



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where Learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

This week and next I have the pleasure of spending time in year groups to experience the learning through the children's eyes. As well as looking at the teaching and learning, books and learning environments, perhaps the most useful incite is gained when one talks to the children about their learning.

Our children at RKPS are extremely articulate and confident young people: a credit to their parents and carers without question! Joining me on these year group visits have been other senior leaders within the school: we are fortunate to have a plethora of leaders at RKPS, all passionate about the quality of education.

Yesterday at 11am, I led a special assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day, a day when we of course remember the sacrifices that so many others made for us which we all benefit from today. We discussed the symbolism of the poppy and shared the famous 'We will remember them' line from Binyon's celebrated 'For the Fallen' poem. The 11:00am two-minute silence was impeccably observed by all of our children: I could not have been prouder of them - our school Value of Respect was on full display.

As the Covid climate currently permits, our children are soon to be offered an increased variety of school club, most of them free of charge, generously offered by our dedicated and caring teaching team. Clubs on the menu include: aerobics, Lego, arts and crafts, multi skills and singing. More will follow! We are sure that our children will enjoy them and each will provide an extra little thing to look forward to each week.

Unfortunately, Covid is still very much present across Brighton and Hove so I would ask that you monitor your child's health closely and, if they are showing any Covid symptoms, keep them at home and book a PCR test. I know that many parents and carers are asking their children to carry out regular Lateral Flow Tests which seems eminently sensible to me. Thank you for playing your part in helping minimise risk for the whole of our RKPS community.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington
Headteacher



Learning the digestive system





News & Events!

Smarties Challenge Results

Wow wow wow you guys smashed the Smarties Challenge!

Thank you so much!


The results are in!

First place wins £100 for their class to spend on whatever they decide!

Our incredible final **total was £731.99!!**

 Rashford - £89.11

 Parks - £78.01

 Armstrong - £74.33

4th Kahlo- £70.92

5th Mandela - £64.53

6th Gandhi - £50.99

7th Attenborough - £45.22

8th Obama - £43.90

9th Pankhurst - £40.36

10th Darwin - £39.50

11th Thunberg - £37.60

12th Seacole - £32.45

13th Yousafzai - £31.71

14th Carle - £25.09

15th Turing - £8.4



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>





An epic battle took place during the half term break in KS2. Year groups went head-to-head with one another to show off their times table knowledge and secure an Amazon voucher for their class to spend. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and of course our superb PTFA for getting involved and sponsoring our event. Keep getting that practice in as a **new competition** is just around the corner. The results:

Year 3 & Year 4

1st: Mandela
2nd: Gandhi
3rd: Pankhurst







Year 5

1st: Seacole
2nd: Darwin

Year 6

1st: Turing
2nd: Yousufzai



 1st Place Obama Class 	1368 questions answered correctly
 2nd Place Kahlo Class 	1198 questions answered correctly
 3rd Place Parks Class 	1081 questions answered correctly
4th Place Rashford Class	666 questions answered correctly
5th Place Attenborough Class	279 questions answered correctly
6th Place Thunberg Class	162 questions answered correctly

Grapes

When preparing grapes for lunches/snack, please make sure they are cut in half. A whole grape is a choking hazard. Thank you for your support in this.





Next week, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week at school. The theme this year is **One Kind Word**. As we approach this week, it is important we all have a shared definition of bullying. Bullying is the act of repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. Bullying has a significant impact on a child's life.

Throughout the week, teachers will be recapping the meaning of bullying with the children, exploring kindness and then move onto thinking about how we can use kindness to challenge mean or bullying behaviour.

To mark the start of this national week, we invite all children to come to school in odd socks on **Monday 15th November** as we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day.

We're also back with our yearly poster competition around the theme of kindness! A winning poster from each year group will be chosen and displayed around the school. **The deadline is 26th November**. We can't wait to see all of your creative entries!

Equalities



Reception have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali and the traditional British celebration of Bonfire night. We have talked about how people celebrate things that are special to them and thought about similarities in celebrations.



KS2 Christmas Show Songs on Google Classroom

All the songs and lyrics for the Year 5 Christmas production of 'Straw & Order' have been added to Google Classroom (KS2 classes only) for you to practise at home. Enjoy!

School Uniform

Please can we remind you to make sure ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM are labelled. We have an increasing pile of unnamed uniform that we cannot return to its owner. The Lost Property bin is back in use at the office. The office has laundry pens available to use or we are happy to label items for you. Also available from www.stikins.co.uk are multipurpose name labels suitable for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes and all other school items. If you quote the school reference number - **17209** we can also earn commission on any orders to help funds! ALL named items are returned to the child's class. Please help this weekend by checking all uniform before Monday, if it's not labelled, please do so. Thank you!

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Year 3 Hunter Gatherer Day

Year 3 had lots of fun and learnt lots of new things at their Hunter Gatherer day last Friday. In the morning, they made Stone Age oat crunch cakes that they ate whilst listening to a Stone Age story. They also made Celtic round houses, clay coil pots and painted with natural dyes. In the afternoon, they designed their own miniature cave art paintings on a pebble and worked as a group to create a collage made out of natural materials. It was a fantastic day that everyone enjoyed.



The Boot Box

The Boot Box has been set up within the school so that all children are able to access football boots and sports trainers should they need them. You can also trade in your outgrown boots or trainers and swap sizes.

