



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

As we approach the first half term of 2022, we can reflect on all the achievements of our children despite the challenges that the pandemic has thrown at all schools, including ours. On Tuesday, we had a visit from an advisor from Brighton and Hove City Council and he commented on the 'buzz of learning' across our school. He was most impressed during his visit.

When I am out and about in the school each day - popping into classrooms - enjoying playtimes with the children, I too feel this 'buzz'. Our children really do enjoy their learning and this is of course the result of high quality teaching from our staff team who plan exciting learning opportunities for inside and outside the classroom. Our Reception children are growing some impressive vegetables in their planters at the moment: our youngest learners are taught about the magic of nature from the minute they arrive in our wonderful Nursery.

Our school's achievements of this and last term have been accomplished without a caretaker but this is about to end. I am delighted to announce that Mr McGauley will be joining the RKPS team after half term. Our new site manager arrives from Guildford with his young family and brings with him plenty of school experience. We cannot wait for him to start and I know that you will welcome him to our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two members of staff in particular for stepping up to help keep things ticking over. Thank you to Mr Lewin and Mrs Vernon for all they have done - the list is too long - but it is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing all of our children back for an exciting second half of the Spring term on Monday February 21st but until then

Have a wonderful half term

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Headteacher



Our fur-bulous therapy dogs, Hugo, Buddy, Bailey and everyone at RKPS would like to wish families a brilliant half term!



Forest School

Finally, after a little break, Miss Guthrie's Forest School was back last week and what a blast we had! We had lots of fun playing games and building shelters, as well as making tree faces - keep an eye out for these next time you are down in the Forest School! The children showed so much creativity, independence and team work and we had so much fun. We even finished by singing happy birthday to lovely Lilly-Rose. We can't wait for the next session



Reminder: Leavers' Hoodies 2022

Last reminder to purchase a hoody for your Year 6 child via our online shop. The shop will be available until the end of the day on **Sunday 13th February** via the following link:

<http://www.workkit.co.uk/>

Please go to the 'School Shops' drop down in the top bar of the website.



Reminder for Pre-orders for Navy Polo Shirts

We are taking pre-orders for embroidered navy polo shirts, which will be available to buy through school. These are priced at £5.50 each. To pre-order your polo shirt, please visit the school uniform shop on the school website. The item will be listed as 'in stock', however at this stage, we are just taking size requests and quantities, to make sure we order the correct amount of stock. As soon as the stock arrives, they will be sent out in the normal way. Whilst we would love for all children to wear the embroidered polo, we are also happy for plain navy polos to be worn. These are available from M&S, Sainsburys, Argos and the George online shop.

The full implementation of the new uniform code will be from September 2022. However, we are making a phased change from after half term until September. In the meantime, we are happy for your children to remain with white for the next one and a half terms. We are hopeful that navy polos will last longer and reduce the need for constant washing and buying replacements frequently. We love outdoor learning at RKPS!



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school are sharing two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading statistic alert:



Children who read (or who are read to) at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2

million words per year.



The Pet: Cautionary Tales for Children and Grown-Ups By Catherine Emmett and Illustrated by David Tazzyman

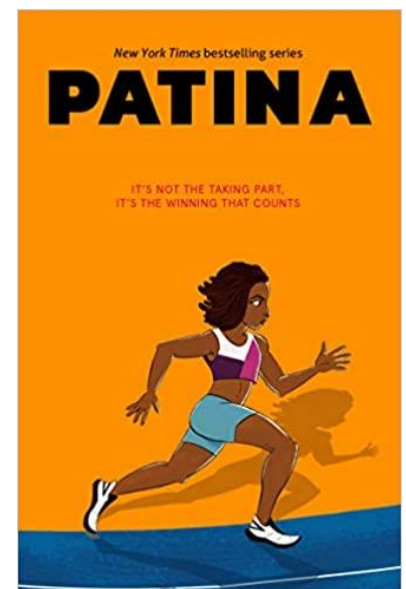


A laugh-out-loud cautionary tale (for children and grown-ups) written by Catherine Emmett and illustrated by David Tazzyman, bestselling illustrator of the Mr Gum series and You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus.

Digby David wants a pet, but not just any pet - it has to be TWICE as big as Reuben's guinea pig and even better than Lily Jean's cat. Digby David's Daddy does what he's told, and soon Digby has a guinea pig, which he loves with all his heart... for half a day. Digby demands bigger and better, Daddy's hair gets greyer and greyer, and when Digby's dog gets boring too, he insists Daddy buy him... a gorilla!

Patina by Jason Reynolds and illustrated by Selom Sunu

It's not the taking part, it's the winning that counts for Patina! Patty, as she's known to her friends and family, has lost a lot in her life - her dad died when she was young, her mum has lost her legs and now she has to live with her uncle and his wife. On top of that Patty has to go to the poshest school that ever existed. Now her running team has become a relay team and independent "I can do everything by myself" Patty has to work with her team mates to win.





Special Mentions

Thunberg – Awesome Adam has been a brilliant ‘Have a Go Harold’ this week. He is making wonderful progress with his writing skills and trying hard to recognise the sounds we are learning in our Phonics lessons. Not only that, Adam has been doing amazing counting...his brain has grown so much this week – well done!

Rashford – Taylor has been working hard at everything lately, she has particularly impressed us with her wonderful writing, having a go and sticking at it. Well done Taylor, you are a champ!

Kahlo – Wow Curtis! Your ‘Have a go Harold’ learning muscle has been helping you to learn to share objects into equal groups. You have been fabulous this week, trying so hard to grow your brain. Keep it up!

Obama – Darcie deserves this week's special mention for not only being a Positive Polly but also a Have a Go Harold with her fantastic handwriting this week. Well done Darcie!

Attenborough – Aofie - We have had the pleasure of having Aoife join Team Attenborough this week! She has shown that she already has a wonderful Have a Go Harold learning muscle by getting stuck into her learning and approaching everything with a positive attitude. You are a very welcome member of our class, Aoife – it's like you've always been here!

Mason - A special shout out for Mr Mason: our resident comedian and Positive Polly! His jokes and puns brighten Miss Guthrie's and Miss Ghattas's days and he brings a smile to the face of everyone he speaks to. Thank you, Mason!

Parks – Dexter has been flexing his Perseverance Pete learning muscle this week in maths, looking carefully at data and answering questions on it. This has been great to see, keep it up!

Gandhi - Alexandra is a real ‘Positive Polly’. She has a fantastic attitude towards both her learning and her playing. When she is learning, she is focused, sensible and always likes to challenge herself. When she is playing, she enjoys being out in the fresh air, running around and having fun with her friends. Her lovely positive attitude always ensures she has a great day!

Pankhurst – Marvellous Mujahid is a pleasure to have in the class! He is always smiling, challenges himself daily and is a great role model for everyone! He wrote an amazing newspaper report this week and performed it as though he really was on BBC News. Thank you for being wonderful Mujahid!

Mandela – Jayden C - It has been an absolute joy to read Jayden's writing this week. With a new found independence, he has been improving his vocabulary choices to make his learning the best it possibly can be. He deserves to feel so very proud – I know I am!

Darwin – William, you just go from strength to strength! You always challenge yourself, and you aren't afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. Because of this, you have produced some incredible pieces of work that you should be truly proud of. Just don't forget to believe in yourself because you really are a super star!

Ben thoroughly deserves his Have a Go Harold certificate for taking on his new ICT Assistant role with such enthusiasm and dedication. Every day, without fail, he checks that the Computing Suite is ready for the day's learning. I'm so proud of your efforts Ben, keep it up! Mr Mack.



Seacole – Freddie has impressed both Miss Morgan and Mr Hoad with his amazing skills and team work in our hockey lessons. He has been a real Have a go Harold when he has made some difficult shots to score several goals successfully. He has also been working really hard in English, sharing his brilliant ideas and writing a great persuasive leaflet for a theme park. Well done Freddie!



Turing – Caden is just outstanding! There really aren't enough words I could use to describe the efforts Caden puts into his work in class and around school. His maturity for someone of 10-years old is remarkable and he has the ability to dive into any task, no matter how big or small, and always give 100%! You should be very proud of yourself Caden.

Yousafzai - Awesome Alfie is a fabulous member of Yousafzai class. He is always very thoughtful with his contributions in class. During English this week, Alfie thought carefully about his sentence structures to make his story an engaging piece of writing. Bravo Alfie!



Head Teacher Awards!

Rashford – Elliott and Eva independently wrote pages for their own versions of 'The Train Ride' story! Budding authors in the making.



Obama – Ollie - Majestic castle complete with drawbridge: what a build!

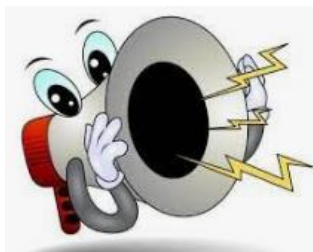
Gandhi – Henry - for his brilliant and original idea for what he would make out of 'anything snow' in English.

Mandela – Jaiden for making good choices all week, very impressive!

Seacole – Blake the problem solver! This week in maths we have been focusing on fractions something even Miss Morgan finds tricky at times. Blake has been a master problem solver, not giving up when he has found things tricky and helping others to be successful too

Play Champion of the week

Caden in Turing has been brilliant this week, helping the MDSA's with tidying at the end of lunch.



Shout out

Dempsey in Attenborough for being a dog monitor.

Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Amelia Rose in Kahlo always being polite.

KS2 – Tyrese in Turing & Teon in Mandela welcome back to After School Club and for being kind to KS1 children.

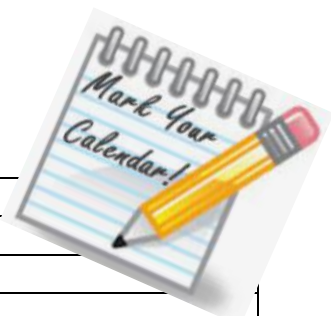
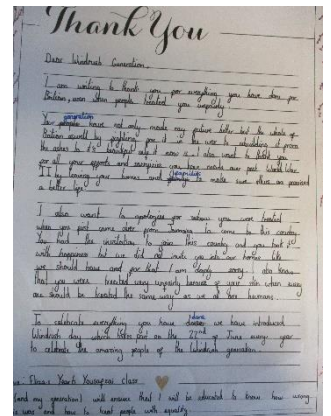
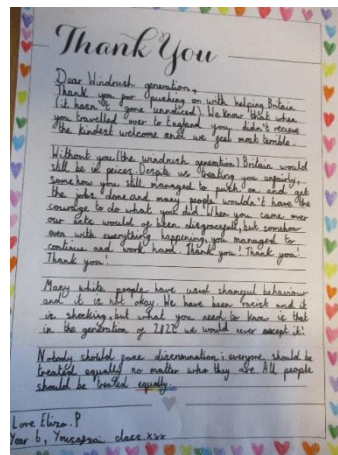
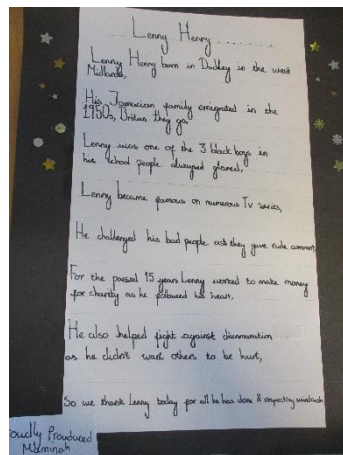
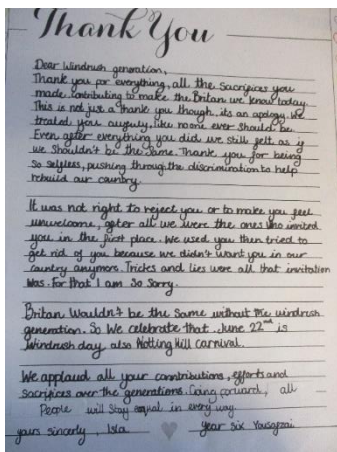


Equalities



Year 6 have been learning about the Windrush generation – discussing the amount of prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination that they faced when coming to Britain. We did this through reading ‘Coming to England’, by Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen, which is a truly inspirational story celebrating the Windrush generation. We also listened and read poems about the Windrush generation, read about the lives of Andrea Levy, Diane Abbott & Sir Lenny Henry. We also watched videos of people retelling their experiences.

Year 6 were bitterly disappointed to see the manner in which some Windrush migrants were treated by the UK government and some UK citizens. So, we wanted to celebrate and value the contributions of our Black History Elders and their families who have given years of selfless services to Britain. We showed our appreciation by writing poems and thank you, focusing on our school value of Equality. Check these out...



February 2022	
Monday 14 th	HALF TERM
Monday 21 st	BACK TO SCHOOL
March 2022	
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 3 Trip to Brighton Museum
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day & Rhyme and Shine
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Newhaven Fort Trip
Monday 14 th	Let's Dance
Wednesday 30 th	Year 1 Trip to Lewes Castle
April 2022	
Friday 8 th April	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 25 th	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 04.02.2022		
1st	Year R	Thunberg 100%
2nd	Year 1	Kahlo 98.8%
3rd	Year 2	Attenborough 97.6%
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 04.02.2022		
1st	Year 5	Darwin 99.6%
2nd	Year 5	Seacole 96.6%
3rd	Year 3	Mandela 94.4%

R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 04.02.2022		
1st	100%	Obama
2nd	Year 2	Attenborough
3rd	Year 1	Kahlo
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 04.02.2022		
1st	99%	Pankhurst & Seacole
2nd	Year 5	Darwin
3rd	Year 6	Turing

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 21st February!

