



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

In case you do not know, I must tell you about two magical sessions that happen every week here at RKPS. They are traditions of our school and known as Messy Mondays and Family Fridays - they really are rather wonderful! These family sessions provide parents and carers with the opportunity to come and meet other families for a friendly chat and a cuppa!

There are plenty of toys to keep the young ones entertained. It's been lovely to see babies and toddlers together again, playing and interacting. Last week's undoubted highlight for me was observing (and taking part in!) the end of session nursery rhyme sing-a-long. It was an absolute joy to observe Lou's expertise in encouraging these little learners to sing along to some of our best known nursery rhymes having provided each with their own little finger puppet: it really did make my heart sing!

Messy Mondays are equally brilliant and I cannot thank Lisa and Lou enough for running these high quality sessions voluntarily: they really do encapsulate what makes ours such a wonderful community school.

This week, I have had the pleasure of joining Mr Wynne and Mr Mac for their interviews for this year's Year 6 Sports Captains. Having already written secondary school quality letters of application, the children were asked - amongst other questions - why they felt they would make excellent Sports Captains. Most adults find interviews nerve wracking so to see our Year 6s perform so capably was so incredibly impressive. As sport is so important to school life at RKPS, their role is an integral one so well done to every Year 6 pupil who took part.

Next Wednesday and Thursday see our first Parent and Carer Consultations. These are a super opportunity to find out how your child has started the year, what they are already doing brilliantly and what they could do next to become better still. We look forward to seeing you there.

Until next week arrives

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

Euan Hanington
Headteacher



Wilfie getting involved with the children

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.



SIMS Parent

If you haven't signed up for SIMS Parent yet, **please do**. It's the easiest way to check that contact numbers, medical information, permissions and other information we hold on our system is correct. You can log in from a computer on a browser or using the app. We will be sending out invitations to everyone who is not already signed up very soon, so please check your emails.



Harvest Festival Assembly

The Holy Cross Church will be coming in on Monday morning to hold a Harvest Festival Assembly for the children. If any families would like to make non-perishable donations of food e.g. tins of beans, packets of pasta etc they will be gratefully received and the church will pass them onto those in need of them.

Reminder: Breakfast Club & After School Club

If you require Breakfast or After School Club for week beginning Monday 11th October 2021. Please book on the school website and pay via Parentpay by 12pm today any bookings received after the Mid-day deadline will be allocated to week beginning 18th October.

This applies to every week and will only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Please call or email the office with any queries. Thank you!

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Morning Drop off

Please could we remind all parents and carers that due to safety reasons we would appreciate if children do not run around the car park or climb over railings in the morning.

No Running
in this area, thank you



PTFA - Spooky Day

'Spooky Dress Up Day' is on **Friday 22nd October**...last day of term! Please bring a donation of £1 on the day if you would like your child to take part. Please no excessive blood or gore.





Welcome Rudyard Rockstars! Times Tables Rock Stars has finally landed in Woodingdean and we are proud to finally launch our brand-new maths initiative to help us learn and improve our times tables! Launched in Monday's assembly by Jon Bon Jonesy and Brian May Kirby, the children were fully behind our new approach to times tables and couldn't wait to get started in their computing lesson this week. Each child has a personal login which they can use in school and at home on a range of different devices for free. Just download the app, log in and enter the rock and roll world to get started.

Once set up, children enjoy the sense of achievement that comes from answering questions and earning coins, which they use to upgrade their rock avatar. Many children thrive on the competitive element, so choose to play in a multiplayer game against their classmates or even students around the world, whilst others focus on improving their rock speed and climbing the rockstar ranks, with the ultimate goal of achieving the status "Rock Hero".

The Rudyard Rockstars team are committed to helping children learn their times tables and we hope you can get behind us too in a fun and exciting way!



Match Report

Last Friday, our Year 6 boys football team travelled to play our first match of the season against Coldean Primary School in the Brighton & Hove Schools Primary FA League. Supported energetically from the sidelines by their parents and carers, alongside Mr Mack, Mr Wynne and Mr Hanington, the boys equipped themselves manfully against a strong Coldean team.

Our defence of Blake, Caden and Oscar put in tackle after tackle in front of Thomas, who pulled off an outstanding save in the second half to help keep Coldean at bay. Our midfield of Alfie, Ernie & Ewan ran their socks off, Ewan in particular chasing down every loose ball and never giving the Coldean midfield a moment's peace! Up front, Tyrese showed moments of great skill, playing alongside Codey and Finley, who both had shots in the second half that were unfortunate to miss the target.

