



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been a truly memorable week with our KS1 and KS2 performances. There is a long standing tradition of quality children's productions at RKPS and this continues now and will into the future.

The KS1 Peter Pan panto performances were such fun-I could have watched the show many times more and I'm sure many parents felt the same! (Pirate) hats off to the whole of the KS1 team: theatre of such quality requires, firstly, a great script (written by Mrs Brewer) and excellent staff to pull the show together.

Yesterday's KS2 performances of 'Bah Humbug' really came together and our older children shone in the spotlight. The acting, singing and dancing combined to produce a super show: parents left the school yesterday evening with big smiles and full of Christmas cheer! Bravo to the Year 5 team for leading the production. Next week, it will be the turn of our youngest children, including our 2 year olds who will be enjoying a Christmas 'Crafternoon'.

Today, our children across the school are enjoying a chess day. We are always looking for new and original ways of engaging our children with their learning and today's chess experience with Callum Brewer is just the latest example of that.

Our new 'Learning is an Adventure' mural is being enjoyed by our children and whole school community. Its colour and originality is a fitting reflection I feel for what we stand for as a school.

It is only one more sleep until the PTFA Christmas Light Trail: the weather is set fair and it promises to be a fantastic occasion-I hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful, wintery weekend

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



New Wall Mural



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Beau



Readiness should be Beau's middle name! Throughout our Christmas production, Beau's enthusiasm and positivity has shone through. He is always ready to perform and dance like it's his final show and gave every rehearsal and show his all. I think we have a future performer in our midst! Keep being that readiness role model – you are a star!

Y1



Ernie

Ernie, you come into the classroom each day ready to learn, and it is such a joy to see your enthusiasm grow. You are always so willing to help your friends, offering kindness and support without being asked, and it truly makes our classroom a better place. We are so proud of the confidence and maturity you are developing, and I can't wait to see what the rest of Year 1 will bring for your marvellous mind!

Bobbi



Brilliant Bobbi - what a bold and brave learner you have become! I admire your resilience and 'can do' attitude you apply to any challenge you face. Got some tricky problem-solving? Not a problem for Bobbi! Feeling fizzy or in the blue? Bobbi always has a solution! You retrieve resources and use things to remain comfortable, and you fill the classroom with joy with your beaming smile. What an absolute delight you are to teach - thank you!

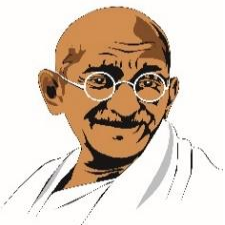
Y2



Herbie

Herbie – what a joy you are to have in class! You have been working really hard on your reflectiveness, making sure you are able to make the best choices both in and out of class. Your brain is always switched on ready to learn and you are making great progress. It has been lovely to see you think about what will allow you to be your best self and I hope to see this continue. Well done Herbie!

Rudi



Rudi has added to the festive cheer in Gandhi this week. He always shows our number one value of kindness to everyone! I have been particularly impressed by his incredible remembering. In the Xmas show he knew all the lines and actions off by heart and sang superbly. Furthermore, Rudi uses this remembering to always check his learning for missed punctuation and will remember to use maths methods when appropriate. Keep up the amazing work, Rudi!

Y3



Jacom

Jacom is always ready to learn and brings a positive, focused attitude to every lesson. He tries his very best in English, especially with his writing. Jacom reflects on how to make his work even better. We are very proud of his effort, determination and enthusiasm. Keep up the great work Jacom!

Arthur



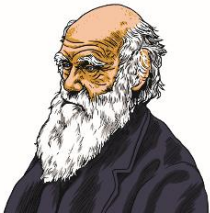
One could compare Arthur to a beaver, quietly working very hard to build something magnificent. Only Arthur is not building dams, he's building ideas, reflections and knowledge. A magnificent addition to Franklin class, you can always rely on Arthur to be carefully listening, analysing and pondering. Keep up that inquisitive attitude Arthur – curiosity is the key to a rich and exciting life!

