



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

We very much promote sport at RKPS, believing that academic and sporting achievement often go hand in hand.

Alongside our well embedded football culture and strong links with Woodingdean Wanderers FC, we introduce our children to a wide range of sports. We hope to provide our children with every chance of discovering their sporting passion. Most of our children already love more than one sport but I believe that there is a sport out there for everyone!

Athletics is one sport which we promote to our children. In the run up to Christmas, every child took part in our own RKPS cross country event: we are fortunate to have vast expanses of green fields for the children to use in their quest for athletic glory! In this morning's Special Mentions assemblies, many of our young athletes received a special certificate to acknowledge their achievement. It was fantastic to have our Reception children join Special Mentions assembly for the first time this morning.

It was wonderful to see netball club and table tennis club both start last Monday. Both clubs are free and teacher led. They add to our expanding portfolio of free clubs which include: coding, art and crafts, dance, singing, football and Lego. Our school is doing a very good impression of a leisure centre after school these days! It's wonderful to see so many happy children leaving school after their club has ended. I must thank all of our dedicated teachers for always going the extra mile and offering these additional opportunities for our children: we have such a great staff team at RKPS.

In our weekly teacher staff meeting this Tuesday, we looked through our children's year group topic books. I joined the KS2 'Book Look' and was impressed by the high quality of the children's learning in terms of content and presentation. Fridays at RKPS are known as 'Topic Fridays' and are always my favourite day of the week to pop in and out of classes. Learning really is an adventure every Friday! It's been super to listen to Year 5's Soundmakers session this morning – they are all learning to play the guitar.

You will have received some communication from Mrs Forsyth, our KSI English lead, this week with regard to reading. Mrs Forsyth is dropping an online phonics tutorial onto Google Classroom next week so please have a watch.

I must reinforce just how huge the benefits are when you read with your child on a daily basis. Reading is of course the bedrock of all other learning, thank you for finding a little time each day to enjoy a book with your child.

Have a wonderful weekend

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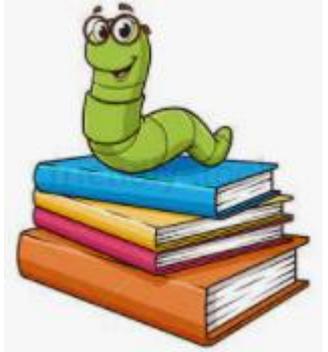


Netball Club



Reading

It is very important that your child reads on a regular basis at home. Reading is the key to success and progress in reading supports learning in all areas of the curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag into school every day. It should have their reading diary in it and their current home reading book. When you have listened to your child read, please write the date and title of the book in their reading diary. You are welcome to make any comments about their reading in their diary too. Reading diaries will be checked weekly and children will be entered into a prize draw for a book when they have read at **least 3 times** in a week. We have recently purchased a new stock of books and we are keen to ensure that we keep these books so that we maintain a good collection of books to choose from. With this in mind, please make sure that your child reads their book with you and then places it back in their book bag ready to return it to school. Thank you for your ongoing support and happy reading!



Brighton & Hove Website For children Aged 4-11

Are you looking for some helpful advice and information to support you during your child's primary school years? If the answer is yes, please click on the link below.

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/sussex/>

This website contains health information covering important features of a child's health and development, including:

healthy minds
healthy bodies
health issues

and where to get professional help and support.



Equalities



In Year 2 this week, we learnt about how Bessie Coleman was the first African-American woman to get an international pilot's licence. This was a great step for Black people in America. She would say that "the air is the only place free from prejudice." Unfortunately, Bessie Coleman did have to overcome a few obstacles because of her race and gender. As Mr. Hanington says, "Woo, girl power!". We then discussed how it doesn't matter what your race or gender is, everyone should be able to do the job they want.

If you don't know much about Bessie Coleman's story, you could do a bit on research on the amazing National Geographic Kids website here:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/bessie-coleman>



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Rafsan has created a wonderful book about space and the planets. What an expert!

Gandhi – Ela for the fantastic diary entry that she wrote for Shen, the main character in our new book in English.

Mandela – Liam's handwriting has improved dramatically since he started his Year 4 learning journey. Fully cursive with excellent ascenders and descenders, his handwriting has been the envy of many children and adults in Mandela class!

Nirja for a truly wonderfully presented English book that even an adult would be jealous of!

Seacole – Vinny blew the whole class away this week when he brought in a project on Monday that he had spent the whole weekend working on. I was so impressed with his effort and determination to create his very own information booklet all about the planets in our solar system. Incredible work Vinny and I look forward to seeing it published in the future!

Play Champion of the week

TJ in Darwin has been playing beautifully, getting many friends to join in.





BUILDS OF THE WEEK



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JAIDEN RILEY & DENNIS

This week at Lego club, builders were challenged to create their own robot with a 'special power'. There were some fantastic creations with a great amount of imagination used!

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>





Special Mentions

Thunberg – Theo is a real ‘Perseverance Pete’ during our Phonics lessons. During dictation, he had to write long sentences this week and he does not stop until he is finished. He is so keen to form his letters correctly and makes sure to include the capital letter and full stop. Well done, Theo!

