



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where Learning is an Adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

Here at RKPS, the learning has certainly not stopped in this final week of term!

When popping into classes, I've seen our children focussed and maintaining their work ethic right to the final bell! Yesterday witnessed our latest whole school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day. Across all three key stages, our children embarked on a number of science/engineering activities linked to the Christmas film: 'The Polar Express'. Our new school Value of Teamwork was very much in evidence as our children collaborated and problem solved together.

Our other four new school Values (Equality, Kindness, Respect and Positivity) now adorn the front of our school as our wonderful new metal shields welcome visitors to our school. It was super to have our local counsellors Dee Simson and Steve Bell come to RKPS on Monday to cut the ceremonial ribbon: many thanks to both for their support of our school.

Unfortunately, across the country, Covid has returned with a vengeance over the last week. Most of us will have been affected in one way or another. I would like to thank our incredibly stoic staff team for being so professional, as they always are. We have continued to follow our robust risk assessment (which has of course included ensuring that the school is always extremely well ventilated) and I'm delighted that the children's learning - including Christmas performances - has not been affected.

One of the week's highlights for me was attending the separate Nursery and Reception Christmas extravaganzas! It was wonderful to have so many parents and carers work with their children on Christmas crafts: lovely to watch adults leaving school with painty hands!

Last Saturday was our Christmas fair. Our incredible PTFA once again pulled out all the stops to put on a fantastic event which included a magical snow igloo which housed Father Christmas. Delicious food treats too - curry and noodles - which I thoroughly enjoyed, thank you to Sebastian and Mabel for this. It was a special end to the term: thank you to all involved.

In the new year, I'm delighted to announce that we will be adding even more free clubs to our menu including coding, netball and table tennis. We are now well into double figures with our club selection and the fact these are free clubs means they are truly open to all. We are a proudly inclusive school at RKPS.

At this exhausting time of year, it is more appropriate than ever to thank the whole of the RKPS staff team for their unrelenting dedication to the children whom we serve. I feel very fortunate to be leading such a talented group of adults who always put the interests of the children first.

A reminder that Tuesday January 4th is a staff training day: our children return on Wednesday January 5th. I will write to you all early in the new year if there are any Covid developments which affect schools, let's dearly hope that there are not.

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our wonderful community school as it continues to grow and flourish: it is special to us all. I wish you and your families the most wonderful of Christmases.

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Headteacher



Cllr Dee Simson and Cllr Steve Bell cutting the ribbon on our new school Values



Next Term's PE Timetable

Please see below and take note which days your child has PE. We ask all children to continue to come to school still in their PE kit ready for their lesson. We also ask that you are mindful of the weather and to make sure your child will be warm enough throughout the school day, example joggers and school fleece. Thank you for your support.



Monday	Rashford, Thunberg, Kahlo, Obama, Pankhurst, Gandhi, Pankhurst, Mandela, Darwin & Secole
Tuesday	Pankhurst and Darwin
Wednesday	Kahlo, Obama, Ghandi & Seacole
Thursday	Attenborough, Parks, Turing & Yousafzai
Friday	Attenborough Parks & Mandela



What a super time was had by all at the Rhyme and Shine gathering this week. It was so lovely to see so many happy children and grown-ups gathering for crafty fun. We made snowballs, had a sleigh ride through the snow and created 'Norman the Slug' out of playdough! Look out for the date of the next Rhyme and Shine session and who knows what your little ones might be getting up to!



Many thanks to Geoff and Andy of the Lions for delivering the generous Christmas hampers for some of our families to enjoy – thank you!



THANK YOU!

PTFA Christmas Trail and Craft Fair

We would like to say thank you to CCR Dry-lining for sponsoring the event
Knight Life Events for their gorgeous grotto

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Nicola White and family for their amazing refreshments stall from their caravan on Downs Valley Road.

Jamie Hodges for reprising the role of Gingy.

Julia Crimp's Mum for her £50 donation to fund the tombola stall.

Lis Bell for her delicious homemade biscuits.

All our wonderful stallholders, especially Caroline and Jacqueline who donated all their takings to the PTFA.

...and finally our wonderful Mr & Mrs Claus and the entire PTFA team.



Mr Hanington's Thank you!

