Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

This week, we welcomed four work experience students from Lewes Priory secondary school, three of whom attended Rudyard previously.

They have all been highly impressive, getting stuck in helping children with their learning across the school. If they choose to become teachers themselves, then the future of education is bright indeed! We find that the pupils who leave RKPS always feel a strong sense of belonging to Rudyard, they feel proud to have enjoyed their formative school years here. Indeed, we have many generations of Rudyard families here in our school community, the eldest of whom might remember Mr Bridden, the first headteacher, and some remember the Deputy whose name (believe it or not) was Mr Kipling!

Back in 1960, Mr Kipling encouraged the boys to wear red and gold blazers a tie and a cap. The girls wore a formal uniform also. Times have changed of course but this strong sense of pride to attend Rudyard remains. Soon, we will be welcoming more work experience students, this time from Longhill, our local secondary school. We look forward to them being equally impressive.

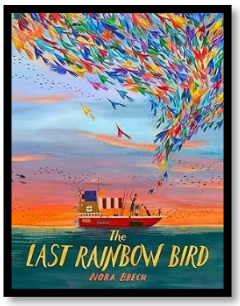
Our traditional Friday Family Playgroup is busier than ever, still free, and now running until 11:00am. It's a really lovely set up with the teeny tinies able to enjoy singing, crafts and eating! If you have a little one, do bring them along. Many thanks to Lou and Danielle for providing this super opportunity for families.

A reminder that it is World Book Day next Thursday with children (and staff) being encouraged to dress in a feathered theme. Children will be reading 'The Last Rainbow Bird', a truly magical book.

Have a wonderful weekend and (whisper it) we might have some sunshine awaiting us next week!

Euan Harrington

Headteacher



The Last Rainbow Bird

Positivity Teamwork Equality Respect Kindness

YR Thunberg	Elijah	For fantastic effort and resilience.
Y1 Kahlo	Finn	For being a writing wizard!
Y1 Obama	Azaan, Atticus and Jana	Super writing.
Y2 Attenborough	Oakleigh Fox	Incredible phonics learning. A very nicely penned diary entry.
Y2 Parks	Lily	Super extra home learning
Y3 Gandhi	Jack Ben	For a fantastic pangolin themed piece of writing Super maths and English
Y3 Pankhurst	Brody Neal	Excellent extra handwriting practice over half term. A super Rama and Sita piece of RE learning.
Y4 Mandela	Eva, Chiara, Henry	Super writing based on the book: 'Gorilla'.
Y4 Franklin	Ayham, Talia and Ted	Impressive writing based on Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla'.
Y5 Darwin	Evan	For a super poem all about the layers of self.
Y5 Seacole	Kiera Oakley	For being a decimals expert! Superb research on Sputnik 1
Y6 Yousafzai	Rocco Archie	For being kind and caring to other children including younger pupils. First class writing

Breakfast Club KS1 – Amber in Attenborough for always showing kindness and being positive.
KS2 – Bradley in Seacole for being a calming influence on others and a good friend

After School Club KS1 –Asia in Armstrong for always following the rules at A.S.C
KS2 – Ruben in Seacole for being a ray of sunshine!

ACE - Handball

Yesterday, athletes from Years 5 and 6 at Rudyard represented the school in a Handball tournament against Saltdean and Our Lady of Lourdes. Despite their valiant efforts, they did not win this time, but Mrs Brewer was so proud of their positive sporting attitudes and excellent teamwork.

Thank you and well done to Rodan, Mason, Carter, Asomi, Alaa, Sanvi, Ariah, Ava and Layan, with a special mention going to Rocco for his outstanding goalkeeping.

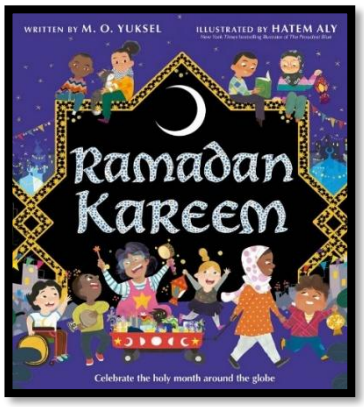
Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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.

