



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

A troupe of talented RKPS dancers from Years 5 and 6 performed brilliantly at the Brighton Dome on Monday evening. It is wonderful that the performing arts are now up and running again after the Covid caused frustrations. To see such joy on the children's faces during and after the performance was so special - it was a privilege to be there. Occasions such as this stay in a child's memory for a lifetime.

Our dancers will also be performing their 'Footloose' dance to the children in Monday's whole school assembly so no one misses out on the fun!

A performing arts event on the near horizon is of course the Children's Parade which returns with a bang on Saturday May 7th. The wicker skeleton of our 'big make' sits proudly in the KSI Hall and will build up into a colourful masterpiece over the next few weeks. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already helped in its creation. If you have a passion for art - and would like to help - then please do let the office know, thank you!

Next Wednesday, March 23rd, is our Mother's Day gift event. Thanks as always to the PTFA for organising yet another occasion for our children to look forward to. The money raised by this and future events this year will go towards buying a special piece of new adventure playground equipment for the KS2 playground. The children were informed about this in a recent assembly and are most excited!

One mother who is celebrating a special milestone this year is of course Queen Elizabeth II. In the summer term, the PTFA will be organising a platinum jubilee street party, which will be a whole ton of fun I am sure! As part of the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations, a 'Queen's Baton' is being passed between the Brighton and Hove schools. It arrives at RKPS next Wednesday from Woodingdean Primary School. We will be adding our own special RKPS school poem to the baton and then passing it onto Longhill School next Thursday. It's another fun event to excite our whole school community.

British Science Week 2022 has certainly been fun: our Forest School has never been busier with science investigations happening left, right and centre! The science lessons continue next week and every week as science is a subject our children really enjoy.

I hope that all RKPS families enjoy the sunshine and have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



Let's Dance 2022



MATCH REPORT

Rudyard 2 - 0 St Paul's Match Report – By Ewan, Caden, Huey and Oscar (our sports captains)

On Wednesday the 2nd of March 2022, Rudyard faced St Pauls in the first round of the Greets cup. As a team, we went into the game with high hopes, lots of confidence and bags of pride.

We started the game as the better team and dominated possession. Our striker and midfielders peppered their goal with shot after shot, but could not score in the first 14 minutes due to their towering goalkeeper. However, we knew the time would come and after many chances, thirty seconds before the half time whistle, Rudyard broke the deadlock. A shot from outside the box, courtesy of TJ, was stolen from before the goalkeeper's outstretched arms by none other than Huey. Taking it round the goalkeeper, Huey perfectly slotted the ball into the empty net. 1-0 to the boys in yellow at half time.

Little changed in the second half as Rudyard continued with their momentum. Rudyard's best move of the match resulted in yet another goal. A 1-2 between Oscar and Huey saw the latter, slot the ball passed the on-rushing goalkeeper into the bottom corner for his, and Rudyard's second of the game. After that, we kept things simple and defended our lead with Vinny bossing the St Paul's attack, tackling with ferocity and clearing the ball to ensure the safety of the 2-0 lead. This performance earned Vinny the Man of the Match award!

Well done to Vinny and all the boys who represented the school by following the five school values! On to round 2, Rudyard go! Well done to: Alfie S, Alfie E, Huey, Caden, Ewan, Oscar, William H, Vinny, TJ, Blake, Finley, Ernie, Codey!!



Honesty Assembly

Thank you to the Holy Cross Church who kindly came into school to give an assembly based on honesty. Lots of children from Year 5 helped with the assembly acting out various parts, and Mr Hanington thoroughly enjoyed himself taking on the role of a Vineyard owner!



Autism Acceptance Week

Autism Acceptance Week is the week beginning **28th March**; all classes throughout the school will have the opportunity to learn more about Autism, more details to follow next week.



The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) is back!

These are free holiday clubs which include a meal.

Visit <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf> and click on the Easter Holiday Activities and Food Calendar to find a club that suits your child.

The most local venue is Longhill School where they are running SportsCool for 5-11 year olds.

Slightly further afield in Whitehawk, Stanley Deason are also running SportsCool and Trust for Developing Communities are running a holiday club involving sports and arts and crafts. This will be indoors and outdoors and will include a hot meal.

