



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where Learning is an Adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

If one ever wished to discover what the learning is like for our children here at RKPS, then yesterday would have been the perfect day to have been in school. It was European Languages Day and my goodness it was fun!

Some of my personal highlights included: observing wellies being hurled across the sports halls (that age old Scottish tradition and part of the 'Highland Games'), children and adults partaking in vigorous Greek dancing requiring Athenesque balance and the making of some beautiful Spanish fans. Watching some children fan themselves in the playground after school yesterday using their intricate creations made me forget for a moment of the winter winds heralding the change of the seasons!

It was a truly super day and I must thank Miss Morgan and the rest of the teaching team for arranging such a memorable event. We are of course a French speaking school and we place a high value on our children learning a new language. Amongst other benefits, speaking another tongue can make a young person aspire to visit - and perhaps when an adult - live and work in another part of the world. An aspirational culture is a key feature of our school.

Speaking of 'aspiration', this was one of the Values which I personally voted for in our new school Values vote. However, as you will read later in this newsletter, Aspiration finished far outside the top five picks in our whole school community vote. Our five new school Values are Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Equality and Positivity. They were the clear winners and moving forward we will be guided by them. Thank you to everyone who voted.

I must say how much I am enjoying speaking to parents and carers in the playgrounds and out on the gate. It's only when one doesn't have half of one's face covered up that the importance of the smile in human interaction is truly evident. We really do have a friendly school community here at RKPS.

As I write these words I can hear the wind howling, good football playing weather! Good luck to our Year 6 boys team who take on Coldean Primary School on their patch after school today, their opening fixture of the season. I look forward to watching them play with Teamwork, Positivity and Respect later today. Play well RKPS!

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hanington*

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Headteacher



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## Head Teacher Awards!



**Kahlo – Amelia** has tried so hard with her writing and she came up with a lovely description for a bonfire in English this week. Great work Amelia. You are a star!

**Gandhi – Fletcher** was known as ‘Fletcher the Fetcher’ as this was his class job, however this week he has to be known as ‘Fabulous Fletcher’. He has been so focused all week, really challenging himself (particularly in Maths) and always Having a Go! Keep this fantastic attitude up Fletcher.

**Seacole - Isla** you deserve this special mention for showing a fantastic ‘Co-operating Clara’ attitude this week in class. You are always ready to listen and learn as well as contributing in class. Well done Isla a great week.

**Courtney** - It has been fantastic having the opportunity to teach Courtney again. She is a real team player and is always on hand to help adults or a member of the class should they need it. Thank you for all you do Courtney!

**Darwin – Olive** - First class newspaper report writing, full of rich vocabulary!

**TJ** - Exceptional newspaper report: amazing presentation

**Yousafzai - Ernie** a Yousafzai team player. He works so hard with his Talk Partner to create work to a fabulous standard. He contributes to our class discussions brilliantly and loves our class book, ‘There’s a Boy In the Girls’ Bathroom’, even telling Miss Vaughan what has happened if Mr Mac has read part to the class. I have loved seeing his improvement in writing – keep it up!

## Play Champion of the week

**KS2 - Ben in Darwin** invented a battle game last week that his friends have all been playing and they have been busy with the OPAL bits under his direction.



## Stars of the Week

### Breakfast Club

**KS1 – Elliott in Rashford** for settling in so well, making many new friends.

**KS2 – Barney in Gandhi** for being so helpful delivering the milk to nursery.

### After School Club

**KS1 – Harrison in Thunberg** for settling in so well.

**KS2 – Jack in Darwin** for reading to the younger children so well.



## Raising money for Macmillan

Thank you for your generous donations. We raised an amazing **£350** for a great cause. Thank you everyone!



## Special Mentions



**Kahlo – Jacob** tries his absolute best in everything. He is often the first to put his hand up to answer questions and makes great links in his learning. What a super star!

**Obama - Ole** has not only been a 'Have a Go Harold' this week, but a 'Perseverance Pete' too! He has shown time and time again that he can keep working at any new learning until he is able to do it. I am very proud of you, Ole. Well done!



**Attenborough – Dempsey** – 'Positive Polly' should be so proud of Dempsey! He arrives at school with a huge smile on his face that cheers up everyone in the room. He has been working really hard at noticing things that he is good at, and there are so many that he is proud of! He is an amazing artist and has brighten up our classroom with his very own gallery. Keep it up, Dempsey! When you're grinning, you're winning!

**Parks – Archie** where do we begin? To watch you take on the 'Positive Polly' learning muscle with your learning over the past few weeks has been wonderful to see! I love how proud you feel once you've produced a great piece of work and you want to show it off to all the adults! Well done and keep it up!



**Pankhurst – Seth** is a true historian, scientist and all-round super star! He has found out so many facts about our Stone Age topic that he has taught me lots too! I love how like 'Dr Curious' you are, keep it up!

