



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

When a child reads one to one with an adult, it can have a huge impact on that child's reading confidence.

We are looking for reading volunteers to come into school to listen to children read. Any time you can spare will be golden. Perhaps you might know any retirees (grandparents?) with some free time, please do let them know that we would love to have them in school to help. Please ask them to contact the office, thank you in advance.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas with choir and production rehearsals happening across the school. Next Wednesday, I will be joining Mrs Brewer and our majestic school choir at the Brighton Dome for the Christmas Carol Concert which promises to be wonderful.

On the same day after school, our football team will be playing a match against St Bernadettes. Many thanks to Mr Nicholson for coaching the team after school on Fridays and for leading football club. I'm there too but sadly no longer possess the same footballing skills as he does!

Some very exciting news. In the next week or two, our school community is going to be treated to a new mural by renowned Brighton graffiti artist, Glimmertwin. The design remains a surprise for now but I think that our children will love it.

It's been a rather miserable day for our Year 6 pupils as they experienced a 'Victorian' day. Miss Vaughan and Miss Farrow did not break a smile all day. The children will be pleased to return to 2025 on Monday.

December arrives on Monday and we're in for a fantastic final three weeks of term.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Year 6 Victorian Day



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Albie



Wow Albie! You are a readiness role model! You have been doing some amazing learning with Miss King in both your reading and maths. Your number bonds knowledge is amazing! You continue to amaze us every day. We are so proud of you – keep it up you star!

Y1



Ronnie

Resilient Ronnie. You have shone this term. Your phonics is fantastic; your maths is nothing short of marvellous and you throw yourself into every challenge with enthusiasm and pride! Best of all, your attitude to learning is truly inspiring. You come in each day buzzing with excitement, determination and a desire to do your best. Well done, Ronnie, you superstar!

Leon



Lovely Leon, you are the most amazing example of Readiness! Whatever the instruction, task or activity, I know you will always be there, ready and waiting with your impeccable learning behaviours and perfect posture. How lucky we are to have you inspiring us with your positive attitude and calm manner, you superstar!

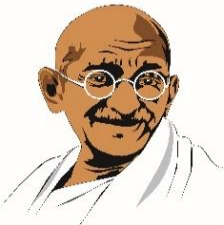
Y2



Gus

What a fantastic few weeks Gus has had! He has been working so hard on ensuring he is ready for his learning and trying to resist any temptation to be distracted from his work. He has been so reflective, always thinking about where he positions himself around the room to make sure he is able to make the best choices. He has also been working really hard learning his lines for our panto! Well done Gus – keep it up!

Henry



Henry has been nothing short of incredible this week. Every lesson he has shown excellent readiness to learn. He listens carefully in the input and doesn't waste a second getting started with him learning. I have been most impressed by his writing in Iron Man where he has written a detailed diary account about how Hogarth feels. I am so pleased with your progress. Keep up the fantastic work Henry!

Y3



Dylan

Dylan is always ready to learn and gives his best every day. He shows up with a positive attitude, stays focused, and puts real effort into everything he does. His hard work and willingness to try make a big difference – great job, Dylan!

Hartwell



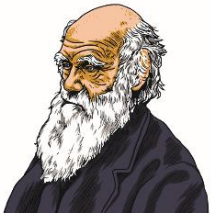
Hardworking Hartwell, if you were any more reflective, you'd be a mirror! This week you put lots of effort into making your work neater, uplevelling vocabulary and thinking outside the box. I often noticed you reading your work back to yourself or double-checking answers, knowing that these steps are the key to success! You are a phenomenal addition to Franklin class and we feel lucky to have you. Keep it up!

Lenny



Lovely Lenny, what a joy it is to have someone as mature as you in Mandela class. You are consistently showing a ready approach to whatever task you face. As a result, I have witnessed you make superb progress. Like an owl waiting for its prey, you listen intently, following adult advice both in class and when outside at play, to an exemplary standard.

Liam



What a star! Lovely Liam is always ready to learn and ready to challenge himself. He has such a great attitude and works so hard, helping others around him if he notices they are stuck. Liam is so caring and considerate, and I am always able to rely on him doing the right thing. Well done Liam – keep it up!