A huge thank you to Holly and Ben, parents at the school, for generously lending us their magical snow igloo which Father Christmas used as his base during last Saturday's Christmas Fair. Holly and Ben used their skills to put up the igloo and kindly returned after the Christmas Fair to take it down: thank you Holly and Ben for your generosity.



Woodingdean Food Hub

Thank you for all the fantastic donations to the Woodingdean food hub. They will make a big difference to families in need. The food hub collection basket remains in reception for any donations all year round. Our collection at the end of our Christmas productions raised £137.50 towards the Food Hub. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Clothing Bank

If you're having a clear out over Christmas and getting rid of unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding etc (no duvets) please remember to use our Clothing Bank that sits in our car park. The school receives money every month for every kg collected.





Special Mentions

Kahlo – Mariatou - Wow, what a great job Mariatou has done with her learning this term! She really deserves a special mention for trying her best and making such super progress with her work. She has really persevered even when things have been a bit tricky. What else do we love about Mariatou? That super smile and great enthusiasm for her learning makes Mrs Forsyth so happy. Keep it up Mariatou!



Obama - Max is a real-life Positive Polly! He approaches all new learning with a can-do attitude and enthusiasm. He is a super star and role model to all at RKPS! Well done, Max.

Attenborough – Olivia How lucky we have been to have lovely Olivia in our class this term. She always tries her very best in everything she does, but most of all we love her smile! Olivia is so much fun to be around and we will miss her lots when she goes to her new school, but we know that she will continue to be a superstar there too. Good luck, Olivia, and thanks for all the smiles!



Betsy – ‘Have a Go Harold’ would be ever so proud of Betsy this week! She produced a wonderful piece of writing describing Rosa Parks. Betsy used amazing adjectives to describe her such as confident, successful and strong. Well done Betsy!



Parks – My goodness Lexi! Not only does your gleaming smile brighten up every single one of my days, but you always give your learning 100%! You always use kindness with others and remain positive! Well done Lexi, we are so very lucky to have you and your positivity in our class. Keep it up!

Gandhi – Sophie is a fantastic ambassador for Have a Go Harold. She is always keen to ‘Have a Go’ and try something new, particularly when it takes her out of her comfort zone and really challenges her. She did exactly this in Maths earlier this week and both her Have a Go and Positive Polly attitude helped her learn a new and tricky skill.

Mandela – Saumya personifies what it means to be a Cooperating Clara. A careful listener; an attentive friend and a sharer of fantastic ideas. There isn’t a child in the world Saumya couldn’t work with. Well done, Saumya :)



Darwin – Maisie, the reasons you deserve this award are endless! Well done for always trying your best and being ambitious with your work. You aren’t afraid to try new things and your attitude to learning is very impressive! Not only this, but you are a loyal and kind friend, and you are polite and helpful to adults. Keep shining like a star!

Seacole - Malacky the marvellous mathematician is the definition of Have a go Harold when it comes to problem solving in maths. He is always looking to challenge himself and knows that this is how to grow his brain. He will tackle any problem with a positive attitude and always offers to help others when they need it.

Oscar - It has been an absolute pleasure to have taught Oscar this term. I have always enjoyed seeing his incredible creations made out of paper and recycled materials. His imagination has no boundaries and has inspired others to create just like him. He is a kind, thoughtful and caring member of Seacole class and we truly are going to miss having his radiant smile around. Good luck Oscar!



Yousafzai - Dazzling Darice has a beaming smile on her face, which lights up our classroom! I have been so impressed with her have a go attitude! She has been succeeding in all that she does! Go Darcie!

Finley lights up our classroom with his incredible and infectious smile. He will have a go at anything. Best of all, he is excited to try new things! Go Fin!!

Turing – Evie has to be one of the most caring, considerate and selfless individuals I have ever had the pleasure to teach. From the moment she enters the classroom with a smile on her face she always gives 110% and has created a wonderful non-chronological report on orangutans whilst concluding the end of our book Kensuke's Kingdom. I hope she has a very relaxing break over the Christmas period as she thoroughly deserves it!

Head Teacher Awards!

Attenborough - Jayson has been a star problem solver in maths this week, solving multiplication problems. He even used his reasoning skills and brilliant maths vocabulary to explain his thinking.



Darwin – Bella was a shining example of a Co-operating Clara. She showed excellent teamwork when writing and rehearsing a play script. She learnt her lines off by heart and performed them in a dramatic and intense way! Well done Bella for your fantastic contributions to the group!

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Alfie in Darwin was brilliant in the Nursery on Monday helping out with the Nursery children. Alfie has also been busy tidying up KS2 this week. Well done Alfie!



Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club and After School Club

To everyone who attends these clubs we hope you have a wonderful christmas and a happy new year!



This week at Lego Club, there was a Christmas feel. The children had been challenged to help Lego Santa who was stuck on RKPS's roof. His sleigh and reindeer has flown off without him and the children needed to design a new sleigh.

It was the last week with Group 1, Myself (Mr Lewin) and Miss Kirby have enjoyed every minute with this group. We have been impressed with the children's reasoning, engineering skills, problem solving, imagination and creativity. Group 1 have graduated this round of sessions. Hopefully, we can welcome them back soon. We look forward to welcoming Group 2 after Christmas.



Climb onto Santa's Sleigh to be on time!



Congratulations to our winners for being on time!
 Amelia in Obama and Jack in Darwin.
 We hope you both enjoy your Christmas hampers!



Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 10.12.2021		
1st	100%	Kahlo & Obama
2nd	Year R	Rashford
3rd	Year 2	Parks



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 10.12.2021		
1st	100%	Pankhurst & Turing
2nd	98.3%	Mandela & Seacole
3rd	Year 6	Yousafzai



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 10.12.2021		
1st	Year R & Year 2	Thunberg & Parks 98.1%
2nd	Year 2	Attenborough 96.4
3rd	Year 1	Kahlo 93.8%



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 10.12.2021		
1st	Year 5	Darwin 95.5%
2nd	Year 5	Seacole 94.9%
3rd	Year 3	Pankhurst 94.5%



Job Vacancies:

Cleaner

Contract type: Permanent Hours: 12.5 hours per week (6am-8.30am or 3.30-6pm), 52 weeks per year

Salary: - Facilities Role A - £18,198 - £18,933 pro rata

Start date: ASAP

The Governors of Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery wish to appoint an approachable, flexible and reliable cleaner on a permanent basis. The successful candidate will be required to provide an effective cleaning service ensuring that a high standard of cleanliness is maintained in classrooms, corridors, communal areas and toilets.

Midday Meals Supervisor

Hours: 7.5per 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 and Nursery are seeking to appoint an inspiring, highly motivated and enthusiastic Midday Meals Supervisor to join our team. You will be responsible for the supervision of our children, ensuring the safety of pupils in all areas inside or outside the school building throughout their midday break.

If any of these job opportunities interest you and you would like more information, please go to our school website on the Vacancy page where you will find an application pack or contact the Office.

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.



Equalities



Year 5

In PSHE we have been learning about different levels of friendships and how we may view our friends and close friends differently. We discussed the importance of treating each other the same despite the different levels of friendship we may have with each other. It is okay that our close friends may have other close friends and the key to a good friendship is kindness, trust and good listening.

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.



Join the Winter Mini Reading Challenge!

Brighton and Hove libraries wanted to share an exciting challenge your children can take part in over the Christmas holidays.

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards and incentives for reading and reviewing books.

To take part, children simply read three or more books - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. There are a whole host of fun activities, videos and reading recommendations.

Children can visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at www.wintermini.org.uk to start rating and reviewing their books and enjoying the online activities. It runs until Sunday 16th January 2022.



Come and join a magical “Winter Solstice Wild Words” creative writing workshop, aimed at 7-11 year olds and their families.

This workshop will inspire children to explore the magic and mystery of the shortest day and longest night of the year on the solstice.

Story mentors from Little Green Pig and a professional illustrator will support children to come up with their own wondrous words and art.

Tuesday 21st December at Jubilee library.

11.30 - 1.30pm

Free cold lunch. Parents/carers welcome to attend too.

As part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF scheme), this event is only open to children in receipt of free school meals.

Tickets are a must, and places are limited, so book in quick before they sell out!

More details and tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/222557514517

December	
Friday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day & LAST DAY OF TERM!
January 2022	
Tuesday 4 th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th	BACK TO SCHOOL



*Merry Christmas Everyone
and Happy New Year!*