Your child will be eligible if they have free school meals or could have a referral from EMAS.

School Uniform - Navy Polo Shirts

Due to demand, we have ordered another batch of our embroidered navy polo shirts. If you would like to order yours ahead of Spring and Summer, please visit our school uniform shop via the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=3682>

From September 2022, our uniform code will change from white to navy polo shirts.



SchoolPing

All communications are sent through SchoolPing. Please engage with this app so you do not miss out!

We use it to send out **messages, forms for trips, parent's evenings and much more.**

If you are having difficulties, please contact the Office so we are aware of your situation and we will try to help you.

Thank you for your support in this.



Reading Support Network

We have been really lucky over the years to have a team of wonderful volunteers who have made up our Reading Support Network. We already have some lovely people supporting reading across school, but we would like to recruit some more.

If you can spare an hour (or more!) per week to work with children across the school, supporting them in their reading, we would LOVE to hear from you! This important voluntary role will not only develop your understanding of how children learn to read but will make a massive difference to the lives of those you work with!

Mrs Forsyth will be running the next training session for volunteer readers on **Tuesday 29th March from 2.15pm -3pm.**

If you think that this is something you would like to support with, please contact the office to let them know you are interested.

If you have been a member of the Reading Support Network before and would like to re-join, again please contact the office. We'd love to have you back on board!

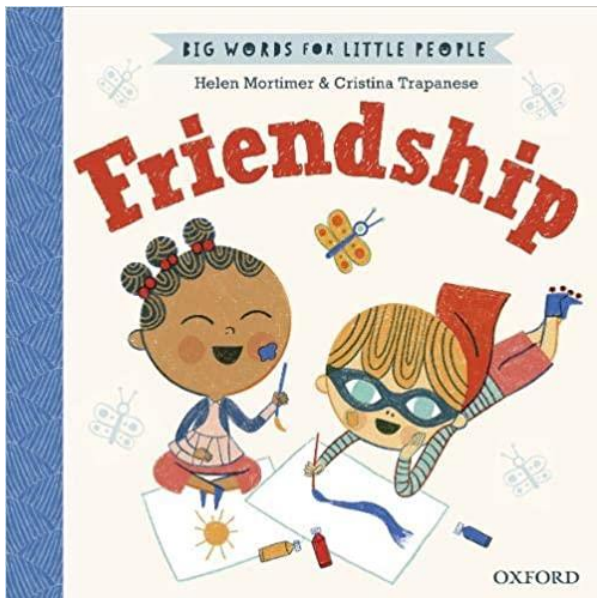


Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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.

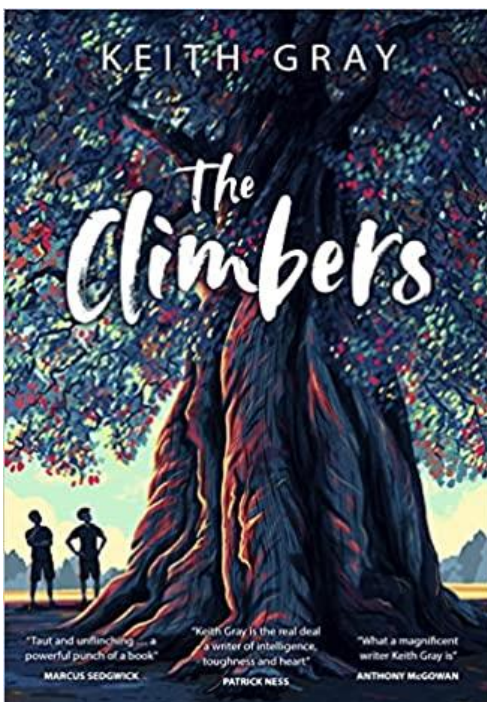
Reading Research Alert:

“Benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge.” Clark and Rumbold, 2006



Big Words for Little People: Friendship by Helen Mortimer & Cristina Trapanese

Using carefully chosen words and phrases, such as 'belonging' and 'be loyal', it creates a special moment for grown-ups and children to focus on what it means to be a friend and nurture friendships. Children can discover and understand new words to help them to talk about the ups and downs of first experiences and new emotions with confidence.



