



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

We are proud of our sporting culture here at RKPS.

After school today, our Year 5 and 6 girl footballers will be playing a friendly match against Whitehawk school, it's a home match and I know that there will be a lorry load of supporters to cheer our girls on, of whom I will be one!

Yesterday, our Year 4 netballers travelled over to Our Lady of Lourdes for some netball fun, next week it is the turn of Year 5. We strongly believe that sport is for all!

Our netball training sessions will be even more professional after Easter as we are having a netball court marked onto our KS2 playground along with a whole host of other playground markings: our netballers are looking forward to practising on their new court.

We of course have a long-established culture of inclusivity in our school and are always looking for other sports which might interest different children. After Easter, our older children will have the chance to take part in tag rugby sessions after school on Thursdays. Tag rugby is a super sport, a real test of speed and agility plus teamwork of course, one of our school Values. I know that Mr Wynne and Mr Mac are always on the lookout for other sports which we can introduce our children to, sports away from the norm: watch this space!

The fact that all of our sporting clubs are free fits in well with our inclusivity culture. We want all our children to be able to be able to develop a love of exercise, a passion for sport which will likely stay with - and benefit them - for a lifetime.

I must thank all of our teachers who give of their time to encourage a love of sport for all our girls and boys: from Mrs Smith, Miss Lee-Bull and Miss Vaughan's netball after school on Mondays (not forgetting Mr Jones' table tennis!) through to Mrs Nazarko's 'Fabulous Fitness Fridays' to bookend the sporting week. And finally, a massive thank you to Mr Wynne and Mr Mac for all they continue to do to develop this strong sporting culture: the reason so many children love sport at RKPS!

The weather is looking fine for a game of tennis or similar tomorrow so,

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



RKPS Netball Team



Queen's Haiku

In last Monday's assembly, children, staff and parents and carers talked a little about what the Queen means to us. We came up with a bank of nouns and adjectives which we then sculpted into a Queen's Haiku.

A haiku is a Japanese poem with a 5-7-5 syllabic form and we are proud of the haiku we wrote together. We added it to the special Queen's Baton book which has been passed between all of Brighton and Hove's schools, a copy is as below. We received the baton from Woodingdean Primary School on Wednesday and then ran it along the road to Longhill High School yesterday. The baton has been passed on!

The next Queen's Platinum Jubilee school event to look forward to is the PTFA Jubilee Street Party on Friday May 27th, we can't wait for that!



Passing the baton on...

Mother's Day

It was lovely to see so many happy children holding Mother's Day gift bags on Wednesday. A thousand thanks to our wonderful PTFA for organising this super event and for making many mums happy this coming Sunday!



Netball Tournament

Last Thursday, ten Year 3 children took part in an after school netball tournament against Our Lady of Lourdes School and Saltdean Primary School. All the children were fantastic representatives of RKPS, playing fairly and kindly as well as having loads of fun. They played brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed this extra curricular event.



Yesterday, some of Mandela class, in Year 4, supported by a handful of eager Year 3's, travelled to Our Lady of Lourdes School in Rottingdean for a netball tournament. Most of the children had never competed competitively in netball and were therefore, understandably nervous. After one game however, the nerves had drifted away and smiles were plastered on the faces of all Rudyard children. The children were a credit to the school and displayed all five of our school Values throughout - Mr Wynne was beaming with pride! Rudyard ended up finishing in second place - what an achievement! Most importantly, and above all however, every child came away explaining they had enjoyed themselves. Isn't it great to see children competing happily in competitive sport!? Thank you and well done to: Lottie, Lianna, Ellie, Travis, William J, Lennon, Bailey, Max, Rebecca, Sienna, Ronnie, Fletcher, Alexandra and Henry!

Children's Parade 2022!

On Saturday 7th May 2022, Rudyard Kipling Primary School will be taking part in the Brighton Festival Children's Parade. The theme of this year's parade is 'Rebuilding and Hope', with the East Brighton section focussing on the natural world. Our school theme will be...Rewilding Britain's Coasts!

More information about the parade will be sent via SchoolPing, please look out for it.



Arriving at school

The school gates open at 8:35am. Please arrive as close to this time as possible to reduce congestion in the car park and on the road. It would be much appreciated if you did not arrive early.

It is not safe when children are in the car park unaccompanied so please also ensure that your child stays with you.

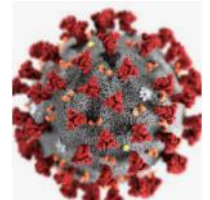
Covid

Unfortunately, Covid rates of transmission across Brighton and Hove have increased recently.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they are showing any Covid symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

Please continue to inform the school if your child has Covid.

Thank you for your support in helping keep our whole school community safe.



