursery pupil numbers**
- **Implementation and subsequent review of new behaviour policy, including new sanctions and rewards**
- **Opening and implementation of 5 Safe Ports**
- **New approach to break/lunchtime provision, with introduction of playleaders & Premier Sport wide games**
- **New approach to tuck shop & re-build of both playground trim trails**
- **49 teacher led after school clubs, 68% of all pupils attending one or more clubs**
- **Introduction of new style Sports day**
- **Introduction of a new pupil reporting format**
- **Successful Trust reviews in Safeguarding/pupil welfare and Full Audit**
- **98% staff retention**
- **and the beginning of the journey to merge Raleigh & Admirals into ONE Academy is underway!**



## Upcoming Term Dates 2023/24

### Wednesday 7th September

Autumn Term '23 begins

### 23rd – 27th October

Half term Holiday

### Wednesday 20th December

Last day of Autumn term '23

## Our Academy Improvement Priorities for 2023/24

**Leadership within the Academy secures sustained improvement in all areas.**

**Across the Academy, pupil outcomes demonstrate a sustainable improving trend.**

**Improve teaching, learning and assessment in order to secure good and better rates of progress for all pupils.**

**Embed a high standard of personal development, behaviour and welfare.**

## Congratulations!!!

**Lucas Presland from Year 6 recently represented the Suffolk Under 11 Cricket team. For his club team he has excelled; in one game taking 3 wickets for 6 runs in just 2 overs. He has since been selected to represent Tuddenham Cricket Club at Under 15 level. This is a remarkable achievement. Well done Lucas.**

There is so much to celebrate and as a community we are proud of what we have achieved. However, whilst there are so many successes for us to reflect upon, our staff are already planning for the new academic year. We hope that we can build on this year, and once again improve our offer to the pupils and parents.

We sadly say farewell to both of our teachers from Year 1. Ms. Marsh has been at Raleigh Academy for 2 years, and Ms. Brant for two terms. We are very grateful to both teachers for all that they have offered our pupils, and we wish them both well for the future.

Have a great summer holiday,

**Greg Sadler, Executive Principal**

## Sports Day – A day to remember!

Sports day this year was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who supported the event. The children participated in various athletic events, including sprinting, relay, throwing and jumping. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging and supporting their fellow classmates.



A huge thanks goes out to the fantastic sports leaders from Thetford Academy, whom without their leadership and efforts, the sports day would not have been possible. The team from Premier Education also provided staff for officiating the finish line. Other thanks go to the many local sports clubs and teachers who donated their gazebos to provide shelter for both parents and children.

Admirals points scored	Raleigh points scored	Combined overall placings
1 <sup>st</sup> Biscay 3703	1 <sup>st</sup> Trafalgar 3189	1 <sup>st</sup> Trafalgar 6548
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rockall 3621	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fastnet 2756	2 <sup>nd</sup> Biscay 6444
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fastnet 3561	3 <sup>rd</sup> Biscay 2741	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fastnet 6317
4 <sup>th</sup> Trafalgar 3359	4 <sup>th</sup> Rockall 2505	4 <sup>th</sup> Rockall 6127



It was clear that sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical activity were the true winners of the day, and everyone left with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Overall, the sports day was a huge success. It provided a platform for children to showcase their skills, foster teamwork, and build a love for sports and physical activity. It was a day filled with fun, excitement, and healthy competition, and we look forward to next year's event.



Next year's date:

**EYFS – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**KS1/KS2 – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

## Admirals Library – investing in reading

At Admirals we are thrilled to announce the changes we have made in our library. This is an exciting opportunity for your children to use this enjoyable space, where they can build a love for reading, explore a variety of texts, learn new vocabulary and information, and enjoy learning about some of their most loved topics!

We have invested £6000 on a fantastic range of books to offer from fiction, such as graphic novels, fairy tales, mystery, poetry, action and adventure and many more interesting reads!



