



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

*"Where learning is an adventure!"*

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## Headteacher Reports...

We are a school with nurture at the heart of everything we do. Every day, all our children receive a toasty warm bagel to keep energised for their learning throughout the day. The smell of bagels is probably the one most associated with RKPS! We're a bit like an educational New York deli!

This Monday gone saw the re-start of our rather special Magic Breakfast sessions where some children are able to receive a delicious breakfast to kickstart their day every school day morning. This is just one of numerous 'extras' which our Nurture Team provide our children.

Probably the three most popular members of our Nurture Team are Bailey, Hugo and Buddy: our three school therapy dogs. Our three canine friends have been out and about in school a lot this week, enjoying a plethora of wintery walks outside, courtesy of some of our many animal loving pupils. They've also been enjoying a whole range of books, read to them by our children in the library and some classrooms.

We believe that looking after and loving animals has so many benefits for a child's development and emotional intelligence. Caring for our three school dogs teaches our children: Kindness, Equality, Teamwork, Positivity and Respect; our five core school Values. The power that our school dogs have to calm an anxious child (or adult!) is quite remarkable. We love Buddy, Hugo and Bailey at RKPS!

Thank you for continuing to monitor your child's health closely and for not sending them into school if they have any Covid symptoms.

Unfortunately, we are seeing a spike in cases of children and staff so it is more important than ever that we try and keep the virus out of school.

Many thanks for your support and have a wonderful weekend.

*Euan Hanington*

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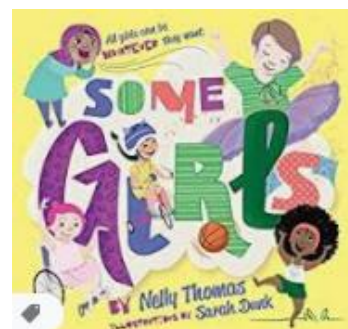
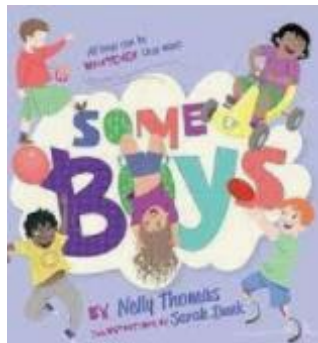
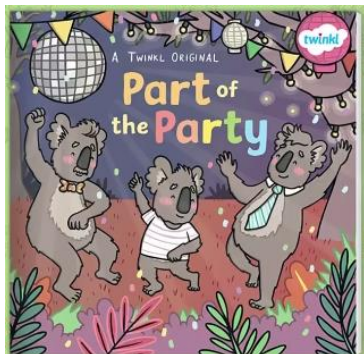
Bailey, Hugo and Buddy





**In Reception** this week we have been thinking about how everybody is different and it doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl, you can enjoy playing all kinds of games, wearing your favourite clothes and having different hairstyles. We read the books 'Some boys' and 'Some girls'.

We have also read the story 'Part of the Party', which celebrated different types of families!



**In Year 1** this week, we have been sharing our ideas about kindness. We talked about ways in which we can show kindness through actions and the kind words we can use. We have been thinking about ways that we can demonstrate kindness in everything we do and we have been spotting kind acts in the playground. We linked our learning to two of our school core Values of Equality and Kindness.



## Phonics

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3, you can now find out information about the way in which we teach phonics at school. You can access this through your child's Google Classroom account.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Forsyth if you have any questions.



## PTFA News - Record Breaking Term!

The PTFA have raised a phenomenal amount of money so far this year! Massive congratulations to all concerned!

Apart from the money raising side of things, the events are fun and the children absolutely love them. Well done to all!

