



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where Learning is an Adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

Christmas and Covid definitely do not mix well together: one is magical and the other an absolute nuisance. As we enter the final stretch of term, we are doing everything we can to maintain the festivities and fun whilst keeping our guard up in the battle against Covid.

This week, all classrooms were fitted with CO2 monitors to let adults and children know very clearly if there is not another ventilation passing through the learning spaces. When popping in and out of classrooms, I have been pleased to see that the 'Ventilation Police' have been doing an excellent job with ample fresh air circulation present in all rooms.

In addition to ventilation, regular hand washing (for children and adults) of course remains a non-negotiable routine in our school day. The lunchtime extra cleaning of communal touchpoints throughout our buildings continues also. When in transit, adults are expected to wear face coverings.

Unfortunately, cases of Covid are rising across Brighton and Hove and the current Local Authority guidance is to risk assess very carefully any school events. I am aware of schools taking their Christmas celebrations outside and others who are erring on the side of caution and scaling back Christmas completely this year.

In order to try and strike a balance, and minimise the risk of Covid transmission, we have decided to reduce the number of adults we have in our KS2 hall for our Christmas shows. **Tickets will be limited to one adult per family** and those adults attending are asked to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and be in receipt of a negative LFD on the morning of the show. Seats will be set out apart and we recommend that you come to the show in a coat as the hall will be very well ventilated.

So as to provide all families with the opportunity to watch the productions, we plan to record the shows and drop these onto our Google classroom platform for you all to enjoy. I am sure that you understand that we must take a cautious approach at the moment as no one wants to have their family Christmas spoiled by Covid.

I can assure you that - from the rehearsing I have been enjoying over the last week - you will thoroughly enjoy our Christmas shows this year. We are so lucky to have a stage with professional lighting and sound so that no child's hard practised line is left unheard: our tradition of school theatre is one of the features which makes our school so special and one which will continue long into the future.

Next week, we welcome December and the beginning of the Christmas season. Let's look after our whole school community, inside school and out, and make this RKPS Christmas the best yet!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



African Drumming Workshop



Equalities



This week, as part of Anti-bullying week, Year 1 have been talking about the ways in which we are all different but part of one community. We illustrated this by colouring odd socks but then reminding each other that odd socks, however different, can still make a pair and go well together.



Year 3 have been learning about friendships and how whilst we are all different, we are all equal and we should all show kindness to each other. We have been learning to celebrate our differences and remember that the qualities that we need to be a good friend include listening to each other and also seeing things from others point of view.

Sports Captains

Mr Wynne and Mr Mack are delighted to announce that the following children in Year 6 have been given their prestigious Sports Captain t-shirts, and will be assisting with PE and a variety of sporting events throughout the year:

Ewan, Caden, Scarlett, Isebel, Ava, Eliza S, Oscar & Huey.



Congratulations to our Energetic Eight!



Rhyme and Shine is a half-termly group run for the youngest members of our school community. Each session our lovely 0-3 year olds (and their grown-ups!) have lots of fun exploring a new story, with lots of creative activities related to it. Children will be given a book to take home at the end of the session. We ask for a voluntary donation of £3 per child. Our first session for this year is on **Tuesday 14th December from 9-10am**. This will be a special Christmas themed session. If you have a little one, please come along and join the fun!



African Drumming Music Workshop

This week, we were so lucky to have an African drumming workshop for the children in KS1. We loved learning about the different types of drums which originate from Africa. We then had a go at using the drums to repeat back some rhythms. After following rhythms, we had the opportunity to use the drums to tell a story about a boy who refused to get up for school and finished the session off with learning the Makaton signs for *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*.



School Website

Please see below a screenshot of our new school website homepage. To find our Uniform Shop please click on the yellow quick links as shown below. As you can see, there are other useful quick links too.

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These yellow tabs are your quick links for
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Parentpay
Sims Parent
Uniform Shop
Newsletter
Ext Services

Uniform Shop

Open Mornings - Reception 2022
Wednesday 1st December at 9:30am and Tuesday 11th January at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please see our admissions page

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Events!