In addition, we have added to our non-fiction book collection, such as art/architecture, crafts/ hobbies, health & fitness, history, sports & leisure, biographies and many more. We also have a selection of dual language books, including fiction and non-fiction books in different languages. These books are great for building children’s vocabulary in both languages, as well as introducing them to a range of languages they may not have come across before. In our library you will find some of the most popular authors, such as David Walliams, Roald Dahl, Jeff Kinney, Tony Ross and many more talented and gifted authors!

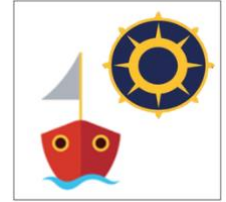
Students will have the opportunity to visit the library during the week, where they can exchange and explore the range of books we have to offer. All students will attend library classes, where they will be shown how to find and use the resources, use the new Libresoft programme, appreciate literature and much more.

All children will be given their own library card, where they will be able to access our new Library programme to take out books of their choice. We want to promote children’s love for reading and inspire them to ‘be their own captain to their ship’.

Please encourage your children to enjoy and take care of the library books and return for new ones. Lastly, please enjoy the library books with your children!

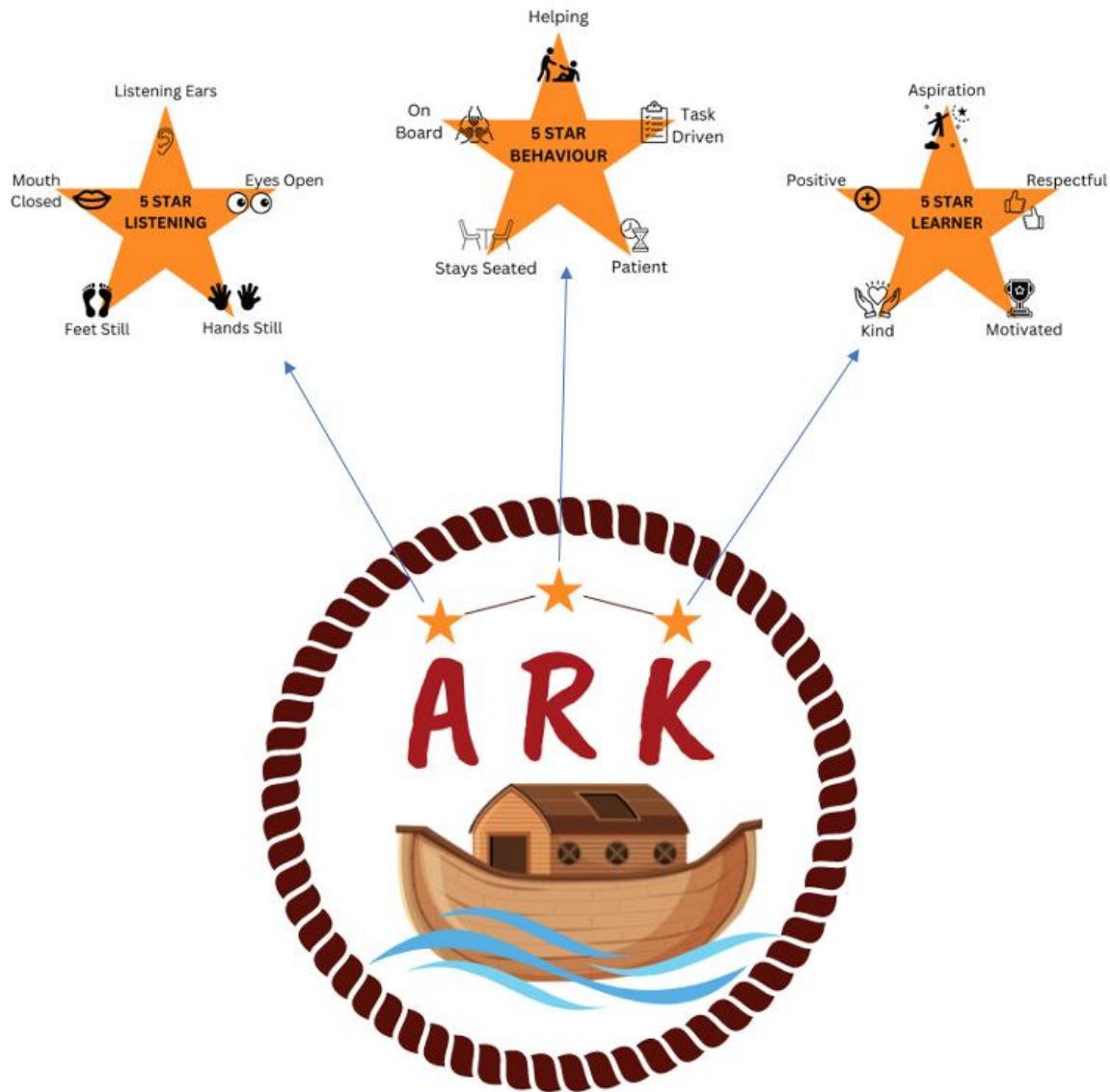


# A reminder for parents: Teaching and Learning at Raleigh and Admirals



Our teachers have recently been reviewing our teaching and learning policy which will ensure that teacher lead approaches in our classrooms are the same for all our pupils. In addition to our ARK values, we have now introduced the next phase of our guiding principles that will further support our learners to navigate their way through their learning.

**We support our learners to benefit from great teaching. Our guiding principles of great learning are:**



As needed, all adults whether they are teaching or supporting learning will be able to refer to our guiding principles of 5-star learning, 5-star listening and 5-star behaviour. Children will be rewarded for demonstrating the characteristics of great learning, listening and behaviour!

## Parent Voice – overview of responses

This year's parent questionnaire was shared with parents electronically on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Parents were given a two-week window to complete the questionnaire, which included the week of May half term. 17% of all parents across both Academies responded.