Ramadan Kareem by M.O. Yuksel and illustrated by Hatem Aly

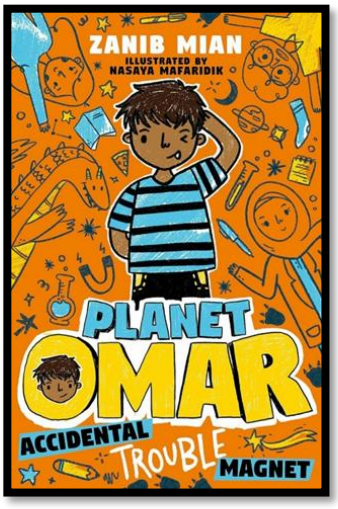


A joyful picture book that celebrates the joys and traditions of the holy month of Ramadan around the world. Join the characters and their families as they engage in a time of increased spirituality, fasting, prayer, charity, self-reflection, gratitude and empathy in the Muslim faith.

This beautifully illustrated picture book shows how Muslims celebrate the holy month of Ramadan around the globe. The illustrator, Hatem Aly uses bright colours to create eye-catching pictures depicting busy scenes of family and community life. We learn how Muslims around the world observe fasting, told through children's viewpoints. Many Muslim children will relate to wanting to fast for the very first time, the excitement of joining in with everyone and also the anticipation of the difficulties they may encounter throughout the fast. It's interesting to see how Muslims in different parts of the world like South Korea or the Middle East celebrate Ramadan.

Readers will have fun searching for the flags on the pages and guessing/learning the country's name associated with it. The author, M.O. Yuksel introduces us to different customs practised, traditional and newer ones. We learn about the variety of foods eaten at Suhoor and Iftar (meals eaten before sunrise and after sunset), and about the good deeds and prayers performed throughout the month.

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian and illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik



Welcome, readers, to the imaginative brain of Omar! You might not know me yet, but once you open the pages of this book you'll laugh so hard that snot will come out of your nose (plus you might meet a dragon and a zombie – what more could you want?).

My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.

At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...

The combination of Zanib Mian's hilarious text and Nasaya Mafaridik's fantastic cartoon-style illustrations make the PLANET OMAR series perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid.

School Notices

Wescott Thursdays

NO Wescott Thursday next week

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 6 Gandhi AM

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 4th March – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 4th March – Year 5 Darwin PM

Thursday 5th March – NO FOREST SCHOOL

Yellow School Markings

To help keep all our children, families and staff safe, we kindly remind parents that parking on the **yellow zig-zag lines** outside school **is not permitted at any time.** These markings must be kept clear to ensure visibility for pedestrians and to allow safe crossing for children. **This also includes, stopping to drop off children. CCTV footage of any cars pulling over a dropping of children will be reported.**

Additionally, the staff car park cannot be used by parents, as it is small, busy during peak times and shared with our Nursery for drop offs and pick ups. A few families with Blue Badges have an arrangement with the school to use the car park. By avoiding these restricted zones, you help us maintain a safe and smooth arrival and departure for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

If you see any antisocial parking or hazardous stopping, please report this with photo evidence to 'Operation Crackdown' via this link: https://operationcrackdown.org/

School Meals

School Meals– Please be aware school meals need to be ordered by 9.30am, if your child has an appointment and is going to be late to school please call the office who will ensure a dinner is ordered on time.

If a meal is not ordered on time you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch from home.