Nina



Nina consistently demonstrates remarkable readiness and an eagerness to learn. She continually pushes herself beyond her comfort zone and into the growth zone, striving to achieve her very best. She brings a positive attitude to every situation, paired with a kind and gentle spirit that uplifts those around her. Her dedication and mindset make her truly stand out.

Matilda



Marvellous Matilda receives a special mention for her fabulous writing work and the outstanding effort she puts into everything she does. She is a shining member of the class, always willing to contribute and support others. Her positive attitude, teamwork and dedication truly make a difference every day. Bravo, Matilda!



After School Club KS1 – Yasmin in Thunberg for being so creative at After School Club
 KS2 – Harry in Yousafzai for being so helpful at After School Club



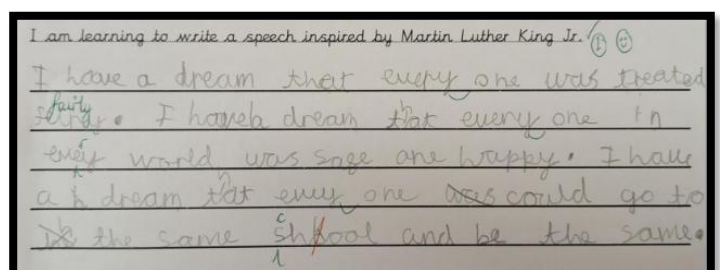
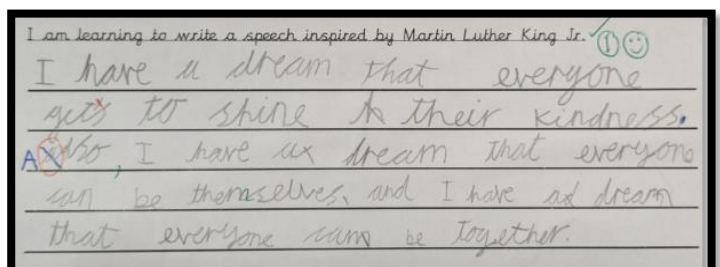
YR Thunberg	Arthur	Going above and beyond in his Superskills writing
	Maeve	Amazing 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story map.
	Sana	A great Bear Map!
Y2 Attenborough	Chimmu	For being a Writing Wizard!
Y2 Parks	Alexandria	A super re-telling of Lila and the Secret of rain
Y3 Gandhi	Rudi	Superb writing based on The Iron Man.
	Albie	Excellent writing.
Y3 Pankhurst	Hope	Excellent writing on 'The Iron Man'
Y4 Mandela	Luke	For being a maths magician!
	Freddie	Fast and accurate maths learning.
Y5 Darwin	Evan	Pleasing 'Darwin' homework.
	Liam, Freddie and Arthur	Inspirational speeches
Y6 Yousafzai	Maxim	Being a great play leader.
	Archie	Excellent 'Street Child' writing.
	Dexter & Harry	Super concrete, pictorial and abstract maths learning



EQUALITIES



This half term, Year 2 are learning about famous people of colour who have influenced positive change because of their belief in a fair and equal world. We were inspired by Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech to compose our own:





School Notices

Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y6**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 2nd December – Year N Armstrong AM

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 6 Yousafzai PM

Thursday 4th December Year 1 Kahlo PM



Attendance reminders

Attendance at RKPS

We have seen a huge improvement in our attendance so far, this academic year. While it is expected that children will pick up illnesses from time to time, we have noticed that some children are missing school for low-level symptoms such as headaches, colds, tiredness, and mild tummy aches. Our expectation is that children should still attend school when experiencing these minor illnesses.

Reporting absences, we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason.

Medical/Dental Appointments Please try to avoid making appointments during school time if at all possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time. Please provide a copy of a letter or card or a text message confirming the appointment.

Lateness

The school day starts promptly at **8.45am**, so you need to ensure that your child is on the school premises before that time. **Late arrivals** are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view there are no late children, only late parents. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence in line with the Department of Education guidance. Persistent lateness can also incur a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. Any children arriving after 8.45am must be accompanied to the school office by the parent /carer, where they will be asked to sign them in. **Lateness** is monitored regularly. Where children have persistent lateness problems, we will inform parents/carers of school concerns by letter, or invite the parents into the school for a meeting.