In the end, we were well beaten by Coldean, but the boys should be extremely proud of the way they played and supported each other throughout the match, their first as a team. Onwards and upwards for our next match, when we welcome Whitehawk Academy to Fortress RKPS!

RKPS Man of the Match: Ewan Fair Play Award: Ernie



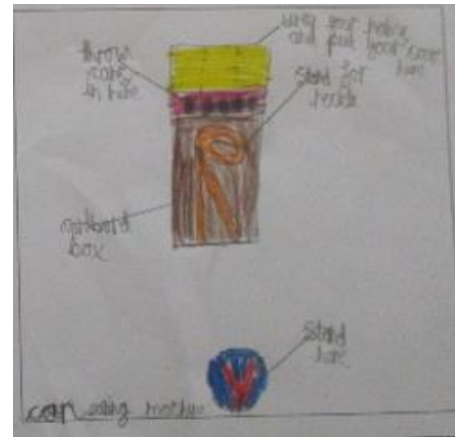
Equalities



In Year 4 this week, we discussed what it means to have rights. We began to understand that it is not only adults who have rights, but also children, who are entitled to certain things, regardless of their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status. We discussed the necessity for children to have food, clean water, shelter education and much more. Did you know that children's rights are written within a document called, 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,' and the UK signed this in 1990?



Year 3 are taking part in an exciting competition called ROAR 2021 which is all about thinking big and dreaming big! It aims to help children realise that we are all equal and that we all need to work together to help make the world a better place. The children have been thinking of environmental problems and how they want to solve them. They have come up with some fantastic ideas such as creating rubbish runs (think marble run but rather than sending marbles down the chute, you send rubbish down it), pet plant pot holders made out of recycled bottle bases and rubbish eating monsters for the classrooms! The next stage is to create these innovative ideas from recycled materials. Watch this space as we may well be requesting various household items to help us construct these ground-breaking designs!



Job Vacancy

Midday Meals Supervisor

Hours: 7.5 per week, 12-1.30pm, Monday-Friday

Salary: £17,942 (living wage) Pro rata (actual £3,098)

Start Date: As soon as possible

Contract Type: Fixed Term (in the first instance)

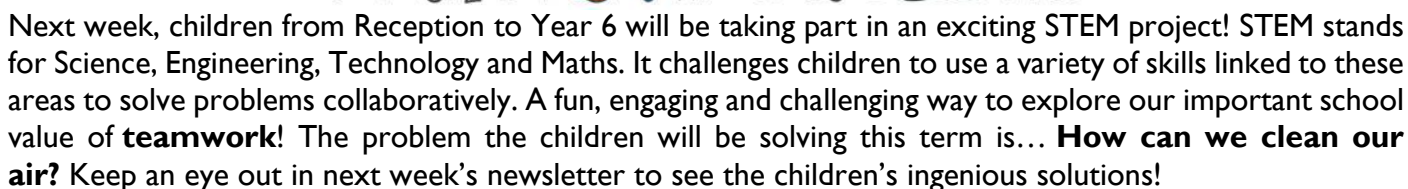
The Governors of Rudyard Kipling Primary School are seeking to appoint inspiring, highly motivated and enthusiastic Midday Meals Supervisor to join our team.

If you would like more information on this vacancy, please go to our school website

www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk

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Some of our Year 2 Scientists are investigating air pollution. They made 'pollution catchers' and, with Mr Hanington, placed them in areas they thought would be low, medium and high pollution. They will leave them there for a week and report their results.

Our uniform shop is now on the **school website home page!**

www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk

Please open the site, which is very user friendly. When checking out please make sure you complete the child's details section so we are able to deliver your order to your child in class.

Please make sure **all future orders** are made this way. No further orders will be processed on Parentmail.
Thank you!

- Breakfast & After School Club Booking
- Book Messy Mondays and Family Fridays
- Home Learning
- Key Dates
- Newsletters
- New to Rudyard
- Uniform Shop

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Head Teacher Awards!

Obama – Eli deserves this special mention for his fantastic writing as well as his amazingly enthusiastic contributions to class discussions. Well done, Eli!