Join us on a Magical Mission to find Santa's lost gifts

Follow the map to discover Santa's lost presents - Once you've completed the mission return your map to the Big Man himself who awaits to thank you with a gift. You only need to purchase a ticket £3 per child taking part in the trail and visiting the grotto. Everyone else is welcome to visit our stalls free of charge. Collect your trail map from Rudyard Kipling Primary School from 2pm, the trail finishes at 5pm.

Please click on the link below to buy your tickets. They are selling fast so be quick and don't miss your chance to meet Father Christmas and Mrs Claus in our gorgeous Grotto.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604648>

Christmas Discos

On Friday 3rd December, there will be a Christmas disco for KS1 and separate disco for KS2. Both are on the same day and time. Your child will stay after school and will not need collecting until **4:30pm for KS1** and **4:45pm for KS2**. All children will receive a drink and a snack prior to the event; this is included in the ticket price.

To buy your ticket, please click on the link below following all the information you need.

KS2 - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/606992>

KS1 - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/606984>



The Good Samaritan

Many thanks to Helen, Phil, Roy, Peter, Liz, Roy and Cathy from the Holy Cross church and Downs Baptist church for leading last Monday's whole school assembly.

It was a wonderful 'Open the Book' assembly based around the timeless story of the Good Samaritan. It was lovely that our performers (including children and staff!) were able to dress up and take part. We very much value our links to our local churches and look forward to the next 'Open the Book' event!



Head Teacher Awards!

Obama – Ella-Marie has been a real life Have a Go Harold this week! She has been giving all tasks set 100% effort and I could not be any prouder of her. Well done, Ella-Marie.



Gandhi – Alex for her hard work in Maths this week. She is a chunking expert when multiplying numbers!

Olivia for the fantastic effort she put into her Autumn leaves artwork.

Turing – Sara - Despite only having started with RKPS this half term, Sara has made a really positive impact since joining our class and her work is truly outstanding! Maths... English... not a problem – Sara can do it all! Well done

Blake - Where to even begin! Blake's selfless and positive attitude is truly remarkable and the care and devotion he shows to his friends shows what being a true friend is all about! His friends are very lucky to have him around and he will always be by their side

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Matthew in Darwin has been very helpful in retuning items to the office after break and lunchtimes.



Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club

KS1 – Lana in Obama for being so helpful and setting a good example.

KS2 – Finley in Yousafzai for being very patient and kind to the younger children when playing games.

After School Club

KS1 – Nina in Obama for being so creative.

KS2 – Arthur in Pankhurst for following the rules at After School Club.





BUILD OF THE WEEK

This week at Lego Club, the children worked in mixed aged teams to build the tallest towers that would withstand a shake test. We thought about what makes buildings strong and they gave it a go. Although we had some taller towers, they succumbed to the shake. However, this group were worthy winners for their sturdy design. Great engineering all round. All the towers are proudly on show in Mr Hanington's office. A Lego Skyline has formed.



JASPER
THEO
JAYSON
FREDDIE
REDD
RUBEN



Special Mentions

Kahlo – Wow! Teddy has been such a ‘Perseverance Pete’ with everything that he tackles. He works so hard and has shown great thinking, particularly in maths where he has been growing his brain on a daily basis. Great work Teddy. Keep it up!

Attenborough – Thomas is forever flexing his ‘Have a Go Harold’ learning muscle. He gives everything a go and uses his growth mindset when trying new things. We love that Thomas always tries his best and we love having him in Attenborough class! Keep it up, superstar!



Parks – Sanvi has been working so hard on her learning since September! She is so good at asking what for the meaning of unfamiliar words and thinking of many possible solutions when problem solving in maths! Keep it up, ‘Dr Curious’! Oh! I meant Sanvi



Gandhi – Chelsea is a magnificent member of Gandhi. She has been using all of her learning muscles lately, however her Have a Go attitude in Maths and English has shone out in the last couple of weeks. She is so keen to learn and challenge herself which really makes her a joy to teach. Go Chelsea!



