



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where Learning is an Adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

Here at RKPS, Learning is an Adventure!

This is no truer than down at our own bespoke Forest School where our children have been experiencing the special sights, sounds and smells of Autumn. I joined a group of KSI children who were learning all about shape by carefully entwining sticks together with string to form different polygons. We are fortunate to have two Forest School trained teachers on our staff: Miss Guthrie and Miss Lee-Bull, both with a shared passion for outdoor learning.

In my opinion, a Forest School comes alive in the colder months when children can wrap up warm in their winter coats and enjoy learning outside in nature. Here at RKPS, we are ever so fortunate to have such extensive outside space with two huge sports fields for the children to enjoy.

Talking of sport, on Wednesday of this week, a plethora of our promising athletes competed at Waterhall in a cross country tourney. Yesterday on the gate, it was terrific to hear such tales of courage and stamina! Sport provides so many benefits with sporting and academic achievement often going hand in hand. Also in the sporting pipeline for this year are Deans schools' events encompassing netball, athletics, tag rugby, tennis, volleyball and cricket. We look forward to those.

There is an established football culture within our school community with our close ties to our friends at Woodingdean Wanderers. Looking ahead, I look forward to seeing our young sportswomen and men competing in other sports too. A strong sporting culture is building at RKPS and this is in no small part thanks to Mr Wynne, Mr Mack and Mr Jones, thanks to all three.

This week saw the start of three new free clubs for our children to enjoy: singing, aerobics and Lego. Some beautiful sounds were drifting through the school yesterday afternoon! Our Wednesday after school Lego club was a rip-roaring success with 'builds' a plenty, some of which are on display in my room. The first Multi-Skills club started last Monday after school which looked like a ton of fun!

We are entering the 'season to be jolly' and Christmas production rehearsals on our professional stage are in full effect. There is no better time of year to be in a dynamic primary school and nursery such as ours so let's all enjoy it!

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hanington*

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Headteacher



Scavenger hunt in our Forest School



## Brighton & Hove Schools Cross Country Championships

On Wednesday, Mr Mack and Mr Wynne (along with a team of very enthusiastic and vocal parents and carers) took a group of Year 5 & 6 children to take part in the annual Brighton & Hove Schools Cross Country Championships at Waterhall Playing Fields. It was a glorious, sunny afternoon and, with over 1000 runners representing 42 schools across Brighton & Hove, the atmosphere was electric!

Our team did the school and themselves proud, with superb, gutsy performances all round. First up was the Year 5 boys race, with Will, Rocky and Freddie running for Rudyard. Lining up alongside hundreds of others, there were plenty of nerves, but the three boys did brilliantly, Will and Rocky finishing in the top 100.

Next, it was the turn of Talia, Mia and Scarlett, our Year 5 girls. Against some tough competition, the girls showed great poise and persistence, Mia finishing just outside the top 50 and Talia with an outstanding run to come in 25th out of 250 runners – what an achievement!

Our Year 6 boys and girls were not to be outdone, though. Ernie, Sonny, Oscar, Ewan and Thomas ran their socks off, with Sonny and Oscar both coming in the top 100 in their age group. To round off proceedings, Ava, Eliza S, Isla and Darcie were all stars, fighting to the very end to secure Rudyard three more top 100 finishes.

It was a joy for Mr Mack, Mr Wynne and the children's parents/carers to witness the effort and resilience of our team of runners being rewarded with so many successes. But it was Darcie who best summed up the feeling of the day when, hurtling round the final bend, she shouted "I'm having so much fun!" We all did, Darcie!



## Parent Governor Results

Many thanks to all parents who stood for election.

The voting was very close but the two parent governors elected were Katharine Wickenden and Craig Munro: Congratulations to both!



Are you worried about the cost of your energy bills?

To support families to access help and support the Family Information Service has produced a new factsheet please follow the link below:

<http://www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk/kb5/brighton/fsd/article.page?id=qu5TaUy4JXY>

The information includes:

- Tips to save energy
- Information about discounts and grants
- Where to go for extra help
- How to avoid debt

Please apply for the [Warm Home Discount scheme](#) which offers **£140 discount for winter 2021-2022 for eligible low-income households.**



In History we have been learning about Nelson Mandela and how he helped to fight for equality in South Africa.



In Year 2 we've learnt:

As Nelson Mandela was growing up, he noticed that Black people were not treated equally. He believed that everybody should be treated the same and so he started taking action. Unfortunately, Nelson Mandela was unfairly put in a prison called Robben Island for the actions he took. After being in prison for 27 years, Nelson Mandela was let out and started seeking change in a peaceful way. This involved anti-Apartheid protests. At the age of 77, Nelson Mandela then became South Africa's first Black president and was finally able to put an end to Apartheid!

This week we wrote a diary entry pretending to be Nelson Mandela whilst he was imprisoned at Robben Island.

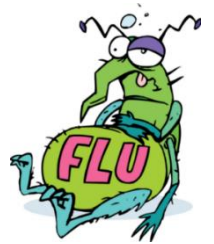


The School Nurse will be in school on the morning of **Wednesday 8th December** and will be holding a 'School Nurse Clinic'. Please call the Inclusion Team/School Office to book an appointment.

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.

### Flu Forms

Online NHS Flu forms are now closed! Details on how to book at the Brighton General will be released next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for next week's newsletter or SchoolPing for more information.



### 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.**



## Events!

Have you been naughty or nice this year?

Get ready to find out with a personalised letter from the big man himself - The one & only Father Christmas! Please use the form to pay for your personalised letter from Father Christmas, please answer all of the questions. You can send to any friend or family member of any age. This service costs £3.00 per letter with all proceeds going to the school.

