

Usually during this week in December we would be sharing details of our traditional events and activities, including the production of our musicals and plays. Our school orchestra and choir would have performed in local town centres and the whole school would be celebrating a Christingle Service, with its families, in the fantastic surroundings of the chapel at Haileybury. None of this has been able to take place this year.

But there are other successes to share.

On Wednesday 16th December Roselands launches a new website where it will share events of the past week, as well as 3 notable achievements:

Each class has been recorded performing a festive item in the school's garden, where it is safe to sing outside:



Elm Class performed The 12 Days of Christmas – wearing hats as each group sang their own verse

The Early Years children have performed a Nativity Play in their own room or 'bubble':



This week Roselands is celebrating 3 notable achievements as winners:

'Roselands Primary School wins gold for Hertfordshire' quotes the Woodland Trust

Roselands Primary School in Highwood Road Hoddesdon has been awarded a gold award by the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities including tree planting, visiting a local woodland, decorating and naming a tree on the school site to mention just a few activities.

The Green Tree Schools initiative, which has seen more than 12,000 schools sign up since it was launched in 2008, offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom.

Schools win awards for participating in green activities, which include tree planting, reducing carbon emissions and recycling. Roselands Primary School has planned the planting of new trees in their school grounds, visited local woods, shared woodland words and images and joined in various other Woodland Trust activities. Having achieved a bronze award not long after it was launched the school have now moved through the silver level and this week achieved gold.



The school has two main buildings with its large old oak tree dominating the central Oak Garden which is reflected in the name of the newer building and then the eleven classes, all of which are named after different trees.

The second win:

Many of our pupils took part in the Mayor's 'guess the local landmark' competition in support of his charities this year – The Isabel Hospice and The Clayton Centre. Pictured are some of the pupils who took part and received Christmas cards from the mayor. The overall winner of the competition came from our year four- Pupil Erika Clark is pictured with her invitation to tea in the Mayor's Parlour for being the overall winner.

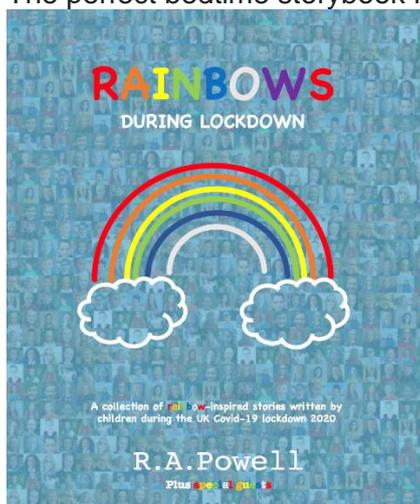


Another success reported this week is that of year six pupil Scarlett Mills, who took part in a creative writing course, streamed live on Facebook, during lockdown, by a Children's Author, Robert Powell, with the aim of helping children to write a one thousand words story. Hundreds of children tuned in from across the country and at the end of the course were invited to enter a writing competition for a rainbow-inspired story. Scarlett's story was selected for her age category, as was the one written by her older sister and past pupil Amber. The author has previously visited Roselands and is looking forward to making a return appearance when he can in 2021.

Rainbows During Lockdown is to be published on 15th December

<https://www.blossomspringpublishing.com/shop/rainbows-during-lockdown/>

The perfect bedtime storybook for primary school children.



Rainbows are a symbol of peace and hope. They often appear when the sun comes out after heavy rainfall. During the Covid-19 lockdown of Spring 2020, rainbows became a symbol to celebrate the fantastic NHS, social care, public sector, and front-line workers who worked so hard to keep us all safe.

Inside this book you will find a collection of rainbow-inspired stories, written by children of all ages, from across the UK and beyond, during this challenging time.

100% OF THE AUTHOR'S ROYALTIES WILL BE DONATED TO TWO FANTASTIC CHARITIES; ICU STEPS & SCHOOL HOME SUPPORT.