The Events so far;  
 Spooky Dress Up Day  
 Halloween Trail  
 Smarties Challenge  
 Christmas Trail  
 Letters from Father Christmas  
 Hollywood Headshots  
 Christmas Disco  
 Tea Hut



## Head Teacher Awards!

**Gandhi – Leighton** for such sensible estimating and accurate measuring in maths

**Mandela - Noah** – for a truly terrific Mayan temple model

**Oliver E** – for using such sophisticated language choices in his writing

**Ali** – for answering all the questions from 1, 2 and 3 chilli in maths before heading onto the challenges!

**Jazzmine** – for making huge progress in writing, where she is now writing independently



**Seacole – Ellie-Rose** for the second week in a row Ellie-Rose has earned herself an award for her hard work. I have been so impressed with her enthusiasm, diligence and determination to complete her work. She has remained focused throughout the whole week. Well done Ellie-Rose!

**Chloe** it has been an absolute pleasure to teach Chloe this year and I think myself lucky to have taught her in year 3 too! Chloe is hard working, kind and thoughtful and we really are going to miss having such a lovely member of Seacole. Good luck Chloe and keep shining!

**Turing – Sara, Macie, Caden** - While learning about shadows during our science topic last year, Sara, Macie and Caden produced an absolute masterpiece of a performance to explain how shadows are formed. (This award has been a long time coming but I got there in the end). Well done

## Play Champion of the week

**Talia in Seacole** - the MDSA's and office would like to thank you, for being very kind and helpful when a child needed first aid.



## Stars of the Week

### Breakfast Club

**KS1 – Ruben in Rashford** for being very creative in game playing and making activities fun.

**KS2 – Joe in Darwin** for always being polite, kind and helpful.

### After School Club

**KS1 – Mia in Parks** for beautiful singing during After School Club.

**KS2 – Fizaan in Gandhi** for being super helpful at tidying up.



## BUILDS OF THE WEEK



This week at Lego club, builders were challenged to create tall towers that could withstand a shake test. Thanks to some great engineering, they all stood firm!





## Special Mentions

**Thunberg – Daenerys** has been amazing this week with her writing, a true 'Have a Go Harold' and 'Positive Polly'. She has been independently writing sentences, using her phonic knowledge as well as using resources in the classroom. Miss Eastlake can see what a perfectionist Daenerys is, as she is keen to remember capital letters, full stops and have spaces in between her words. Well done.



**Rashford – Eva** is always growing her brain and has recently been amazing at using her 'Co-operating Clara' learning muscle, becoming a mini teacher to help others to practise their phonics too.

**George** impressed Miss Lovis with his outdoor learning, counting and matching numbers as part of a game. He kept on trying and improved with each time attempt. Perseverance Pete would be proud!

**Kahlo – Eddie** is a true Perseverance Pete. He puts in such a great effort with all his work and tries hard, even when it's tricky. Mrs Forsyth also loves his enthusiasm for learning. He is always sharing his ideas with us and showing how he is growing his brain. Keep it up Eddie



**Obama - Nate** has been showing his Dr Curious by looking for patterns and connections during this week's maths lesson. He always explains his ideas clearly for others during whole class discussions. Well done, Nate! What a super star!



**Attenborough – Sasha** is forever impressing us with her wonderful creativity and thoughtful ideas. This week, both of these skills were put to particularly excellent use in Sasha's writing of her own version of the Lonely Beast's journey. She used lots of interesting language as well as lots of original ideas to produce a very impressive story. Miss Guthrie was BLOWN AWAY! Well done, Sasha, you're an author in the making!

**Parks – Lewis** is always using his Have a Go Harold learning muscle. He excitedly gives everything a go and never fails to use his growth mindset. He knows it's I can't do it yet and I will do this because practice makes progress. Keep it up Lewis!



**Gandhi - Oliver's** attitude towards his learning has been absolutely outstanding this week. He has been focused, listened really well and been keen to share his super ideas with everyone during class inputs. He has also been working really well with his friends in class, cooperating with them and generally being a great team player.

**Mandela – Jazzmine** With determination and a positive attitude, anything is possible. Jazzmine has shown just that this week, in, not just one, not just two, oh no, but in each and every subject! Her independence has shone through this week in her writing where she created a great note of advice and diary entry and her maths where she was tackling two chilli challenges without ANY adult support!

**Seacole – Vinny** - What can I say about the wonderful Vinny? I had a note left on my desk after Mr Mac had taught Seacole saying that Vinny MUST get a special mention for his hard work. He has been an absolute welcome to our Seacole community and I have enjoyed every moment of teaching Vinny so far. He is always asking questions to further his learning and understanding and has gone above and beyond to help other children too. Keep it up!

**Super Summer-Rose** is an absolute treat to teach. I can always rely on Summer to share her ideas as well as support others with work she is confident in. She is always trying her best and wanting to succeed in everything she does. Summer's name should appear under the word diligent in the dictionary. Keep up your enthusiasm and hard work!



**Turing – Mia** - Have a go Harold should step aside – enter Magnificent Mia! Mia has been truly unstoppable this week and continues to go from strength-to-strength and has really challenged herself in maths taking on, not 1, not 2 but 3 chillies!!! WOW!! Your efforts never go unnoticed and you should be incredibly proud of your achievements! Well done



# LAST CHANCE

## TO DEFEND OUR SCHOOLS!

12 noon Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

Family Rally Picnic @ The Level  
& March to Brighton Town Hall



Join our School Places Campaign Group  
[facebook.com/groups/635438284294166/?ref=share](https://facebook.com/groups/635438284294166/?ref=share)



### Lateness / Appointments

If you bring your child into school after 8.45am please **ALWAYS** make sure they come in through the Main Reception area and sign in through the Inventory System to ensure your child is registered correctly and has the correct lunch ordered. If your child arrives after 9.30am, you will need to provide a home packed lunch as the kitchen will not accept orders after this time.



## Parking Reminder!

For the safety of all our families, please be mindful when parking in the roads around school. **The neighbours have been complaining of their driveways being blocked and cars being parked dangerously on the pavements at school drop off and pick up times.** The neighbours have said that they are reporting offending vehicles to Operation Crackdown.

Thank you for your support in this.

**'Operation Crackdown'** <http://www.operationcrackdown.org>




CREATING HEALTHIER. HAPPIER FAMILIES

### Join our FREE groups in Brighton and Hove, starting in February.

Our team of family wellbeing experts and nutritionists make learning about healthy eating fun, and have plenty of tricks to help you and your kids turn a what you learn into a healthy habits for life!

Kids will cook healthy meals, take part in fun games and sports, and make loads of friends!

Parents are supported by our team to handle conflict resolution, and benefit from the support network of likeminded families.

Programmes start in February-  
enquire for more information.



IT'S  
FREE!

WHERE AND WHEN?



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
West Blatchington Hove 18:00 - 20:00		Carlton Hill Brighton 17:00 - 19:00	
BZ Live- 9-12years Online 17:30 - 18:30		BZ Live- 5-8years Online 17:30 - 18:30	
	HENRY- 0-5 years East Brighton 10:00 - 11:30		HENRY- 0-5 years Central Brighton 10:00 - 11:30

Please click on the link below to sign up

[https://www.beezeebodies.com/for families?utm\\_source=parent-mail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=brighton](https://www.beezeebodies.com/for families?utm_source=parent-mail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=brighton)

## 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!

**Mr Hanington writes:**

Thank you to Lou and Lisa for running these wonderful sessions – they are amazing!



## Attendance and Time Keeping



### R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 14.01.2022

**1st** 100% **Obama & Thunberg**

**2nd** Year 2 **Parks**

**3rd** Year 1 **Kahlo**

### R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 14.01.2022

**1st** 100% **Mandela**

**2nd** Year 5 **Seacole**

**3rd** Year 5 **Darwin**

### R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 14.01.2022

**1st** Year R & Year 2 **Thunberg & Parks 100%**

**2nd** Year 2 **Attenborough 96.5%**

**3rd** Year 1 **Obama 96.2%**

### R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 14.01.2022

**1st** Year 5 **Darwin 98.3%**

**2nd** Year 3 **Gandhi 98.1%**

**3rd** Year 3 **Mandela 97.5%**

### February 2022

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

HALF TERM

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

BACK TO SCHOOL