Attenborough – Sasha - Mr Hanington was very impressed with Sasha's amazing artwork! She worked very hard at it and was proud of what she created.



Gandhi – Fin a fantastic Stone Age hammer Take Home Task
Henry a superb Stone Age cave Take Home Task

Mandela - Oliver Stunning improvement in his handwriting – Mr Hanington
Scarlett Demonstrating honesty and respect

Seacole – Talia has blown me away over the last couple of weeks in English. She has really focused herself and it's clear to see that she is enjoying our class book. I have been so impressed with her contributions and inferences to the character's thoughts and feelings.

Astrid - Miss Morgan was ill for the class diary writing a couple of weeks ago but was really impressed with Astrid's diary entry when she had a peak! It is clear Astrid immersed herself in her character's shoes and carefully thought about how the character would be feeling after the terrible wolf attack!

Darwin – Elsie - A superb newspaper report linked to her text Arthur and the Golden Rope

Yousafzai - Oscar, Isla, Ava and Muminah for their incredible take home tasks! Bravo

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Alfie E and Mia W in Year 5. They have been helpful with some first aid, putting cold packs back in bags and bringing children to a staff member if they are hurt. They have been really good together.



Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club

KS1 – Elliot in Obama for settling in so well, making many new friends.

After School Club

KS1 – Nina in Obama. for being so kind to her friends.

KS2 – Ruby W in Turing for playing well with younger children.





Special Mentions

Kahlo – Ella Wow, what a superstar! Ella has the most amazing attitude to her learning. She always tries her absolute best and works hard to improve her work and always asks questions when she doesn't understand. Mrs Forsyth is so lucky to have Ella in Kahlo class!

Obama - Eli is the deserving recipient of this week's Special Mention. He always offers well thought out and insightful contributions to class discussions. Eli has shown time and again that he is a 'Dr Curious' in the classroom! Well done, Eli.

Attenborough – Mason - Two of Mason's favourite words are 'I wonder...' He is a curious creature who is always asking insightful questions, eager to learn more. We love him for it! He is Dr Curious's inquisitive sidekick and such a treat to have in our classroom. Keep it up, Mason!



Parks – Mia, I love our attitude towards our learning! You are always keen to fix your oranges and make sure you ask an adult when you need help. You are so resourceful and always use our working walls. Well done!

Pankhurst – Lottie and Jack worked so well together to come up with an innovative design for a talking recycling house, to encourage people to recycle more while having fun! It's part of Y3's Roar 21 project to help the environment.



Gandhi – Ela has a fantastic 'Co-operating Clara' attitude towards her learning. She works well with all her peers, listening to them as well as helping them and she is becoming more confident sharing her own fantastic ideas, which is lovely. Well done Ela



Mandela - Jazzmine has shown a real have a go attitude to all her learning. No matter the learning, she has tackled every task with an independent and focused approach! Well done for all your hard work this week, keep it up.

Seacole – Brook - What a role model Brooke has been this year already. Both Miss Morgan and Ms Millar have been so impressed and proud of how Brooke has settled and has just got on with tasks with great positivity and concentration. Miss Morgan cannot give enough praise for her hard work and attitude. Keep it up Brooke!



Darwin – Bella worked hard to create an incredible Viking longboat. She was a 'Positive Polly' and embraced the task with enthusiasm and determination. The final outcome is fantastic, well done Bella!

Turing - Ruby W If at first you don't succeed, try, try again! 'Perseverance Pete' has stayed by Ruby's side day-in-day-out as we have tackled long multiplication head on in Year 6 this week! It's safe to say, Ruby has nailed it and her hard-working attitude has stood out! Well done!



Yousafzai - Marvellous Muminah is the epitome of 'Co-operative Clara'. She listens to others in her group and is a great talk partner, always making sure that their work is produced to a fabulous standard. A great role model to have in school!



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 01.10.2021

1st 100% Thunberg Kahlo Obama Attenborough

2nd Year 2 **Parks**

3rd Year R **Rashford**

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 01.10.2021

1st 100% Gandhi Darwin & Yousafzai

2nd Year 4 **Mandela**

3rd Year 5 **Seacole**

School Matters!



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 01.10.2021

1st Year 2 **Parks 97.5%**

2nd Year R **Rashford 97.1%**

3rd Year 1 **Kahlo 95.2%**

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 01.10.2021

1st Year 5 **Darwin 97.6%**

2nd Year 4 **Mandela 95.5%**

3rd Year 3 **Pankhurst 94.3%**

Fifteen hours free 2 year old nursery provision in Carle Class

Do you receive...