Rashford – Chester has worked especially hard in maths this week, having a go at noticing patterns and ordering numbers. He always has a go and joins in, being a positive role model for everyone with his brilliant attitude.



Kahlo – Elliot - what a ‘Have a go Harold’ Elliot has been. He has tried so hard with his learning which is really paying off. He likes a challenge and tries each day to improve on the day before. How amazing! Keep it up Elliot!

Obama - Aoife has shown she can be a real ‘Dr Curious’ by always wanting to grow her brain! In English lessons this week, she has been sharing her wonderful vocabulary during whole class discussions. What a super star!



Attenborough – Max - If we could give Max an award for every single learning muscle, we would! He is such an excellent role model for having a go, not giving up, challenging himself and doing it all with a positive attitude. How lucky we are to have Max in Attenborough class. Miss Guthrie feels SO proud of him each and every day, and can’t wait to see him continue to thrive in Year 2. Well done, champ!

Dempsey has flexed his Co-operating Clara muscle brilliantly this week! He has been such a wonderful mentor for the younger children, showing great sharing, turn taking and offering help. I wish we could bottle your kindness Dempsey! Well done, you superstar

Parks – Rocco ‘Perseverance Pete’ would be blown away! He has been working so so hard on his handwriting, trying to get it neat and joined up and not giving up! Keep going, Rocco! You should be proud of yourself! You’ve got this in the bag!



Gandhi - Barney has come back to school with such a fantastic attitude. He is so keen to learn and is using all his knowledge as well as resources in the classroom to give his absolute best to everything that he does. He is giving ‘Have a Go Harold’ a run for his money! Great work Barney.

Summer’s name suits her so well as she is like a ray of sunshine. She is so positive and happy and always gives 100% to every single aspect of her learning. She has worked particularly hard in maths and is always practising at home. As a result of all her hard work, she is a fantastic mathematician.

Mandela – Teon - What a delightful start to the new year it has been in Mandela class but one name sticks out. Terrific Teon has settled into a new talk partner space and has thrived here, focusing on every task, discussing ideas in-depth and aiding those around him with their learning. If ever you need a talk partner, Teon’s your man. Well done!!



Darwin – Alfie - Wow, what a fantastic start to 2022, Alfie! I have been so impressed by your effort in lessons and determination to reach your goals. You should be very proud of the extraordinary pieces of writing you have produced this week, not to mention your neat and considered presentation. Keep up the hard work and you will move mountains this year. Well done Alfie!



Seacole – Indi-Rae has had a brilliant start to 2022 with the effort she is putting in to her work. She has always been a hard worker, knowing what she needs to do to be successful and achieve her targets. I'm so proud of how much Indi has already grown this year as a learner and can't wait to see her continue to thrive!



Turing – Ruby has hit the ground running this year. Her perseverance and attention to detail are real stand out features of the fabulous work she has been doing in class – keep up the hard work! It has also been lovely to receive some complimentary emails regarding Ruby's mentoring role as she continues to nurture younger children in the school setting an example of what an outstanding RKPS student looks like! Well done Ruby



Yousafzai - Kyle has had a super start of 2022 – he is captivated by our new topic Chocks Away (WWII). The sky's the limit with the knowledge he has divulged to us. He has mesmerised us with his WWII artefacts. We loved the helmet and could not believe how heavy it was – really helping us emphasise with the soldiers.

Reminders:

Egg Aware & Nut Free

We are a Nut Free and Egg Aware school as we have some serious allergies in school, children and staff. Please be mindful when preparing packed lunches. Thank you



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 with this.



Messy Mondays & Family Fridays

Messy Monday and Family Friday Playgroups are here at Rudyard on Monday and Friday mornings!! Please come along if you are a new parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, carer, looking after a youngster or two. These are drop in playgroups so **no need to book just come along**. This is a great opportunity to meet other families living in the area whilst taking part in fun activities (art, crafts, singing, story time...) with your child.

When: Monday and Friday mornings at 9am – 10:30am (term time only)



Looking forward to welcoming you!



Reminder: Breakfast Club & After School Club

If you require Breakfast or After School Club for the week beginning Monday 17th January 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 24th January.

You will receive confirmation of your booking by the end of the day each Friday for the following week.

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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Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Autumn Term 2021

1st	99%	Obama
2nd	Year R	Thunberg
3rd	Year 1	Kahlo

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Autumn Term 2021

1st	99%	Seacole
2nd	Year 6	Yousafzai
3rd	Year 6	Mandela

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Autumn Term 2021

1st	Year 2	Attenborough 96.1
2nd	Year 2	Parks 95%
3rd	Year 1	Kahlo 93.8%

R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Autumn Term 2021

1st	Year 5	Darwin 96.5%
2nd	Year 3	Pankhurst 95%
3rd	Year 5	Seacole 93.9%

February 2022	
Monday 14 th	HALF TERM
Monday 21 st	BACK TO SCHOOL