**DEADLINE Tuesday 23 November 2021.**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604336>



[Buy tickets for a Letter from Father Christmas, Tue 2 Nov 2021 9:00 AM - Tue 23 Nov 2021 10:30 PM](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/604336)

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### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



## African Drumming Music Workshop

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be taking part in an African Drumming Music Workshop on **Monday 22nd November**. We ask that parents/carers please contribute £1 per child, towards this exciting opportunity and give our thanks to the PTFA who have kindly agreed to cover the rest of the cost.

£1 contribution payment item is on ParentPay or if you wish to pop a pound in a named envelope to bring into school, we would be grateful. If you don't have a ParentPay account, please contact the Office and we can send you an activation letter. Thank you to all that have already paid.



## Donations please!

The Inclusion Team are trying to freshen up the games and resources in the Nurture room so please donate any board games, small world resources, any construction bits, books, role play items (doctors, tea set, dolls buggy) which children have outgrown at home. We can give them a happy new home.

Anything would be gratefully received. Thank you!



## School Photographer

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

## School Christmas Lunch

**Closing date Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

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.



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!



**Gandhi – Barney** for great contributions to all lessons.

### Play Champion of the week

**KS2 - Codey, Tyrese and Mahin Year 6.** They played a lovely game of basketball today.



### Stars of the Week

#### Breakfast Club

**KS1 – Archie in Parks** for following rules and setting a good example to others.

**KS2 – Oscar in Yousafzai** for always being calm and patient with everyone and brilliant at puzzles.

#### After School Club

**KS1 – Carter in Parks** for settling in so well.


**KS2 – Indi –Rae in Seacole** for always being so kind to others.




#### Shout Out!

**Zoe in Mandela** has joined the other fabulous Playground Mentors and is already making a difference to lunchtimes outside.


**Ruby and Lily in Year 6** for outstanding mentoring in KS2 this week.




## BUILDS OF THE WEEK



**RUBEN FRANCESO**



**ALFONSO**



**JAYSON**



## Special Mentions

**Kahlo – Roxy** has been such a 'Have a Go Harold'. She tries so hard with her learning, even when it is a bit tricky! As well as this, Roxy is a kind and gentle member of the class. We love having Roxy in Kahlo class!

**Obama – Euan** has been a 'Positive Polly' this week, and every week! Euan is a great role model to all at RKPS. He is sharing more and more in whole class discussions and always has great ideas. Well done, Euan. You are a super star!



**Attenborough – Theo** has been such a Positive Polly this week! During anti-bullying week, he has been excellent at giving examples of how to be kind and empathising with others, thinking about how they feel. He really has embodied our school values of Kindness and Respect. Not only that but he has been doing **AMAZING** joined handwriting. Keep it up, Theo!

**Parks – Carter** you've been blowing me away with your kindness this week! Co-operating Clara would be so proud of you and how amazing you are with your talk partner. You've been a great role model to other children on how to show kindness, which is one of our school values! It is a pleasure to have you in the class Carter!



**Gandhi – Henry** has been inspirational in his learning this week! The ideas and answers that he has given in class have been thoughtful and shown what fantastic listening he has been doing. He is giving 100% to his learning and he is smashing Year 3!



**Mandela – Liam** has been a real Have-A-Go-Harold his week, especially in his writing! On Thursday, we created poems that summed up the atmosphere and mood of a particular scene from our text, Varijak Paw. Not only was Liam able create such a dark and tense poem, but he really thought carefully about his vocab choices and neat handwriting! Well done.



**Seacole - Isla** is an absolute superstar. So much so, she has ended up with her second special mention this year already. She puts her all into her work from problem solving in Maths to writing a great description in English. She should be very proud with the work she is producing. Keep it up Isla!

**Turing - Riley** is truly the gift that keeps on giving. His passion and enthusiasm for learning is extraordinary and he is well on his way to taking Mr Jones' job as a teacher after his superb explanation on how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers to the whole class. Watch this space Riley Williams is a teacher in the making!



**Yousafzai - Huey** is an incredible member of Yousafzai class; he works incredibly hard in all subjects. He is a creative member of our class. Throughout anti-bullying week he has been demonstrating great understanding of what kindness means, even creating his own song. His English poem this week was exceptional with an engaging performance to boot!

## School Uniform

Please can we remind you to make sure ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM are labelled! Multipurpose name labels are available from [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk). If you quote the school reference number - **17209** we can also earn commission on any orders to help funds!

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## Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 12.11.2021		
<b>1st</b>	100%	<b>Thunberg, Obama &amp; Parks</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 1	<b>Kahlo</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 2	<b>Attenborough</b>
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 12.11.2021		
<b>1st</b>	100%	<b>Mandela &amp; Yousafzai</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 3	<b>Pankhurst</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 5	<b>Turing</b>
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 12.11.2021		
<b>1st</b>	Year R	<b>Thunberg 98.1%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 2	<b>Attenborough 97.6%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 2	<b>Parks 94.1%</b>
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 12.11.2021		
<b>1st</b>	Year 5	<b>Darwin 96.7%</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Year 4	<b>Mandela 95.8%</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Year 3	<b>Gandhi 95.2%</b>



<b>November</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	African Drumming Music Workshop – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographer
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccines
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTFA Production Headshots for actors in Year 2, 5 and Reception
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTFA Christmas Discos
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am – KS1 Dress Rehearsal & 2pm KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am KS1 Performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch & 2pm KS1 Performance
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KS2 Performance & 6pm KS2 Performance
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Trail 2pm – 5pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:15pm - Rocksteady Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 10am Reception Christmas Sing-a-long and create
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM!</b>