**Gandhi – Fletcher** - Last week Fletcher was known as Fletcher the Fetcher as this was his class job; this week he needs to be called Fantastic Fletcher. He has 'had a go' in all subjects and tried his absolute hardest and it has been lovely to see how proud he has been of all his achievements. Mrs Newbold is very proud too.



**Mandela – Jacob** has been a role model this week. Kind, considerate and determined sum him up perfectly. With a positive attitude, he's tackled each and every task and all the adults in Mandela class have been so impressed. Keep up the great work, Jacob :)



**Darwin – TJ** showed a 'Have a Go Harold' attitude and challenged himself to write an exceptional newspaper report and present it beautifully. Well done for putting in 110%!

**Turing – Macie** has been magnificent this week and continues to shine into Year 6 showing what it means to set the example to younger children across the school. Despite feeling unwell during dance, 'Perseverance Pete' helped her on her way as she dazzled everyone in class with her performance. Moreover, her diary entry was a pleasure to read and I cannot wait to read more of her work as the year goes on! What a lucky teacher Mr Jones is! Well done!



Reporting  
Absences



Please note you now need to report absences through our school admin email [admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk) or call the absence message line on 01273 303328 option 1.

**Please DO NOT use Parentmail for absence messages. Thank you!**



## Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 24.09.2021		
<b>1st</b>	Year2	<b>Attenborough 97.6%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 1	<b>Kahlo 95%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 1	<b>Obama 94.1%</b>
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 24.09.2021		
<b>1st</b>	Year 5	<b>Darwin 98.4%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 6	<b>Turing 96.6%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 3	<b>Pankhurst 94.5%</b>

### School Matters!



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 24.09.2021		
<b>1st</b>	100%	<b>Obama Attenborough Parks</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year R	<b>Thunberg</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year R	<b>Rashford</b>
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 24.09.2021		
<b>1st</b>	100%	<b>Seacole &amp; Yousafzai</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 4	<b>Mandela</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 5	<b>Darwin</b>

## Equalities



In Year 5 this week, we started something called the 'Hello Project'. Each week we will learn about a new country its geography and culture and how to say 'hello' in one of the languages spoken there. We then do the register in that language for the rest of the week. This means that by the end of the year we will be able to greet each other in over 30 different languages! This week we learnt about France and said the register in French and next week we will learn about Nigeria and how to say 'good morning' in Yoruba, which is 'E kaaro!'

**HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, it begins today! People with African and Caribbean backgrounds have had such a great impact on our society here in Britain but also across the whole world. Unfortunately, this is sometimes overlooked or ignored so Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

At Rudyard, children will be exploring Black History Month. If you would like to do something with your children, here are some useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>



### [Black History Month - National Geographic Kids](https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month)

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](https://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

## School Council

The School Council has already been involved in their first exciting project. The KS1 playground is going to have new play equipment installed over the coming months and the School Council looked through the potential options and then voted for the equipment that they felt would provide the most fun, challenge and creative opportunities. They will also be considering and voting for new play markings in both KS playgrounds over the next few weeks!



### European Day

On Thursday this week, the school celebrated European Day of Languages. The children learnt about what European Day of Languages is and why it is important to celebrate such a great day. As there are over 300 languages spoken across the UK, it is so important that the children in our school get the exposure to just a few of these throughout their school life. Each class had the opportunity to go to 3 different classrooms where teachers had prepared key language learning and activities around their chosen country and culture. It was a fantastic and fun day!



### Spain - Making spanish fans!



### Sweden - making sweet holders



### Italy - made Pizzas



## New School Values

Thank you to all of you who cast their votes for our new school Values. As you can see from the results table below, there were five clear preferences. When we analysed the results, it was interesting that the children and adult's picks were almost identical. The standout difference was that many adults voted for 'Creativity' whilst children plumped for 'Teamwork' - interesting!

Our Values will be launched in the coming days and weeks with each Value having its own symbol and colour so watch this space!

	Total
Respect	189
Equality	181
Teamwork	153
Kindness	138
Positivity	121
Friendship	91
Honesty	89
Creativity	81
Responsibility	68
Confidence	64
Empathy	48
Courage	48
Aspiration	46
Determination	35
Fairness	29
Excellence	29
Integrity	27
Patience	24
Commitment	22



Next week is Walk to School for Clean Air Week! Children are encouraged to walk or wheel to school instead of using a car. We encourage everyone to get involved with this, even if you live far away- you can drive most of the way and then walk the last little bit. That way we can reduce car pollution and keep our air cleaner. Fortunately, the location of our school means that we do have clean air (and amazing classroom views, might I add!), together we can make sure we preserve our wonderful environment. We will be following this week up with our very first whole-school STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) project, more information about this will be in next week's newsletter.

## Year 6 – Secondary School Application

The closing date for application to transfer to secondary school in September 2022 is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**.