The Climbers by Keith Gray

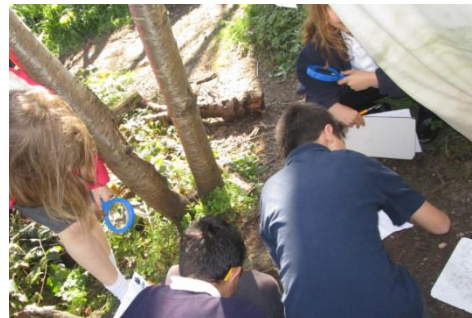
Sully is the best climber in the village. He can scale Twisted Sisters tangled branches and clamber up Double Trunker with ease. But when new kid Nottingham shows up and astonishes everyone with his climbing skills, Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who's best. Sully and Nottingham must race to climb the last unnamed tree. Whoever makes it to the top will become a legend. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully... Is it worth losing everything just to reach the top?

British Science Week

All week we have been celebrating British Science Week here at RKPS! The theme for this year was growth, so every year group has been exploring different aspects of this. From growing plants in Reception and building nests in Year 2, to thinking about keeping our growing bodies fit and healthy in Year 4 and antibodies and viruses in Year 6. It's all been going on! All classes enjoyed time in the Forest School and explore what wildlife is living around our trees which was a chance to practise our observation skills as scientists. A lucky few from Year 5 and Year 6 really enjoyed their day developing their coding and teamwork skills in workshops led by Brighton and Hove Albion! Mr Hanington got involved too as it was so much fun. Overall, it was an education but (more importantly) super fun week and we can't wait to see what British Science Week 2023 brings!



Year 2 building nests



Year 5 exploring wildlife



Year 5 & 6 working on their coding with Brighton & Hove Albion – Albion in the Community Team

Equalities



Year 3 have been learning about healthy and unhealthy choices for our bodies. We have been looking at lots of different things, ranging from food and exercise to medicines and different types of drugs. We are learning to make sensible choices to help keep us and our families healthy and fit.



Head Teacher Awards!

Thunberg – Charlotte is a Super Learning Muscle Heroine! She could be any one of them but Charlotte thinks she is a 'Have a Go Harold' because she will always try her absolute best in everything and Miss Eastlake agrees. What a fantastic role model you are Charlotte.

Gandhi – Olivia for her superb hard work and effort in Maths. She is fantastic at fractions!

Pankhurst – Riley and Sienna for excellent writing full of rich description.

Darwin – William H for consistently abiding by all five of our school Values!

Turing – Ruby, Lily and Alisha for independently leading wonderful parachute games with our younger children at playtimes: brilliant playground mentors.



Play Champion of the week.

KS1 – Jaxson in Reception for being kind to friends that needed first aid.

KS2 - Ruby K, Alisha & Lilly in Year 6. Are amazing playground mentors playing with the other children and supporting the MDSA's.

The girls were awesome this week playing a parachute game and keeping the KS1 children aware from the fenced off area, bringing children to first aid and reassuring them. Then round to KS2 playground where they were helpful organising the tidying up. They are a real credit.



Stars of the Week

After School Club

KS1 – Ruben in Carle for playing so well with others.

KS2 – Indie-Rae in Seacole for being helpful sorting out all the books.



Breakfast Club

KS1 – Theo in Thunberg & Olivia in Attenborough and **KS2 – Oscar in Seacole** all for settling in so well and being great members of the Breakfast Club family.

IT'S BACK!

LEGO CLUB

BUILDS OF THE WEEK



LUCA



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This week at Lego club, builders were challenged to create their dream house. We were very impressed with their imagination and creativity!



Special Mentions

Rashford – Harrison is 'Mr Positive', he is so enthusiastic about his learning and a pleasure to have in class. Harrison has been working especially hard in phonics recently- keep it up Harrison!

Kahlo – Eddie wow! What a super mathematician Eddie has been this week. He has been growing his brain and thinking really carefully about how to add his 2 digit numbers. Eddie loves to challenge himself and use what he knows to work out tricky questions. Well done, Eddie!