Jewellery on PE days

For H&S reasons, please can children not wear any jewellery on PE days this includes, necklaces, rings and earrings.

Request for items

If you have any spare action figures, role play items, Early learning/Orchard games, art supplies... that are no longer needed, we would be really appreciate them.

Arbor messages



Arbor



We completely understand that at certain times of the year it can feel like quite a lot of Arbor messages are coming through. Arbor is our main way of communicating important information directly with families. We do try to keep messages to a minimum by including as much as possible in our newsletter.

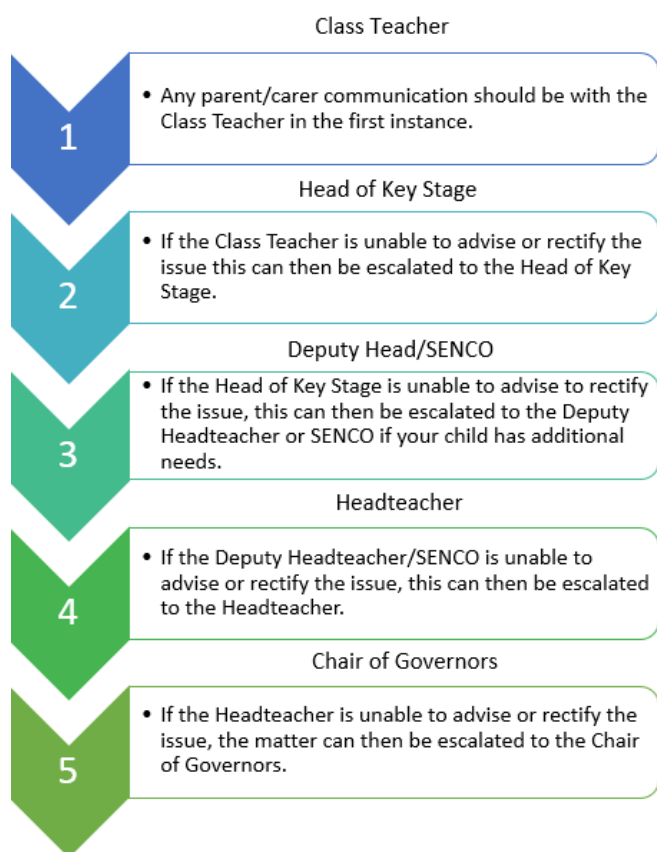
However, there are occasions when events or urgent updates need to be shared separately.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PTFA Events



And finally...



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

December 25	
Wednesday 3 rd	Christmas Concert at Brighton Dome
Friday 5 th	The Wizard of Oz Panto
Monday 8 th	KS1 Dress Rehearsal at 9:15am
Tuesday 9 th	KS1 Christmas Show at 9:15am
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Show at 9:15am, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th	KS2 Winter Show at 9:15am & 17:30pm
Saturday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Light Trail
Monday 15 th	Choir visit to Ireland Lodge Care Home 1.30-2.45pm
Wednesday 17 th	Armstrong Sing-a-long and create at 9am
Thursday 18 th	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long at 9am, Choir Recital to School, 2.30-3pm, parents, carers and all family members invited.
Friday 19 th	END OF TERM



Notice Board



Saturday 6th December
11am-2pm

LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL
Christmas Fair
fun for the whole community

Come along and have some festive fun.
Pop-up Cafe, crafts, games, tombola, raffle and more!

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LONGHILL PTFA
Longhill School hall, Falmer Road, BN2 7FR



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A Night of Astronomy

Wednesday 10th December
4.30 - 6.30
Falmer Road, Rottingdean
BN2 7FR

Longhill High School
presents
Stargazing with local astronomers
Astronomy Talks & Make & Take activities

Plenty of activities inside the school if the weather is bad.

Book your FREE tickets by emailing stargazing@longhill.org.uk with your required number of tickets and primary school (numbers limited)

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