Question	% of parents who strongly agree or agree
The curriculum engages my child in learning	92%
The curriculum is broad and balanced	84%
My child is prepared for the next stage in learning	66%
My child has a wide variety of learning opportunities	76%
My child expects to work hard	78%
My child feels safe at the Academy	82%
My child knows to speak to if they are upset or unhappy	84%
My child has at least one member of staff they would feel comfortable approaching if they felt unsafe or unhappy	86%
The Academy teaches my child to stay safe online	72%
The Academy teaches my child to recognise risks to their well being	66%
Behaviour is consistently well managed by staff	52%
The Academy has a calm, orderly environment which helps my child learn	58%
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality	94%
The Academy has a positive, respectful culture in which my child is well cared for	88%
My child understands how good behaviour supports good learning	88%
My child is happy at the Academy	80%
My child enjoys Academy life	74%
My child's confidence and self-esteem is growing	76%
There is a good range of extra-curricular clubs to choose from	86%
The Academy teaches my child to recognise the difference between right and wrong and apply this to their own lives	86%
I know and understand the Academy's vision	76%
The Academy's ethos enables good learning and progress	80%
The Academy is well led and managed	70%
Communication at the Academy is much improved	64%
I know who to talk to if I have a concern about my or their learning	88%

Response by year group:

Nursery	Reception	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
1%	10%	20%	12%	17%	13%	16%	10%

## Our Raleigh & Admirals Summer Fete – a real community gathering

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, we hosted our Summer fete. The weather was very good to us, which allowed us to enjoy a glorious afternoon of fun and sales. We were aiming to attract enough funds to pass last year's income total of £1100. The fete was organised by Wayne Thompson, an Academy Councilor, and Sharon Azzopardi who attracted a considerable number of raffle and tombola donations.



There were also a significant number of local community businesses who attended the event, adding real value to the afternoon, with some selling food and crafts for all to enjoy. The animal petting stall, face painting, bouncy castle and ice-cream van were enjoyed by the children who also had a busy afternoon running their own stalls. Every class had a stall that was decorated and signposted by the children with many of them enjoying making sales and awarding prizes.