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- child tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Is your child looked after by a local authority
- have a statement of [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) or an education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

If the answer is yes to any of the benefits above, then your 2-year-old is entitled to fifteen hours free 2 year old nursery provision in Carle class at school.


Contact Ms. Smith or Ms. Robinson on 01273 303328 or your local council <https://www.gov.uk/find-free-early-education> to find out more.

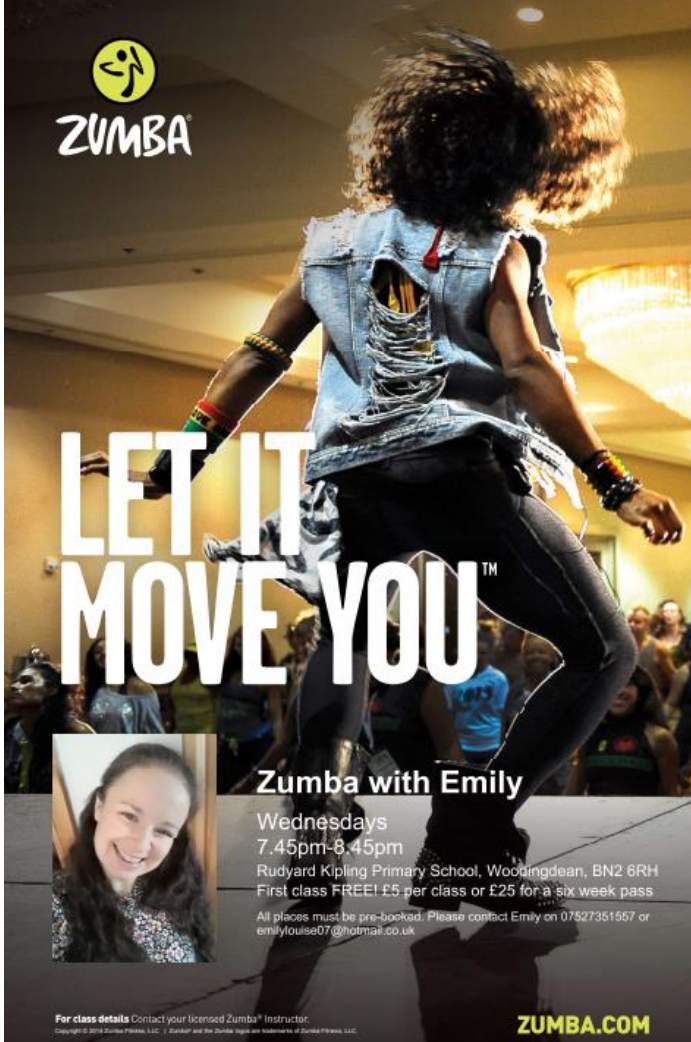


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 Come and visit us for our open afternoons on:
Thursday 21st October at 1.30pm (change of time)
Thursday 4th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm
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Let's Dance

Let's Dance (registered charity) are hosting a Holiday Club based at Dorothy Stringer during the October half term for children in Years 4,5 and 6, all abilities welcome! The programme will be predominately contemporary based with a series of guest teachers, all of whom are professional contemporary dancers. There will also be lots of movement based games and opportunities for participants to work creatively, culminating in a sharing for friends and families at the end of the week. (Please note, the dance studio has wheelchair access). Additional information and booking available at <https://letsdance.class4kids.co.uk>, or email Let's Dance at enquiries@letsdance-uk.co.uk



OCTOBER HALF TERM

LET'S DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB

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29TH OCTOBER
9:00 - 15:00 EACH DAY

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Book Fairies!

Many thanks to parents Amy, Brian and Lucy for their incredibly kind book donations. What a generous school community we have here at RKPS!

Year 6 – Secondary School Application

The closing date for application to transfer to secondary school in September 2022 is **31st 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 1st March 2022



October	
Wednesday 13 th	Parents/Carer Consultations
Thursday 14 th	Parents/Carer Consultations
Thursday 21 st	Open Evening 6pm
Friday 22 nd	Spooky Day – Last Day
Monday 25 th	HALF TERM
November	
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd	Back To School
Thursday 4 th	Opening Morning 9.30am – 1:30pm