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

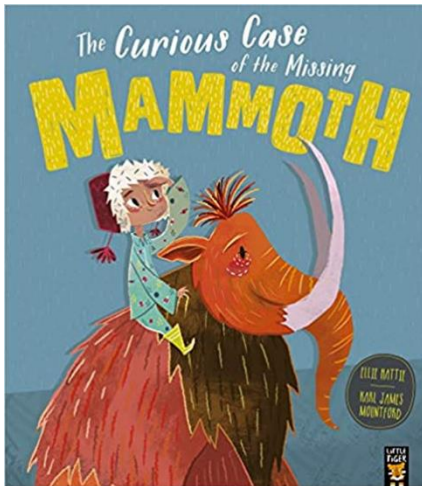
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school are share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.



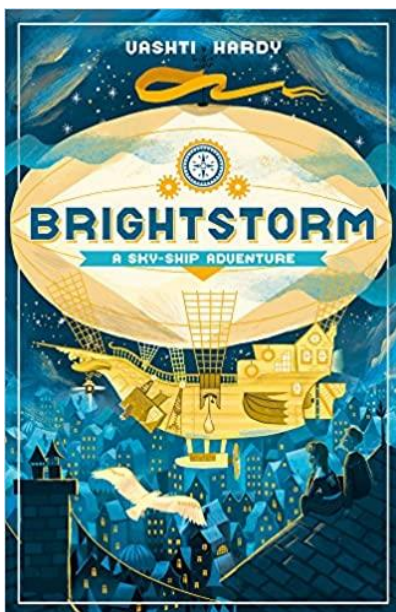
The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth by Ellie Hattie and Karl James Mountford



Look out! There’s a mammoth on the loose! Follow Oscar through a magical museum of curious creatures to find the mammoth before the clock strikes one! Is he munching sandwiches with Diplodocus Dave in the Dinosaur room? Or joining an aerobics class with the Extinct and Endangered Species?

The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth is a riotous adventure, packed with fascinating facts and lift-the-flap fun. With stunning illustrations from Karl James Mountford, this brilliantly interactive book brings museums to life!

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy



Twins Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father has died in a failed attempt to reach the southernmost point in the world. Not only that, but he has been accused of stealing fuel before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to join a new attempt to reach South Polaris. It's their only hope of learning the truth ... and salvaging their family's reputation.

As the winged ship Aurora sets sail, the twins must keep their wits about them and prove themselves worthy of the rest of the crew.

Equalities



World Autism Awareness day is fast approaching and in Year 4, we have been learning about autism and how autism can be seen as a real super power. Wouldn't the world be such a boring place if we were all the same? This upcoming Monday, a member from Mandela class will be explaining what it is like to have autism so that we can all understand it a little bit more - how exciting!



Autism Acceptance Week

Next week is Autism Acceptance Week. All the children will be learning more about Autism, exploring similarities and differences with their classmates and using role play to explore ways of offering kindness and support to children who have Autism. The lesson includes the following video, which we would highly recommend watching at home with your child if you can, it's called Amazing Things Can Happen by Alexander Amelines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>



[Amazing Things Happen - by Alexander Amelines](#)

Professional category finalist Alexander's film gives an uplifting introduction to autism for young non-autistic audiences, aiming to raise awareness, understanding and tolerance in future generations.

www.youtube.com

If you have any questions or comments about this, please make contact with our SENCo, Mrs Nazarko.

PTFA Woodingdean Easter Trail

We have some Egg-citing news for you! We are bringing back the popular Easter Trail for 2022. It will take place here at Rudyard on Friday 8th April from 3pm, everyone is welcome to join in and tickets are £3 per child who is taking part. For full details of the event and to buy your tickets please click on the link below

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/664573>



Head Teacher Awards!

Mandela – Kinza and Inaya for outstanding handwriting progress - you are Handwriting Heroes!

Darwin – Wow Indie, what a year you've had! Your determination has taken you from strength to strength! You should be really proud of your positive attitude because it will take you far. You have been so ambitious with your maths this term - fractions can be tricky but you are now an expert! Keep up the good work!

Seacole – Natasha for continuing to persevere with a smile in maths recently when completing tasks around those tricky fractions!

Ellie-Rose for continuing to persevere with a smile in maths recently when completing tasks around those tricky fractions!

Jayden for being an absolute star and role model following our school values and showing kindness towards others when they've needed help.



Play Champion of the week.

KS1 – Talia in Rashford has been busy gardening this week, collecting leaves and making the playground look tidy.

KS2 – Riley in Turing for being so helpful to all the staff.



Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club

KS1 – Jack in Thunberg for being such a happy, helpful member of the Breakfast Club.

KS2 – Teon in Mandela – excellent bingo caller and being a great member of the Breakfast Club.

After School Club

KS1 – Oscar in Thunberg for being kind to everyone.

KS2 – Oscar in Seacole for settling in well.





BUILDS OF THE WEEK



WOODY & MASON



LOTTIE

This week at Lego club, builders were challenged to build a boat that would rescue Lego man from a desert island. The Lego ocean can be an unforgiving place, it is choppy and has been known that sharks circle the island. Woody and Mason successfully engineered a vessel that saved Lego Man. Lottie's design was very creative too. Well done!