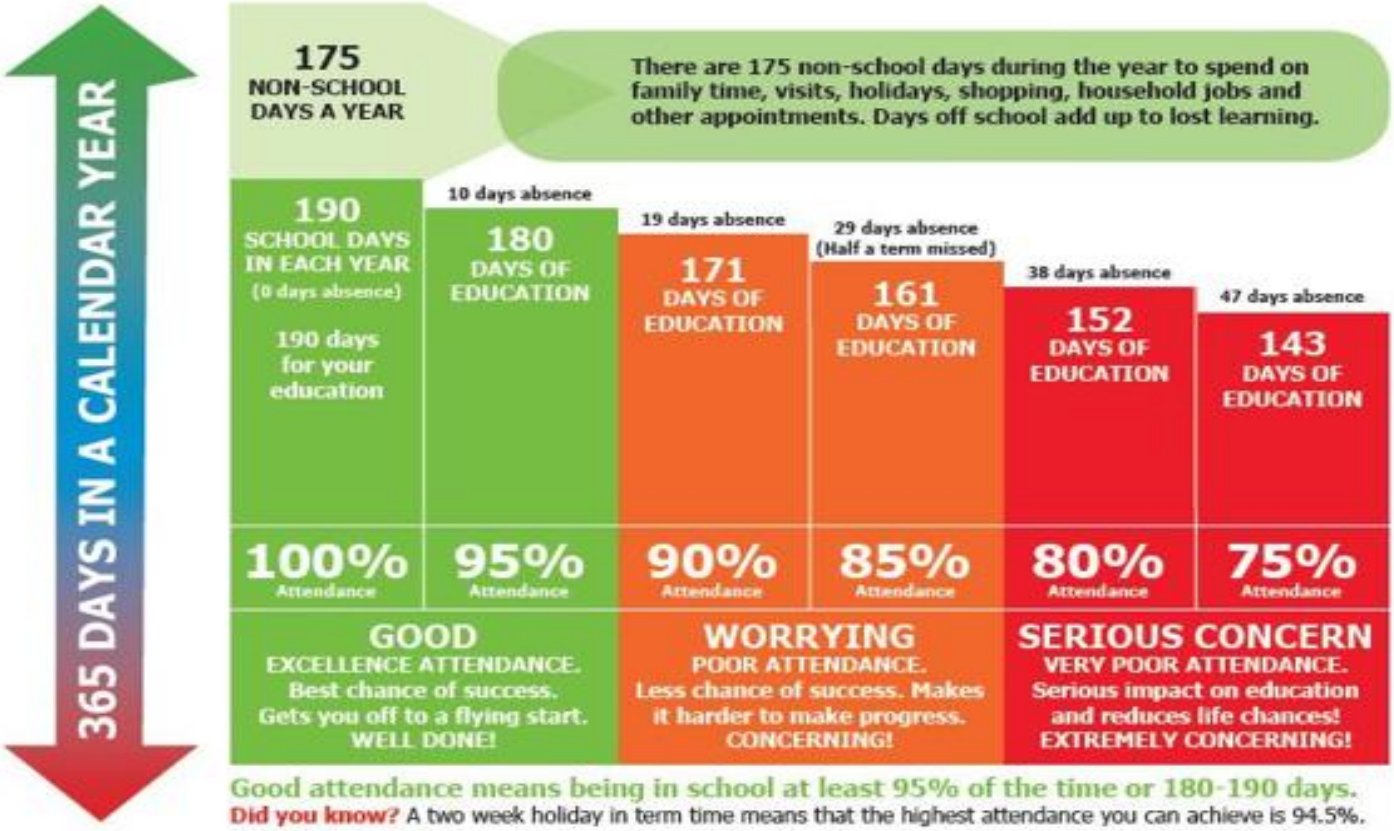
Please ensure that you inform the school office — not the class teacher — of any appointments your child may have. This includes all medical or other appointments, as well as late drop-offs and early pick-ups.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Construction Areas During Collection

Please ensure that your child(ren) do not climb in our construction area in KS2 after school. The use of the pallets, crates and loose parts are to only by used by children IF supervised by an RKPS member of staff.

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters



And finally…

Dates for the Diary

March 26	
Wednesday 11th	NSPCC workshops – all day
Monday 16th	**Parent Consultations (Franklin and Obama ONLY, 3.30pm- 5.40pm)**
Tuesday 17th	Let's Dance, Parent Consultations Day 1(TBC)
Wednesday 18th	**Parent Consultations (All classes except Darwin, 3.30pm-5.40pm)**
Thursday 19th	**Parent Consultations, (All classes including Darwin but not Franklin or Obama, 3.30pm-5.40pm)**
Tuesday 24th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30
Wednesday 25th	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 26th	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 27th	Y6 Residential Day 3, LAST DAY OF TERM
April 26	
Monday 13th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

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