We recommend parents and carers apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application. It also means they will receive an offer by email on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

If you haven't already booked an appointment to see your child's teacher on one of these evenings, please go to SchoolPing and choose an appointment time. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Consultation evenings are on:  
 Wednesday 13th October 3.40pm - 5.30pm  
 Thursday 14th October 4.00pm - 6.30pm

If you are having any difficulty accessing SchoolPing, please call or email the School Office. We can help you!



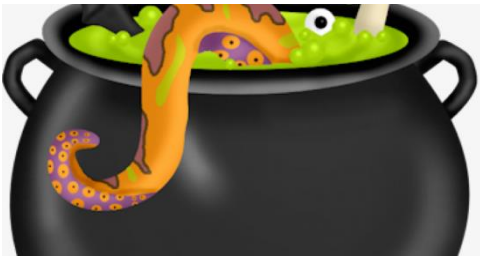
## Rudyard Kipling PTFA Halloween Trail

Oh No! The Witch of Woodingdean has lost all her potion ingredients! Can you help her on a spooky quest around Woodingdean to find them?

Join if you dare!!!!

Tickets for the PTFA Halloween Trail are now on sale exclusively for Rudyard Kipling Families and Friends...

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/585893>



Buy tickets for Halloween Trail at Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery, Sat 30 Oct 2021 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Halloween Trail at Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery, Sat 30 Oct 2021 - Rudyard Kipling PTFA Halloween Trail [www.tickettailor.com](http://www.tickettailor.com)

## INVITATION

All families are invited to attend the official opening of the

**PARC Storytelling Space**

Time: **2-4pm**

Date: **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

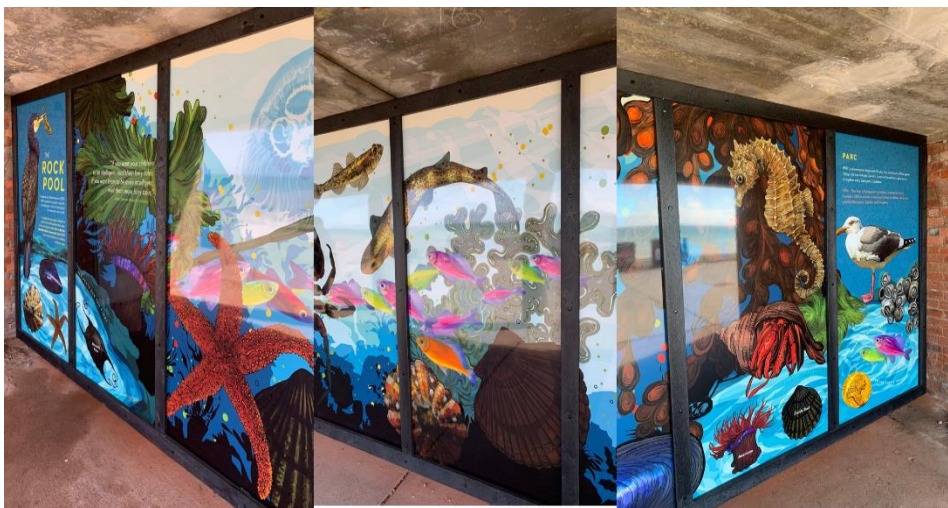
Place: **The Undercroft arches below the Terraces Stage Rottingdean Seafront (near Molly's café)**

To mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of PARC charity, PARC has created a magical sea-themed storytelling area equipped with a huge illustration of flora and fauna found in the local rock pools. Additionally, some magic creatures, a giant wooden Neptune's throne surrounded by giant pebble shaped seats for children. The event includes a small sea creature parade by children at Artpod and local schools with special guest storytellers and performers

This new children's facility on Rottingdean Seafront, is a space, which is free to use at any time and does not need to be booked.

Last weekend, Miss Vaughan saw the lovely art that has been created for it so far (excuse her dodgy photography skills). It really does look very impressive!

PARC is a local children's charity providing recreational facilities in Rottingdean, Ovingdean and Saltdean for over 25 years.





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Are you looking for a Reception 2022 place?

Come and visit us for our open afternoons and evenings on:

Thursday 7th October at 6pm

Thursday 21st October at 6pm

Thursday 4th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT [admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk)



**Coats for School**

Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat. It is getting colder and wet and the children do go out to play at break and lunchtimes.

If you have any rain clothes that you no longer need our Nursery would be very grateful for any waterproof coats/trousers etc...Thank you!

<b>October</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening 6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carer Consultations
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carer Consultations
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening 6pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
<b>November</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back To School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30am-1.30pm



**Together for our planet**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
or

Vegan Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Shortbread with British apples



**ZUMBA**

**LET IT MOVE YOU™**

**Zumba with Emily**

Wednesdays  
7.45pm-8.45pm  
Rudyard Kipling Primary School, Woodingdean, BN2 6RH  
First class FREE! £5 per class or £25 for a six week pass  
All places must be pre-booked. Please contact Emily on 07827351657 or [emilylouse07@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emilylouse07@hotmail.co.uk)