Mandela – Travis - Ever since Travis has stepped into Mandela class, he has been a complete joy to teach – every teacher’s dream! He applies himself to every task and persists until he gets the job done. What makes it even more special, is that he has an ever-present smile when tackling tasks! What a legend!

Darwin – Olive - Since the beginning of the year, Olive has impressed me with her attitude to learning. She always goes above and beyond to create fantastic pieces of writing. This week, she wrote a phenomenal motivational speech to her fellow crew mates stranded in the Antarctic. She is always so positive and cheerful in class that it is no wonder she managed to write such an uplifting speech. Well done Olive!

Seacole - Isabella continues to impress me every day with the standard of work she produces. I always look forward to reading her writing as I usually get lost in the amazing descriptions she has written. She should be so proud of her ‘Bon Voyage’ card that she wrote last week as it gave Miss Morgan goosebumps! Incroyable Isabella!



Turing - Aaliyah has worked tirelessly this week in class and has really excelled with her learning in maths. Taking on new challenges and pushing herself outside her comfort zone, Aaliyah should be incredibly proud of her achievements. Well done!



Yousafzai - Amelia has transformed into Michael Morpurgo himself. Her vocabulary choices this week have been exemplary. She is always smiley in class and has started to contribute a lot more! Bravo Amelia.

Special Mention Assemblies

If your child comes home at the beginning of the week wearing a sticker as shown below, you are invited to come into school on a Friday morning for 9am in your child’s Key Stage hall. Entrances are either through the KS1 entrance doors in the car park or KS2 entrance doors via the KS2 playground. We look forward to seeing you.



Reminder: Taking holidays during term-time

Now the Government have eased travelling restrictions, you **cannot** take your child out of school during term time to go on a family holiday unless:

- You, the parent the child normally lives with, get permission from the school before you go on holiday
- There are exceptional circumstances, such as an illness or a funeral of a person close to the family, which you will need to prove to the school

**We will be fining all unauthorised holidays.
You will be fined £60 per parent, per child.**



Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who would never consider taking their children on holiday during term time.



Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Reminder: We cannot accept any new bookings after **12pm on Fridays** for the following week. As the clubs are now in higher demand, we need to make sure we are not exceeding child places to staff ratio. If you book after 12pm on a Friday, your booking will not be accepted. Thank you for your support with this.



The School Nurse will be in school on the morning of **Wednesday 8th December** and will be holding a 'School Nurse Clinic'. Please call the Inclusion Team/School Office to book an appointment.

School Nursing Service is a confidential Service that offers support and advice around any health issues your child may have. This may include advice around keeping healthy, sleep, continence, fussy eating, growth, behaviour and emotional health.

Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 19.11.2021		
1st	100%	Thunberg, Obama & Attenborough
2nd	Year R	Rashford
3rd	Year 2	Parks
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 19.11.2021		
1st	100%	Pankhurst & Yousafzai
2nd	Year 5	Seacole
3rd	Year 4	Mandela
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 19.11.2021		
1st	Year 2	Parks 98.8%
2nd	Year 1	Obama 95.6%
3rd	Year 2	Attenborough 94.1%
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 19.11.2021		
1st	Year 5	Darwin 97.5%
2nd	Year 3	Pankhurst 96.3%
3rd	Year 3	Gandhi 95.5%

December	
Thursday 2 nd	PTFA Production Headshots for actors in Year 2, 5 and Reception
Friday 3 rd	PTFA Christmas Discos
Monday 6 th	9.15am – KS1 Dress Rehearsal & 2pm KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 7 th	9:15am KS1 Performance
Wednesday 8 th	Christmas Lunch & 2pm KS1 Performance
Thursday 9 th	2pm KS2 Performance & 6pm KS2 Performance
Saturday 11 th	PTFA Christmas Trail 2pm – 5pm
Tuesday 14 th	2:15pm - Rocksteady Performance
Wednesday 15 th	9am – 10am Reception Christmas Sing-a-long and create
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM!