



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where Learning is an Adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

Welcome back and a very happy new year to all RKPS families! Indeed, school has been a very happy place to be this week with lorry loads of exciting learning taking place inside and outside of classrooms.

Walking around our school is always exciting: you just never know what learning you are going to bump into. On Wednesday - the first day of term for the children - I saw a Reception child proudly practising writing his name in the frost outside: nature really does enhance learning. After this, I enjoyed seeing a Year 1 girl being dressed up in full Roman regalia as part of the new Year 1 Castles topic whilst the other Year 1 class were performing pikes and other gymnastic feats as part of their PE session. Whilst all this was happening, Year 5 were busy learning all about the various planets and constructing papier mache versions of them using appropriately sized balloons. My walk through the school ended up in Year 6 where the children's brain matter was truly being tested with coordinates challenges which I had to concentrate on to reach an answer: challenge was certainly very present! If you'd like to see daily glimpses of the exciting learning which takes place here on a daily basis, why not join our school's Twitter at @RudyardSchool.

I am delighted that our school is part of a county wide maths project which helps our youngest mathematicians 'see' numbers using a variety of maths apparatus including the rekenrek (see photo at bottom of the page!). Here at RKPS, we pride ourselves on making maths practical and fun: one of the reasons why, in my many chats with children about their learning, that maths scores very highly in the 'favourite subject' bar chart!

We are proud to offer an impressive selection of **free** clubs for all of our children to partake in. Arts and crafts, dance, coding and netball are some new additions: the take up has been immense: it won't be long before we are doing an excellent impression of a leisure centre! After school yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 football club re-started with coaches Wynne and Mac most impressed by the performances on the pitches. A couple of our new children - who only joined RKPS this week - made excellent debuts. We are looking forward to our next competitive match when we will be fielding a strong side proud to wear the RKPS colours.

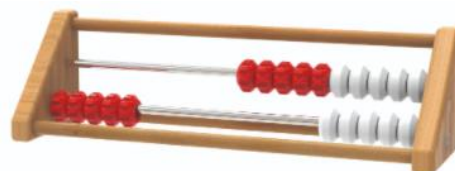
Because of the escalating number of cases of COVID-19 out in the wider community, we have had to ramp up the measures in our robust risk assessment to minimise risk within our school. Adults should only enter the school premises by prior appointment and before doing so should have received a negative LFT result. When inside school, all adults - including staff - are expected to wear face coverings when in transit (unless exempt). We are limiting the number of adults in the staff room and all meetings have moved online. We are doing all we can to mitigate risk and keep our school the wonderful beehive of learning it currently is! When speaking to teaching staff at drop off and collection, please keep a respectful distance. Thank you for your support in helping keep our whole school community safe.

We are all very much looking forward to the first full week of the Spring Term starting on Monday but until this arrives,

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Ivy - what super story writing at home! A budding author in the making.



Obama – Freddie what an incredible castle, full of creativity!

Gandhi – Isla-Mae for her incredible enthusiasm and fantastic listening within all her learning this week!

Play Champion of the week

KS2 - Noah in Mandela has been amazing at tidying up and being very helpful.



Glass Jars Needed

Do you have any spare glass jars that you no longer need? If so Year 6 would really appreciate them for their science work. They don't need the lids, just the glass jar. For every jar that comes in, Mr Jones has promised to give three stars! Please bring to the School Office.

Thank you!



Opal

Calling all parents, builders and electricians! Our children love making dens and playing with pallets, crates and cable drums. However, we are in need of a lot more. Please could you donate as many as you can. If you leave them at the KS2 gate, we will move them into the playgrounds for the children. Thank you!



Topic Chats

Topic Chats will be online this term. In the upcoming week or so, you will be able to view them on our school website, year group page. Please keep an eye out for them.



Aiste's Amazing Cake Treats!

All the teaching staff in school would like to thank Kajus's incredibly generous mum Aiste for the delicious delivery she made on the final day of last term. Incredible brownies and other cakes were gratefully devoured by many grateful staff: it made us all very happy and appreciated - thank you Aiste!



Lunchtimes

If your child enjoys playing on the field, please provide your child with a spare pair of old shoes/trainers if possible.





School Term Dates 2021/22 Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery



	September 2021					October 2021					November 2021				December 2021					
Monday	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Tuesday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	9		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	

	January 2022					February 2022					March 2022					April 2022					
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	

	May 2022					June 2022					July 2022					August 2022					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
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Key

	Bank holidays (see details below)		First day of term for pupils
	INSET days		Last day of term
	School holidays		

January 2022	
Monday 10 th	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 11 th	9:30am - Reception 2022 Open Morning
Monday 14 th	HALF TERM
February 2022	
Monday 21 st	BACK TO SCHOOL