There are two boxes in the Office Reception area; one for donating outgrown football boots, sports trainers and shin pads, and another box which is full of different size boots and trainers ready to take. We currently have a range of sizes from C11 to size 6.

Hopefully we can keep up a good supply of donated boots and trainers so children at the school can access what they need.



School Christmas Lunch

It's that time of year!

School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Wednesday 8th December**.

Please complete the form on SchoolPing to order your child's Christmas Lunch or indicate that you will be providing a Home Packed Lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: All KS2 children who are having a School Christmas Lunch and are not entitled to Free School Meals will be charged £2.20 on the day via ParentPay (Please top up the account as necessary).

KS1 children's Christmas lunch is free but you will still need to complete the form to indicate which option even if they are having home packed lunch



Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey & Pork Sausage

OR

Christmas Wellington & Vegan Sausage (V)

Both options served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots & Peas

Festive Cookie & Ice Cream



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Riyan has only been here for a few weeks, but he has settled into RKPS so well. He has been trying really hard and making some fantastic progress. What a super star! Keep it up Riyan!



Obama - Frankie has shown time and time again that he is an all-round super star! He is a fantastic role-model to all and shows an incredible enthusiasm for all learning. He has shown brilliant learning in maths and spots patterns and connections when adding and subtracting numbers. Well done, Frankie.

Gandhi – Woody shows such interest in all his learning but he is receiving this HT award for his fantastic learning link when he remembered that he had spotted Leonardo Da Vinci on the school history timeline when we learnt about him in Art this week.

Summer for fantastic independent learning in Maths using the expanded column method to subtract.

Darwin - Matthew has written a brilliant persuasive job advert for Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. He thought carefully about how he could entice potential crew members to sign up for such a perilous adventure. Well done, Matthew!

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Olive and Bella in Darwin for a beautiful dance performance this week.



Shout Out!

Effie, Alisha and Mia in Year 6 have just become new Playground Mentors.

Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Alaa in Obama for settling into After School Club so well.

KS2 – Rocky in Seacole for always being so polite.



School Football News

Well done to the Year 6 boys who travelled to St John the Baptist Primary School to play our latest fixture. Despite a loss, the boys played out of their skin and still managed to school five goals! Onwards and upwards!

Special Thank You

Many thanks to William's grandparents, Sue and John, for generously donating their superb 'England' atlas to the school.

It will give much pleasure to many young geographers: thank you!





Special Mentions

Kahlo – David is such a Positive Polly. He is always smiling, even when things are a bit tricky. But what we all love the best about David is his kind and caring nature. He is always there to help his friends and has been a great friend to our new child Riyan. How lovely to have you in our class David. You are a star!

Attenborough – Lilly-Rose has well and truly blown us all away with her Perseverance Pete spirit! She is working so hard on her writing and her maths, making phenomenal progress – something to be very proud of. In particular, she has working really hard on adding and subtracting, tackle some tricky problem solving questions. Keep it up, Lilly-Rose, you are such a superstar



Parks – Matilda has gone above and beyond in her learning to make sure she is always using her Perseverance Pete learning muscle! Especially in maths! She is great at recognising when she needs help and seeks it to make sure she can do her best! Well done for keeping on at it Matilda, perseverance is going to help you achieve so many amazing things! Keep it up!



Gandhi – Fizaan is a fantastic member of Gandhi. He works well with others, he is always keen to share his ideas and he gives 100% to his learning in every single lesson. On top of all this, he is also always keen to help me with jobs around the classroom – what a superstar!

Olivia has come back from half term with the most incredible and positive attitude to her learning. She is constantly challenging herself and is always keen to Have a Go and as a result of this, she is proving what a super Mathematician and writer she is. Well done Olivia - keep up the fantastic learning.



Mandela – Marvellous, magnificent, meticulous Mikey has sent shockwaves through Mandela class since returning from half term. He is willing to tackle any task with a new found confidence and independence. Growing from strength to strength, Mikey is displaying what it really means to be a Have-A-Go-Harold! Well done Mikey, we're all so proud of you!



Yousafzai - Outstanding Oscar is a privilege to teach in Year 6 – he works incredibly hard in all subjects and is great at responding to feedback. He demonstrates all out new school values. He has gone above and beyond with his take home task.



School Photographer

The school photographer is back Wednesday 24th November for anyone who missed him the first time. Please contact the office IF your child/family missed out.



Reporting Absences



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

We no longer use Parentmail for ANYTHING!
Please delete your App! Thank you



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 05.11.2021

1st 100% **Kahlo, Obama & Attenborough**

2nd Year 2 **Parks**

3rd Year R **Thunberg**

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 05.11.2021

1st 100% **Yousafzai**

2nd Year 5 **Seacole**

3rd Year 3 **Gandhi**

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 05.11.2021

1st Year 2 **Parks 97.8%**

2nd Year 2 **Attenborough 97.1%**

3rd Year R **Thunberg 96.4%**

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 05.11.2021

1st Year 4 **Mandela 99.2%**

2nd Year 5 **Darwin 98%**

3rd Year 3 **Gandhi 97%**

November	
Monday 15 th	Odd Socks Day
Monday 22 nd	African Drumming Music Workshop – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 24 th	School Photographer
Thursday 25 th	Flu Vaccines
December	
Thursday 2 nd	PTFA Production Headshots for actors in Year 2, 5 and Reception
Friday 3 rd	PTFA Christmas Disco's
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
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM!