



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see such a variety of beach themed, costumes on display for World Book Day yesterday. Thank you for the efforts you made in making RKPS such a sea of colour. Headteacher for the day - radical surfer Dave Wave from California - had to avoid a plethora of sharks over the course of yesterday. It was a lot of fun!

This week, as every week at RKPS, there were myriad fun events for our children to enjoy. Here's just a snapshot: Monday: Year 4 swimming, Let's Dance practice after school, free art and crafts club; Tuesday: children ate pancakes! , Rocksteady music club; Wednesday: Y3 visited Brighton Museum, free coding club, school football match v St Paul's; Thursday: Rhyme and Shine, Wizard of Oz show, school netball tourney at OLOL. And today of course is our weekly Special Mentions assembly when parents and carers are invited into school to celebrate their children's achievements.

When one sees the disheartening news coming out of Ukraine, fun experiences have never been more important. Later in this newsletter, some useful links are provided to help you when talking to your child about what is happening there. It is all so terribly sad. Through our PTFA, we will soon be collecting in items to send to those affected by this awful war.

Next Wednesday and Thursday see our mid-year parent and carer consultations. These are your opportunity to hear all about your child's achievements and how you can support them at home to become better still.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

Euan Hanington
Headteacher



Dave Wave: surf dude from California, Headteacher for the day!





Resources on the War in Ukraine

The upsetting news from Ukraine is difficult for us all to digest, which of course includes our children. Please see below some helpful links which you might consider using.

Newsround, from the BBC's CBBC channel, has lots of videos and reports about the war in Ukraine that have been produced for children. There is also a section containing tips for children who are feeling sad or upset about something they have seen, heard or read.

[Newsround videos and reports – scroll down for a section on the war in Ukraine](#)

[Advice for children feeling upset by the news](#)

Place2Be's educational psychologists have also shared advice about how to discuss war and conflict with children and young people – and how you can best support them at this difficult and worrying time. [Read their advice here](#)

Our thoughts are with the brave people of Ukraine.



Early Morning Drop Off

Parents and carers are politely reminded to keep their child/ren with them whilst they wait for the KSI door to open at 8:45am. It would be appreciated if you did not arrive too early. Children should not be running, scooting or cycling between the parked cars as it is not safe. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings – No Clubs

Due to the Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings next **Wednesday (9th March)** and **Thursday (10th March)**, all teacher led clubs will have to be cancelled on those days.

If your child attends Lego Club, Coding Club, Singing Club or Football Club, please note they will **NOT** be running on the days mentioned above.

Please collect your child at the normal time

We apologise for any inconvenience. After School Club, Streetdance Club and Drama Club will carry on as normal on those days.



Reminder; No Dogs on School Grounds

Please refrain from bringing any dogs onto the school grounds or leaving them tied to the school railings unless it's an assistance dog.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

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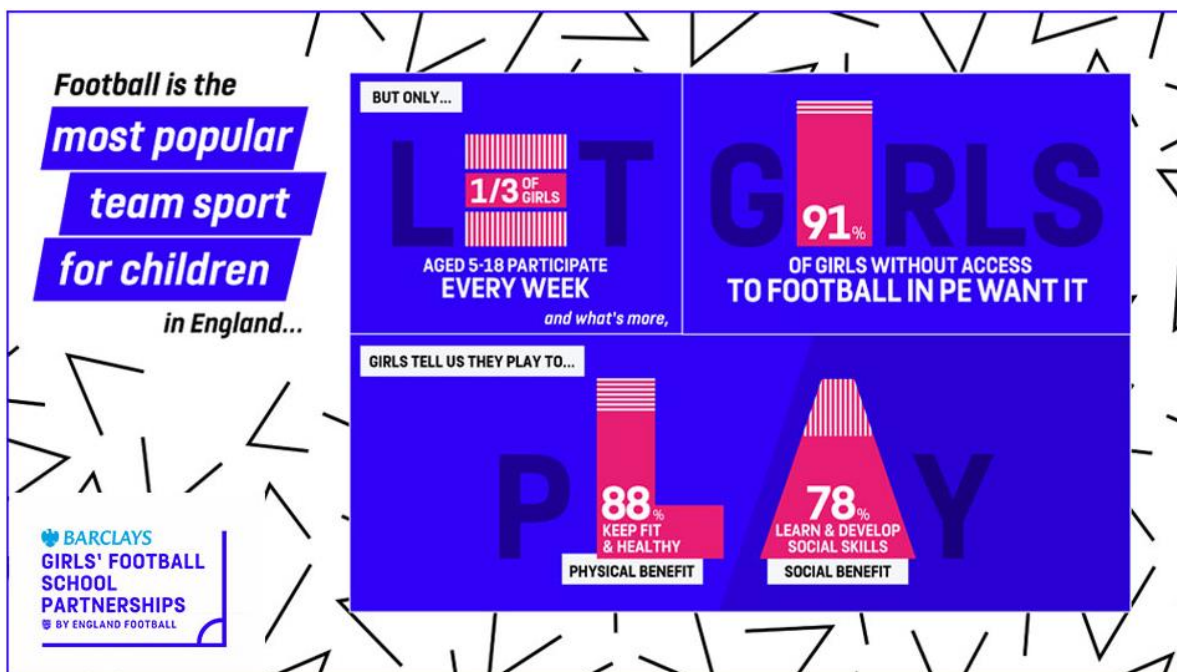
We are in need of more suitcases, as the children love sitting in them and pulling each other around the playgrounds! Please can you check in your lofts and cupboards to see if you have any that you could donate to the school? Thank you.



#LetGirlsPlay

On Wednesday 9th March, we are joining schools up and down the country by taking part in England Football's #LetGirlsPlay initiative. The aim is to put on the biggest EVER football session for girls! During break and lunchtime that day, Mr Wynne, Mr Mack, our MDSAs and Sports Captains will be running football-themed activities across the school, and encouraging as many girls as possible to take part. It should be a fantastic day!

With #LetGirlsPlay in mind, we are also delighted to announce we'll be hosting Whitehawk Primary School later this month in our first Year 5/6 girls fixture of the year. Go RKPS girls!



RKPS Into the Next Round Of The Cup!

On Wednesday, we welcomed St Paul's Catholic Primary School to RKPS for our first round match in the Geerts Shield. Although the muddy pitch was tricky to play on, the weather was kind to us and we were roared on by a fantastic home support.

We dominated the first half, with great link-up play by our midfield trio of Oscar, Huey and TJ. The boys created several chances, but St Paul's defended heroically, and their goalkeeper commanded his penalty area well. Eventually, the breakthrough came shortly before half time, with Huey slotting in well after good build-up play.

After half time, St Paul's attacked us and were unfortunate not to score, with one great effort hitting our crossbar. However, our defence, led superbly by Vinny and ably supported by Blake, Caden and Codey at different points in the match, kept St Paul's at bay. Alfie S had little to do in goal but, when called on, he was cool, calm and collected.

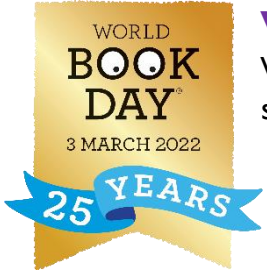
Huey put the tie beyond doubt with a breakaway goal, fabulously assisted by Oscar, midway through the second half. With the support of energetic performances from Ernie, Alfie E, Will, Finley and Ewan up front, we were able to celebrate our first win of the season. Onto Round 2 – good luck boys!

Final score: Rudyard Kipling Primary School 2-0 St Paul's Catholic Primary School.

RKPS Man of the Match: Vinny

Many thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Mack for coaching the team in addition to their regular teaching commitments!





WORLD BOOK WEEK 2022

We wanted to say a MASSIVE thank you to making World Book Day so special, we loved seeing the children all dressed up. We really enjoyed seeing the children taking such an interest in helping to stop beach pollution.

"I like how the book motivates me to go outside and help make a difference in the world!" Huey, Year 6.

It'll be lovely at parents and carers evening for you to see the work the children have participated in class this week.

RKPS, like yourselves, see the importance to reading and have loved the children having the opportunity to share their favourite stories with each other.

Reading for pleasure has many non-literacy benefits and can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life (The Reading Agency 2015).

Thank you for your continued support!

The English Team



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

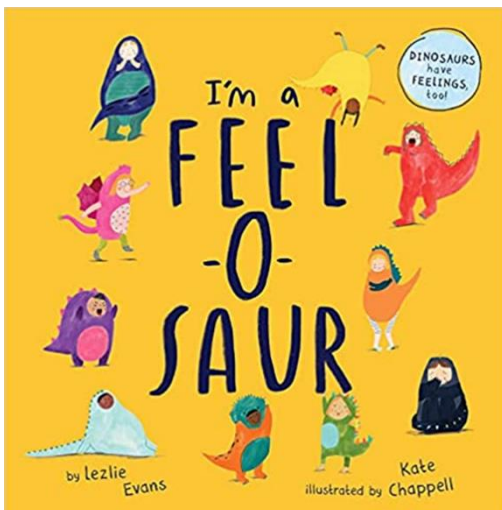
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school are sharing two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“Students with more positive attitudes towards reading are more likely to read at or above the expected level for their age.” Clark 2014.



I'm a Feel-O-Saur By Lezlie Evans Illustrated by Kate Chappell



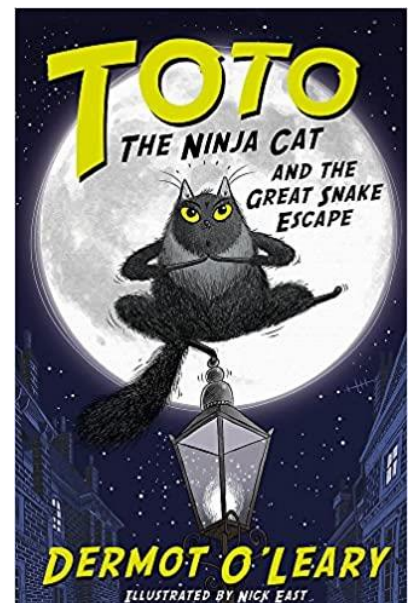
Emotions are inside us all. Some are big and some are small. So many moods we all go through . . . What kind of FEEL-O-SAUR are you? Whatever mood you're in today, it's all OK! I'm a Feel-o-saur helps young readers explore all the different feelings that everyone has! This book cleverly explains, models and provides tips for dealing with these emotions through different dinosaurs.

Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape by Dermot O'Leary and illustrated by Nick East

Meet Toto: she's no ordinary cat, and she can't wait to have an adventure with you! From one of the UK's best-loved broadcasters, purrfect for fans of The Aristocats, The Secret Life of Pets and Atticus Claw Breaks the Law.

Toto the cat and her brother Silver live footloose and fancy-free in a townhouse in London. Toto is almost totally blind, and learned to trust her senses from a ninja cat-master who taught her back in Italy where they were born. By day, Toto and Silver seem to be ordinary cats, but by night, they love to have adventures!

One evening, news reaches Toto that a king cobra has escaped from London Zoo! Together with help from a very posh cat and two hungry tigers, Toto and Silver must investigate. Can they find the giant snake, before it's too late?



Forest School

What a wonderful afternoon we had at Forest School last week! The children had so much fun, especially as the sun had finally come out - hooray! We played some of our favourite games like hide and seek as well as pause/unpause. Also, we all made Forest School necklaces with our names and our favourite forest creatures. These included hedgehogs, frogs, foxes and even a wolf! Not only that, but we made bird feeders too! We'll be keeping a close eye on these to see if they have been pecked at and hopefully we'll spot a few more birds down in our Forest School!



Children's Parade Big Build

We are so excited to be able to take part in the Brighton Festival Children's Parade this year. The theme is Rebuilding and Hope. We have an underwater theme and Mrs Hollingsworth has spent a lot of time making one of our large structures. However, we need more help!

If there are any parents/carers who could volunteer to help on the afternoon of **Wednesday 9th March from 1.30pm**, we would be really grateful! You don't need to be good at art, just good at following Mrs Hollingsworth instructions! Come along and have some fun and we'll throw in some chocolate biscuits. We need to make sure everyone knows Rudyard's is the best structure in the parade!



Mother's Day Event 2022

Children can choose gifts in school on **Wednesday 23rd March**.

It is **£3.50 per gift package**.

Children must bring their money in **ON THE DAY** in a sealed **NAMED** envelope. Please instruct them to safely hand this envelope to the teacher at the start of the day.

No gifts are marked with Mum or Mother, so all gifts are suitable for any female family member, friend or carer.

You may send money in with your child for as many gifts as you'd like them to buy. Please just state amount of money and number of gifts needed on your envelope.



Head Teacher Awards!

Kahlo – Ivy made a spectacular silver castle at home, complete with drawbridge and portcullis- Wow!



Gandhi – Ronnie for consistently making excellent choices and being such a sensible and reliable member of Gandhi.

Darwin – Kajus for writing a to the point and inspirational speech on how to conserve water. It even got Miss Morgan thinking!

Seacole – Neel for consistently working hard and being a conscientious member of Seacole class. Keep up the hard work!

Yousafzai - Excellent Eliza is a shining example of a Year 6 child, she is always smiling, forever helpful and such a wonderful asset to Yousafzai

Play Champion of the week

KS1 – Logan in Kahlo - lovely dancing to the music at lunchtime.

KS 2 - William G in Darwin for collecting all the plastic bricks from around the playground all by himself at tidy up time.



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Lewis in Parks for settling in well at After School Club.

KS2 – Alexandra in Mandela for being so creative.



Equalities



In Reception this week, we have been celebrating our differences. We talked about how our differences make us all special. We learned that while we look different from each other, have different types of family and enjoy doing different things, we are all human on the inside. We demonstrated this fact by looking at three varieties of apple. The apples were cut to show that on the inside, they were all the same so as humans, we are all the same. Therefore, we all deserve to be treated equally.





Special Mentions



Thunberg – Stanley has been a fantastic Cooperating Clara this week! During PE, he has been listening to instructions respectfully and carefully so he is ready for action! Miss Eastlake has also been very impressed with his attitude during Carpet Time. Stanley is a super listener and he is always ready to share his ideas. You should be very proud of yourself Stanley!



Kahlo – Dexter - What a Have a go Harold Dexter has been this week. He has worked so hard in everything, checking his work and editing it to make it the best it can be; such a hard worker. Keep it up Dexter! Mrs Forsyth is very proud of you.

Obama – Freddie has been on a run of independence this week! He has shown time and time again what a Have a Go Harold he can be and what he can truly do if he just has a go by himself! I am so proud of all his work in class this week! Well done, Freddie!



Attenborough – Harry - Oh Harry! You are Positive Polly through and through! He always arrives with a smile on his face and tries his best no matter what challenge he is faced with. He is a ray of sunshine in our classroom and an excellent role model with his positive attitude towards his learning. Keep it up Harry, our classroom is all the better for having you in it!

Parks – Harvey - My goodness, Harvey! You've been giving Have a Go Harold a run for his money! You're always ready to give our learning a good go, be an awesome talk partner and putting your hand up to share your ideas! It's so clear to see you are enjoying your learning! You should be very proud of yourself, Miss Ghattas certainly is! Keep it up.

Gandhi - Woody is so conscientious with his learning. He never fails to give anything but 100% to every single aspect of his work, including both the content and the presentation. He epitomises what growth mindset is all about, as he loves to stretch and challenge himself and he sets himself very high standards. Woody, you should be very proud of all your hard work.

Pankhurst – Ruby is a super star! She works so hard and is a great talk partner. She's happy to help everyone with a smile on her face. Her English work is so good and her handwriting is beautiful. Keep it up Ruby!



Seacole – Sophia, what a fantastic member of Seacole you are! Every day without fail, Sophia arrives in the classroom with a big smile and a happy good morning. It brings a ray of sunshine and happiness to the morning when it is grey outside. This week, her creative brain has been flowing and Sophia worked incredibly hard with her partner to research plastic pollution, make a poster and create a persuasive speech all about the subject. I am so proud of you, keep it up!

Darwin – Matthew's perseverance with his learning has been fantastic this week. Despite it not being a normal week of learning, he has worked hard and focused with every task that has been set. He knew exactly what to research about global warming and wrote an interesting speech to persuade others to do their bit for the world. Well done Matthew!

Turing – Effie - No matter who I speak to about Effie, they have nothing but praise for such a well-mannered, helpful, and, to be honest, awesome individual. You continue to amaze every adult in this school Effie and I could not be prouder to award you with Positive Polly this week. Your progress both in the classroom and out never goes unnoticed and you thoroughly deserve this award! 😊



Yousafzai – Eliza - Excellent Eliza is a shining example of a Year 6 child, she is always smiling, forever helpful and such a wonderful asset to Yousafzai class. This week, she has written a very powerful guide to explain the impact of plastic pollution and how to help! Environmentalist Eliza!

Year 3 – Trip to Brighton Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their school trip to Brighton Museum on Wednesday. They became 'Mummifiers' for the morning and learnt how to mummify a (fake) body. It was pretty gruesome but everyone loved it and had great fun! They also got to handle some genuine Ancient Egyptian artefacts that were over 4000 years old. It was great to be out and about, really bringing their learning to life.



RKPS Communication Flow chart



Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

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- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

Head of EYFS: Mrs Smith
Head of KS1: Miss Moore
Head of KS2: Miss Vaughan

Rottingdean Spring Beach Clean

Join us in Rottingdean for our regular spring beach clean – bring your own gloves / pickers / bags / buckets if you have them, although we will have equipment available (and plenty of hand sanitiser).

Let's get Rottingdean beach looking pristine after the winter storms – do bring your friends / family / neighbours / workmates too: the more the merrier!

DATE: March 6th 2022

TIME: 11:00 am -12:30 pm

<https://thelivingcoast.org.uk/events/rottingdean-spring-beach-clean>



The Queens' platinum Jubilee extra bank holiday falls during half term. For this reason, the last day of term will be Thursday 21st July 2022. So start booking your holidays now!



Important dates:

March 2022	
Monday 7 th	Parents/Carers Consultations for Yousafzai 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Newhaven Fort Trip
	Parents/Carers Consultations for All Classes 4.30pm – 6.30pm – excl Darwin
Monday 14 th	Let's Dance
Tuesday 29 th	Reception – Blackberry Farm trip
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