Obama – Bertie - I have been so impressed with Bertie's fantastically positive attitude to learning. He has shown time and time again this week that he can be both a 'Positive Polly' and a 'Have a Go Harold' when faced with new learning. I am beyond proud of him! Well done, Bertie.

Attenborough – Theo - What a super scientist Theo has been this week! Dr Curious eat your heart out! Theo has shown so much enthusiasm towards our learning during British Science Week, asking lots of questions, thinking outside the box and carrying out investigations fairly and carefully. He showed great interest in learning about Sir Ernest Shackleton and was a fantastic penguin when building a nest with his beak. You are just brilliant, Theo.

Parks – Rocco - Every single class needs a Rocco! Rocco does not stop wowing Miss Ghattas. Not only does he embody every single one of our school values but he also utilises our learning muscles in every single lesson! Rocco deserves all five learning muscles but this week he has particularly shown Positive Polly. He is always in his green zone, ready to learn and the first to cheer another child on. We are so lucky to have such a kind and caring child in our class!

Gandhi - Sofie is receiving this Co-operating Clara Special Mention for her general lovely, co-operating attitude. She is fantastic at listening to others and also helping others if they don't understand. She is kind and thoughtful and she always works well with others to get things done. I can definitely say that she brightens up my day with her happiness.

Mandela – Joe P - Change can be difficult for us all. It throws us out of our comfort zone and into the unknown but, with the right attitude, it can be seen as a positive. This week, Joe has moved to a new learning space, and despite some initial apprehensions, he has taken to his new space like a fish to water. He is producing a great quantity and quality of learning in his new space – well done Joe!

Seacole – Louis had a superb week last week with his enthusiasm and perseverance in maths. He has been working especially hard on challenging himself and having a go with the problem-solving challenges! Keep up all the hard work you are doing Louis!

Turing – Ahmed - Step aside Alan Turing, there's a new kid on the block and he goes by the name of Ahmed! What a phenomenal mathematician you are. Your perseverance to tackle problems is truly faultless and you are beginning to slow your pace down to ensure you avoid any errors along the way. Ahmed also embraced science week with a positive attitude and was a lead voice during our discussions in class and out in the forest school. Well done!

Yousafzai – Hardworking Harlow brings so much joy to the class. I love reading her writing as she has made incredible progress. She is Yousafzai's very own Positive Polly: always smiling and always looking out for people! Thanks Harlow for being so wonderful!

Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 11.03.2022

1st 100% **Obama**

2nd Year 1 **Kahlo**

3rd Year R **Thunberg**



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 11.03.2022

1st 100% **Darwin**

2nd Year4 **Mandela**

3rd Year 3 **Gandhi**



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 11.03.2022

1st Year 1 **Kahlo 98.8%**

2nd Year R **Rashford 98.2%**

3rd Year 1 **Obama 95.9%**



R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 11.03.2022

1st Year 3 **Gandhi 96.7%**

2nd Year 3 **Pankhurst 96.4**

3rd Year 5 **Darwin 96%**



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.





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.

LET'S DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages 8-11
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!



BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.LETSDANCE-UK.CO.UK

EASTER 2022
11TH - 14TH APRIL
19TH - 22ND APRIL

£100 PER WEEK

SUMMER 2022
25TH - 29TH JULY
1ST - 5TH AUGUST
8TH - 12TH AUGUST

£125 PER WEEK

9AM - 3PM EACH DAY
AT DOROTHY STRINGER SCHOOL





Fun for 8-13 year olds (or thereabouts)

Friday 1st April 3.30-5.30pm

Table tennis, games, craft, tuck-shop and Bible stories

FREE ENTRY ALL TUCK 50P AN ITEM

Parish Hall
Holy Cross Church
Downsway

March 2022	
Wednesday 23 rd	PTFA Mother’s Day Event
Tuesday 29 th	Reception – Blackberry Farm trip
Wednesday 30 th	Year 1 Trip to Lewes Castle
	Year 5 Trip to Planetarium
April 2022	
Tuesday 5 th	Year 4 Trip to La Choza
Friday 8 th April	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 25 th	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

