



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

### Where learning is an adventure!

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The rhythical sounds of our school samba band have been heard after school this week which means that tomorrow must be the Children's Parade! Mrs Brewer and Miss Walsh could not be prouder of the children and the spectators lining the streets of Brighton tomorrow are in for a treat.

Our samba band will be playing two pieces of samba music and singing adaptations of Kate Bush's 'Running Up That Hill' and Beyonce's 'Runnin'.

Parents, carers and accompanying family members are encouraged to join in with the singing!

We are Flag 31 tomorrow and will be meeting in Trafalgar Street at 10:00am. There is always a gradual start to the Parade so there's no need to be early. We will finish at Madeira Drive at around midday.

The Parade theme this year is 'A New Dawn'. We are in the category for 'Things We Want to Chuck' and we are 'Running from Pollution, Running to Breathe'. We have a giant moving 'being' named 'Dawn'. Her front is green and flowery, and her back is grey/silver. The samba band will be wearing green and flowery crowns, representing the lush forest with its fresh air. The rest of the school will be wearing grey/silver, with skyscraper hats, representing pollution within the city environment. Dawn will move as if she is running from the city to the forest.

'Dawn' is the latest creation of Mrs Hollingsworth, our artist supremo, whose imagination and artistic talent are something to behold. Huge thanks go to her and Mrs Brewer for the serious amount of time they have both given over to this project. Thanks to them, I am sure that we will all enjoy another very special day. Thank you also to all the families who joined the teachers for the after school parade 'make' session earlier this week.

Our sports fields have been freshly marked, ready for the athletics season. Despite the hot weather this week (the sprinkler has been out!), many children have been choosing to run the track during playtimes. Talking of sport, yesterday afternoon our handball team won gold at the Deans schools event at Longhill: well done them!

Next Friday, our children will be meeting 'Steel', the gladiator from the tv show. It's the latest exciting PTFA funded event and Steel will be talking to our children about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Most of our children will also be having a mini exercise session, kindly led by parent Laura, in our fully functional gym. It promises to be an amazing day!

Do make it along to tomorrow's Children's Parade if you can. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> as Monday is a bank holiday.

Have a wonderful, long, weekend.

*Euan Hainington*

Headteacher



Getting Parade Ready!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Hattie



Hattie is a delightful learner who approaches each day with enthusiasm and a readiness to grow. She is always attentive, full of curiosity, and shows respect to both her teachers and classmates. With her listening ears on and her learning brain switched to full power, Hattie makes the most of every opportunity in the classroom. Her polite manners and positive attitude shine through in everything she does. Miss Sandat is incredibly proud of her, and we are so excited to see the wonderful learner Hattie is blossoming into!

## YRR

## Ronnie



Ronnie has been shining in his learning and surprising us every day. His cheerful personality and sense of fun make him a popular member of the class, and he's great at bringing smiles to his friends' faces. Ronnie is working really hard on building his resilience and we are so proud of the effort he's making. He just needs to remember how brilliant he is and keep believing in himself.

## Grayson



No wonder everyone has been feeling the heat this week...Grayson is on fire with his learning! He is trying so hard with his writing and managing to write full sentences! Every day, Grayson is believing in himself. Furthermore, Grayson is polite, kind and respectful. He will listen carefully to instructions and offer help and support to friends. We are so lucky to have him here in Kahlo Class. Well done, Grayson!

## YR1

## Moses



I am beyond impressed with Moses! He has joined in with our lessons and has been an absolute star at remembering our class and school values. All of us are so proud of our magnificent Moses. Mrs M-P, Mrs G and I are amazed at all the fantastic facts Moses remembers and shares. He is creative, funny and oh-so caring! Obama class is so proud!

## Tallulah



## YR2

Tenacious Tallulah – what a super star you are! Your resourcefulness enables you to be so organised and independent. You apply what we have learnt all together with the working wall, word mats and vocabulary to produce imaginative and lyrical narratives. In Maths, you make sensible choices about the resources needed, as well as modelling this to others. Like a bird soaring to the top of the tall tower, you are reaching for those heights, Terrific Tallulah!

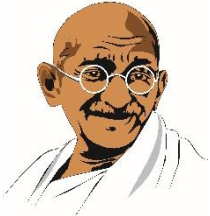
YR2



## Cooper

Cooper the presentation super star! Cooper has worked super hard with his presentation and handwriting recently and is always keen to share all his hard work. His resilience and determination with his cursive writing is apparent in each and every piece of work he produces. It is lovely to see how proud Cooper is of his hard work. Keep it up, super Cooper!