We are thrilled to announce that the afternoon raised the spectacular amount of **£1850** – which over the next academic year will be used to match fund a further project to improve the outdoor provision across both playgrounds. Thank you to everyone who attended and spent their hard earned cash – we are so very grateful! **Next year's Fete date: 17<sup>th</sup> July '24**

### Operational changes

When our Academies re-open to our pupils on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, both of our Academy Reception offices will have merged into one. We will be closing the main Raleigh entrance and office and relocating this service through the Admirals entrance. This decision has been taken to improve the efficiency of our admin support and to centralise our communications and operations. Both office email addresses will remain, but we will only use the Admirals telephone number, 01842 753993. Raleigh parents and pupils will access the infant Academy through an internal entrance in Admirals.



## Year 6 - Thank you and Farewell



The end of the Summer always signals a time to reflect on the year that has passed, but it is also to bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils who move on to the next stage of their young lives. For most of our current year 6 pupils this means the end to six or more years of education based at Raleigh and Admirals Academies, and as they step out into the big wide world of secondary education it is sadly time to say our final goodbyes.

A quiet and well-balanced year group, our current Year 6 leavers have made the most of every opportunity that has been presented to them. Their teachers are delighted with their individual progress and the personal achievements that so many children have enjoyed. Mrs Bishop, Ms Gabriel, Mrs McArdle, Mr Harris and Mrs Gibson have worked as a team to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our year 6 students, and for that, I know the children are extremely grateful.

Destination of our leavers:

Attleborough Academy  
Ormiston Victory Academy  
St Benedicts Catholic School, Bury St. Edmunds  
Thetford Academy

Good Luck Year 6, we will miss you!!!!

## My reflections by Evia, Year 6

As I spend my last hours here, a few more moments away from the end of primary school and a blink away from embarking on my adventure on my adventure in secondary school, I feel a bittersweet collection of emotions. Unfortunately, I must bid my farewell as this school year comes to an end, yet I am prepared for what journey lies ahead.

I have noticed that I have been blessed with exhilarating memories. Throughout the years I remember my cousin sharing how she went on many trips and how laughter was shared between many friends (I never thought I would experience it so soon). It is certain to say I have experienced it so soon. It is certain to say I have experienced some lows, but the brighter moments have overtaken them.

Undoubtedly, a highlight of my years in this school are the trips we faced; from performing at the O2 to camping in the wildlife. Performing in front of thousands of people with many other schools was unforgettable and will stay in my heart forever. I will always remember how these trips brought life into our lessons, which made us sympathise with the ones before us.

These expeditions were not the only things that will stay with me. The teachers were the ones who shaped me into who I am today. I remember Mr Harris' humour and Mrs Render's fluent tongue in french lessons and Mrs McArdle's resilience to make the class achieve their worth. These educators are the ones who raised me which makes me fortunate to state that their unstoppable patience, dedication, and support has been successful; it has shaped me into who I am.

I can vividly recall the sight of arrows being shot by students and the cheers for their teammates on sports day. On these days we learnt the value of teamwork, resilience and dedication; what we can learn from each other. We had the chance to climb a rock wall and the chance to have a concert. These are the moments I am appreciative of.

The thought-provoking assemblies we sat through taught us how to survive in the outside world. They taught us how to respect ourselves but still to respect others. To be mindful of how others feel and how to keep friendships strong. Such unity brought us together as a community, to reflect and to grow: these moments I will cherish.

It wasn't just the trips, staff assemblies and events that built me into a better person. The friendships, and the people are the ones who stood beside me through thick and thin. The new friendships I have forged throughout the years are part of me now and I know they will last. No matter what sorrow and grief we go through we are always there when we need each other the most.