Special Mentions

Thunberg – Amelia has been working so hard to improve her writing during our phonics lessons. Her sounds knowledge is amazing and now she is using her Perseverance Pete skills to make sure her writing is just as good. We are all very proud of you Amelia! Well done!

Rashford – Aitor has been seeking to challenge himself in the learning environment, writing super independent sentences and creating brilliant bridges!

Kahlo – Amelia has been working so hard to improve in all aspects of her learning. She has been challenging herself to improve, especially in her writing and has worked so hard to get better and better in her maths. What a Perseverance Pete she is! You should feel proud of yourself. Keep it up Amelia!

Obama – Ollie has been consistently showing all the school Values this week and paying careful attention during all whole class discussions. This has meant Ollie has made huge leaps in his learning this week and I am beyond proud of him. What a super star!

Attenborough - Jasper and Dempsey the dream team! Jasper and Dempsey have been showing the rest of our class this week what perfect talk partners look like. Co-operating Claras at their core, the boys have embodied every single one of our school Values, particularly teamwork, kindness and equality. Keep it up, boys!

Parks – Izzy sometimes it feels like we have The Perseverance Pete in the flesh in Parks class, especially in our magical maths lessons! Izzy never gives up, she utilises the resources around the classroom to help her and if one way doesn't quite work out, rest assured Izzy will exhaust every other way! She never gives up! Amazing stuff, Izzy! Keep it up!

Gandhi – Ari has such a great Have a Go Harold attitude. This has been particularly apparent in our Sounds Write sessions, computing and Guided Reading this week. He has been working super hard and been having a go, even when he has found things tricky. What a fantastic attitude!

Mandela – Redd - Positive Polly has got some work to do if she's going to compete with Redd. A new learning space has given Redd a new lease of life and his focus, effort and positivity have been ever-present. We love seeing your smile, Redd! Keep it up!

Darwin - Wow Indie, what a year you've had! Your determination has taken you from strength to strength! You should be really proud of your positive attitude because it will take you far. You have been so ambitious with your maths this term - fractions can be tricky but you are now an expert! Keep up the good work!

Seacole – Blake really immersed himself in our class text, Skellig, recently and wrote a beautifully heart-warming letter in role of the main character. He really thought about how the character would write and ensured to keep his audience engaged. Keep it up!

Isla continues to impress me every day with her writing and brilliant ideas in English. She is a fantastic member of Seacole class and works hard every day to achieve her best. Keep up everything you do Isla!



Turing – Ewan what a gentleman in the making this boy is. He is kind, considerate and always shows respect to his peers and adults in school. It would be unfair to say Ewan thrives to achieve only one of our school Values, he achieves them all on a daily basis. Leading from the front in PE, and all sporting events, Ewan’s eagerness and drive to achieve his goals never fail to amaze me. RKPS are very lucky to have such a talented sportsman



Yousafzai – Jacob is a fabulous member of Yousafzai class. During our recent trip to Newhaven Fort, he showed all the school’s values particularly respect: saying thank you to everyone that worked there. This week, he has taken on the role of maths mentor – teaching his learning partner how to tackle tricky questions. Bravo Jacob!

Attendance and Time Keeping



R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS1 Week ending 18.03.2022		
1st	100%	Kalo
2nd	Year 1	Obama
3rd	Year R	Thunberg
R.K.P.S. Championship Punctuality League KS2 Week ending 18.03.2022		
1st	99.5%	Gandhi
2nd	Year 5	Darwin
3rd	Year5	Seacole
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS1 Week ending 18.03.2022		
1st	Year 2	Parks 96.5%
2nd	Year 1	Obama 95.5%
3rd	Year R	Rashford 95.2%
R.K.P.S. Premier Attendance League KS2 Week ending 18.03.2022		
1st	Year 3	Pankhurst 97.2%
2nd	Year 5	Darwin 96.8%
3rd	Year 5	Seacole 92.4%



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.

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Connor’s Birthday
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BAKE SALE

★ Fundraiser ★

Friday 25th March
1 – 4 pm

Front Garden - 14 Downsway,
Woodingdean, BN26BD.

All of Connor’s Favourite bakes so come buy a treat on his birthday, with all proceeds going to Connor’s Foundation.

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For Love For Life For Connor

JOIN US! EVERY **SATURDAY**
9:45-11:15AM
2ND APRIL - 7TH MAY

THE SPACE RACE



Creative space-themed workshop aimed at KEY STAGE 1 & 2

All children welcome!

TECHNOLOGY | ROBOT CODING | ART & MORE

WORKSHOPS

- 2nd April: Why humans broke Sound
- 9th: How did humans reach the Moon
- 16th: Was Apollo 13 a success or failure?
- 23rd: What happened to Space Shuttles?
- 30th: Mission to Mars
- 7th May: An Alien comes to Brighton

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March 2022	
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