## Chester



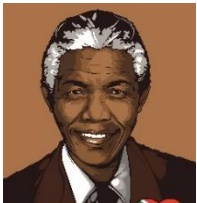
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## Ruben



Ruben is a beacon of reflectiveness. Over the last two weeks, Ruben has shown me how fabulous he is by consistently making the right choices both during breaktimes and inside the classroom. This positive attitude has allowed his classwork to flourish, producing amazingly creative writing! Keep this positivity up Ruben, you are making Miss Hay so proud!

## Harlow



Harlow is an absolute superstar. She radiates readiness in every lesson and is a delight to have in Mandela class. She is keen to contribute in class and is extremely helpful. When she's not busy doing her own amazing learning, she is helping others with theirs. Harlow also works hard at home, practising her learning, including reading and times tables, to ensure she is in the best place to learn at school. Keep it up Harlow, you should be very proud!

YR4

## Freddie



Freddie has had a fabulous start to the summer term. He is being super sensible, showing that he is ready and keen to learn. He is providing thoughtful and sensible answers to questions and he is being helpful in the classroom – keeping it tidy but also helping his friends if they are finding any work things tricky. He is like a positive ray of sunshine in the classroom.

## Harry

YR5



It would be so easy to give Harry a special mention every single week—he's nothing short of incredible! Kind, polite, and hardworking, there really is no stopping him. This week, Mr. Jones has been especially impressed by Harry's attitude and readiness—he dives into every task with speed, style, and determination. Not only that, but he keeps smashing through any barriers to his learning like an absolute champ! His future Year 6 teacher is incredibly lucky to have such a brilliant, kind-hearted human joining their class. Go, Harry!



Liam

There isn't a day that goes by when I don't hear a glowing compliment about Liam. Be it his dedication to mentoring younger children, his exemplary attitude as Sports Captain or the way he speaks so clearly and enthusiastically in Play Leader assemblies, Liam is an absolute gem and thoroughly deserving of this Special Mention for Reflectiveness. Your next school will be lucky to have you Liam!

YR6

Ronnie



Ronnie consistently goes above and beyond and is someone I can always rely on. His kindness helps everyone in the class feel valued and included. I was especially impressed during the residential trip—he approached every activity with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, giving everything a go with a smile. His energy and thoughtfulness make a big difference to those around him. Bravo Ronnie.



YR Thunberg	Emilia, Hannah, Lucy, Amber-May and Millie-Rose	<i>Superb still life drawings of plants.</i>
YR Rashford	Lottie Jana	<i>Always showing great resilience. For being brave and using her voice in class.</i>
Y1 Kahlo	Grayson Herbie Ibrahim	<i>Brilliant writing about slugs! Excellent blue dragon writing! Superb writing about the coast.</i>
Y1 Obama	Iris Lily Rosa Leo	<i>High quality writing. Super description of a witch. A fantastic description of a witch. Excellent geography work on Greece.</i>
Y2 Parks	Roma	<i>For being a writing wizard!</i>
Y3 Gandhi	Adam Chester Tiger & Luke	<i>Great geography work. Incredible coding work. Perfect learning behaviours in Gandhi class</i>
Y3 Pankhurst	Millie, Chiara, Eva and Isabelle	<i>A fantastic Iron man model.</i>
Y4 Mandela	Teddy and Arthur	<i>Brilliant rainforest writing</i>
Y5 Seacole	Carter	<i>A superb letter, written from the perspective of Michael from Skellig.</i>

## Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Oliver in Attenborough for always being so polite.

KS2 – Lana in Franklin for being the life and soul of the party!

## Play Stars of the Week

**Alice** in Obama for being a great role model in the dining room.

**Sydney** in Franklin for good sharing in the KS2 playground.

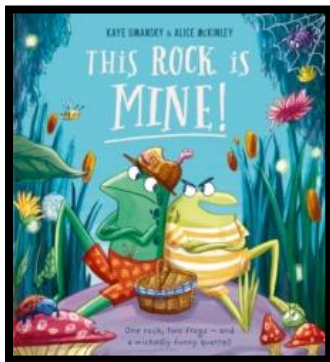
**Connie** in Attenborough and **Ethan** in Gandhi for helping the adults in the dining room filling the water jugs and pushing the chairs in. They didn't even need to be asked!



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

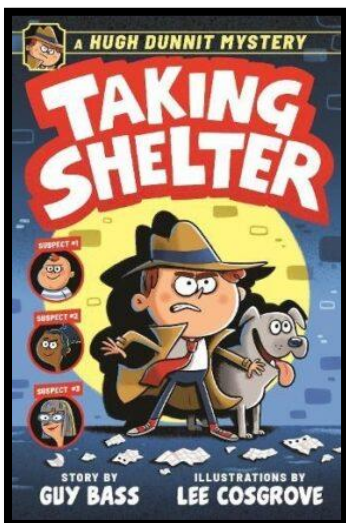
**Reading Research Alert:** *"Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little."* Sullivan and Brown 2013.

### *This Rock is Mine by Kaye Umansky and Illustrated by Alice McKinley*



Two frogs argue over a small rock where they've both set up camp, each insisting, 'This rock is mine!' Then a common enemy arrives. It turns out it's a heron's rock! The frogs hurry to find a new spot and learn that they can live in harmony after all. This is a great book to open conversations about sharing and compromise with little ones – and giggle about the silliness of bickering! The illustrations by Alice McKinley are funny and detailed, with loads to explore.

### *Taking Shelter A Hugh Dunit Mystery by Guy Bass, illustrated by Lee Cosgrove*



Wannabe detective Hugh Dunit rescues an abandoned dog from a bus shelter and knows that he's found his best friend, even though he's allergic to her. Unfortunately, Shelter – as Hugh imaginatively names her – chews everything in sight and his parents warn that if there's one more 'incident', she'll be sent to the animal shelter.

When Hugh discovers his maths homework has been torn to shreds, all the evidence points to Shelter, and his parents declare that she has to go. Adamant that his beloved dog is not the culprit, Hugh sets out to clear her name.

Piecing together the clues, he comes up with increasingly elaborate theories about who really destroyed his homework, but can he prove it?

Hugh narrates the tale in the style of a cynical private detective, with witty one-liners and daft puns, which will make readers laugh out loud. The relationship Hugh develops with his new dog is touching, as are the lengths to which he'll go to keep her.

This fabulously funny tale is ideal for newly confident, independent readers. The chapters are short, providing natural reading breaks, while hilarious illustrations combine with dynamic comic-strip artwork, to provide an amusing visual narrative to accompany the humorous text.

# Times Table Rockstars



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS'

Firstly, it's a belated congratulations to Woody in Year 6, who (once again) achieved the highest number of correct answers over our special Easter holidays edition of 'Battle of the Bands'! Well done, too, to Erica and Freddie, both in Year 4, for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. All three received their certificates and prizes in this morning's Special Mention Assembly.

The next competition dates are:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June (our final special half term prize competition of the year!)

Thank you for continuing to support your child in practising their times tables!

## Equalities



In Year 2, we have been celebrating what makes each of us special – we are all unique stars shining brightly!

We agreed that no one should be discriminated against because of their physical appearance, or their abilities and we discussed how we can be inclusive.









## World Bee Day

We're excited to share that we'll be celebrating World Bee Day on Tuesday, 20th May.

What is World Bee Day? World Bee Day is a special day to learn about the buzz-tastic work bees do for our planet. Bees help grow the food we eat and keep nature blooming. We'll be discovering how important they are and how we can help protect them.

Dress-Up Day! To help us celebrate, we're inviting children to dress up in outdoor or nature-themed costumes, or simply wear green! Here are some fun ideas:

-  Be a bee (yellow & black stripes, antennae, wings)
-  Be a flower (bright petals, floral crowns)
-  A garden creature like a ladybird or butterfly
-  Be a gardener (overalls, sun hat, gardening gloves)
-  Be a plant (leaves, vines)
-  Be a famous environmentalist

Or wear the colour green to show your support for nature.





## Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year 4.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott!

### Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Pankhurst AM & Y1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Y5 Seacole AM & Y6 Yousafzai PM

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – YR Thunberg PM



\* If you would like to help at Forest School please contact the school office and/or look out for Pings that are sent out.

## School Car Park

A few families have an agreement with the school to use the car park to help support their child's needs. Thank you to all parents and carers for being understanding of this.

## Children's Parade

Children's Parade, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Theme - Rudyard's entry is 'Running to Breathe, Running from Pollution'.

What to wear - Samba Band to wear green clothes; rest of the school to wear grey/silver clothing.

On the Day – Flag 31, Trafalgar Street at 10am.

## Sun cream in School

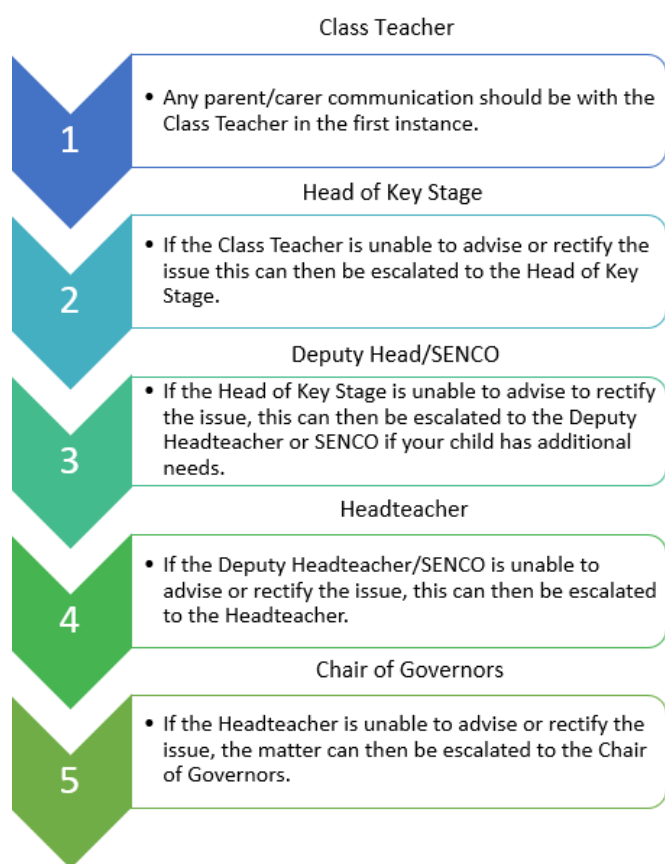
A quick reminder about our sun cream guidelines:

When the sunny weather returns, please remember the following:

- Parents should apply sun cream to their children before they come to school.
- Teachers aren't allowed to apply sun cream to children.
- Children may bring in their own sun cream (though preferably they'd come with it already applied), but they'll need to be able to apply it by themselves.



Thanks for your support in helping keep everyone safe in the sun!



## Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

## Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

### Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

## Dates for the Diary

May 25	
Saturday 3rd	Children's Parade
Tuesday 6th	Y4 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Wednesday 7th	Y5 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Friday 9th	PTFA gladiator 'Steel' Visit
Saturday 10th	PTFA Quiz Night
Monday 12th	Y6 SATs Week
Friday 16th	VE Day Celebrations: Street Party and Carnival
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	World Bee Day (Bee/Nature dress up day) <i>*Info to follow</i>
June 25	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Superman Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Withdean Athletics
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
July 25	
Saturday 5th	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS
Monday 7th	SPORTS DAY - Rec 9.30 am & Y1 & Y2 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY – Y3 & Y4 9.30 am & Y5 & Y6 1.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Prom
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre

# Community Notice Board



## THE GREAT RUDYARD BAKE OFF



FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2025...

- ♥ We are pleased to announce our 5th annual Celebration!!
- 📅 The Great Rudyard Bake Off 2025 🍰
- 📅 Friday 18th May - We have three categories you can enter 🗎 KS1 🗎 KS2 🗎 Adults
- ♥ Please bring cakes to school on the morning of the 18th.
- 📅 After school on the 18th we will be having a special VE day street party. Winners will be announced and all the cakes will be sold to raise money for our school.
- 📅 Friday the 18th May will also be a non school uniform day for a £1 donation. Theme is red, white and blue or party clothes.
- 💰 All money raised is spent straight back into our school

## RKPS PTFA UPCOMING EVENTS

For THIS TERM

**APR 25TH**  
**BIG BOUNCE**

RKPS PTFA BIG BOUNCE. Join us for our sponsored bounce this year! Bouncy castle for KS1 and space hoppers for KS2

**MAY 9TH**  
**SPECIAL GUEST VISIT**

We have a very special guest visiting us for the morning. Watch this space for further clues...

**MAY 10TH**  
**PTFA QUIZ NIGHT**

Join us for a fun filled quiz night. Games, full bar and snacks. Don't miss out!!

**MAY 16TH**  
**VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Lots of fun activities planned to commemorate 80 years since VE day. Bake off, non uniform day and after school street party!



CHECK OUT OUR FB PAGE FOR MORE INFO

## GENTLE YOGA FLOW



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**Sundays @10am**  
**Rudyard Kipling Primary School**  
**£9 per class**

(£7 concession rate for students, low income and 60+)  
Please bring your own mat, all welcome, let me know if you need a mat provided.

**FIRST CLASS ON THE 16TH MARCH**