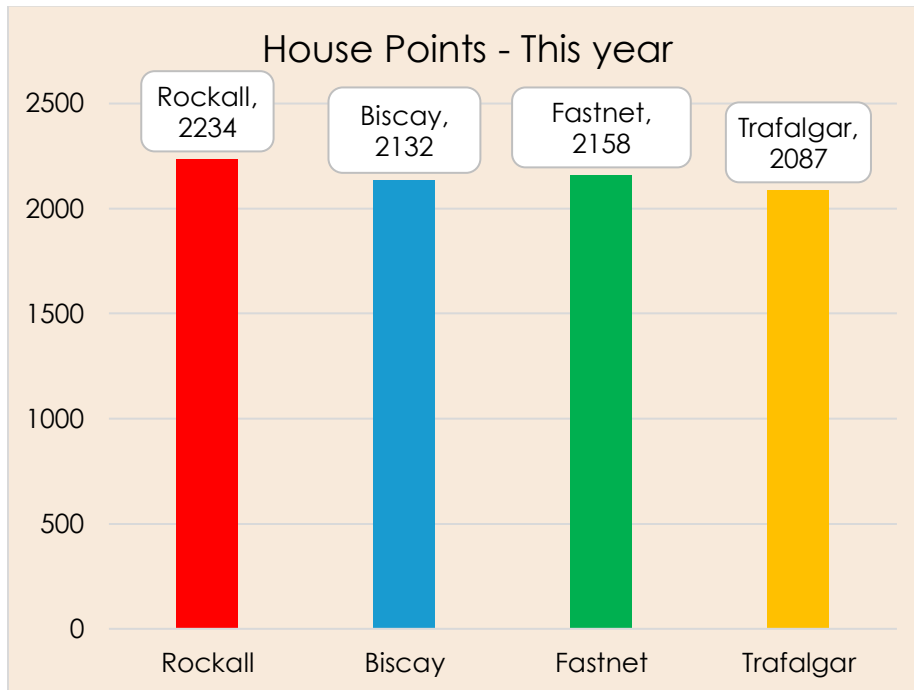
As I spend my last moments here, I will reflect on the year that has passed and I will embark on the year ahead.

In conclusion, the years I have spent in this school have certainly not gone to waste. The friendships I have forged and the teachers I have experienced will stay with me for years to come. I am ready for what journey lies ahead and now it is time to say goodbye.

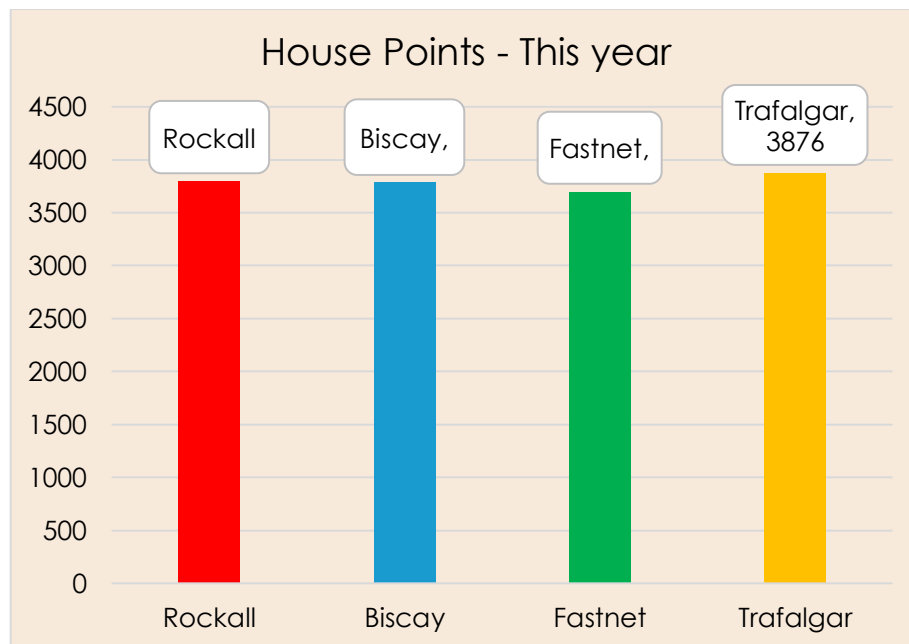


## House Points – The Grand totals

### Raleigh



### Admirals



**Overall winner: Congratulations to Rockall House !!!!**