Ruby-Jo



Consistency is key when you're a young learner and Mandela are blessed with many consistent children, but top of that pile is the queen of consistency herself. Give it up for, RUBY-JO! Following the success criteria for multiplication... easy! Remembering the correct punctuation for inverted commas... no problem! Including embedded clauses in her writing... piece of cake. In fact, absolutely nothing seems to faze her. What a privilege it is to say I teach such a delightful young girl!

Archie



Archie is an absolute superstar, showing incredible resilience and readiness every single day. When challenges pop up, he meets them with determination and patience. He comes to school prepared and focused, always giving his best and encouraging others to do the same. Archie's warm energy, steady perseverance, and joyful approach to learning truly bring our school values to life. Archie also shone in our school production – a respectful and professional actor, both on and off stage! You are doing so well Archie, keep it up!

Ruben



Ruben has achieved this special mention for exceptional readiness and commitment throughout the entire year 5 production. He has turned up every single day prepared, enthusiastic, and bringing a real "Fred-like" spirit to the team. Yesterday, he added another string to his bow by stepping in as a backstage hand, showcasing not only his eagerness to learn but also a fantastic can-do attitude. Well done, Ruben — your dedication has not gone unnoticed!

Jayson



Joyous Jayson— your standard of work is always above and beyond, just like your fabulous singing in the Winter Production. You give your all in everything you do, bringing creativity, confidence and commitment to every challenge. Yousafzai Class are truly lucky to have you. Bravo, Jayson!



YR Thunberg	Elijah	Amazing phonics!
Y1 Kahlo	Hannah	For being kind and understanding
Y1 Obama	Roman, Jana, Wren and Isaac	Super writing based on Pattan's Pumpkin
Y2 Attenborough	Bobbi	Wonderful writing about the African savannah!
Y3 Gandhi	Zohan and Ben	For being writing wizards!
Y4 Mandela	Lenny	Exceptional maths work including immaculate presentation.
Y4 Franklin	Talia and Daenerys	A super newspaper report based on the book Varjak Paw
Y5 Darwin	Ole Freddie	Amazing art work using impressive shading. Super art work.

Fab Fit Fridays

Celebrating the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, Our Fabulous Fitness Friday friends danced to 'Think', played 'Pass the mike' relay races and a 'Queen of Soul' style Duck Duck Goose game 😊



Chess Day with Callum

Callum very kindly visited RKPS today to teach the skill and strategy of chess to each class. We already have a number of chess masters at Rudyard who were excited to test their skills against Callum.





Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y4**.



Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 16th December – Year 5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 16th December – Year 2 Attenborough PM

Wednesday 17th December – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Wednesday 17th December – Year 4 Franklin PM

Thursday 18th December Year 1 Kahlo PM

A Big Thank You

Thank you to Ronnie's mum, Ella, for her kind donation of David Williams books.

Arbor messages

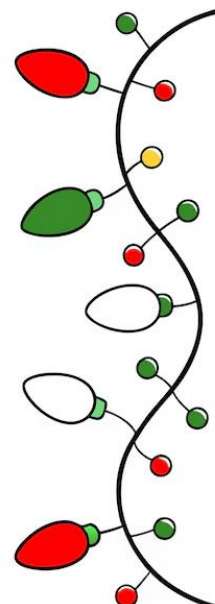
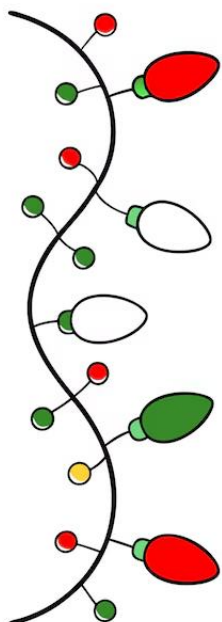


We completely understand that at certain times of the year it can feel like quite a lot of Arbor messages are coming through. Arbor is our main way of communicating important information directly with families. We do try to keep messages to a minimum by including as much as possible in our newsletter.

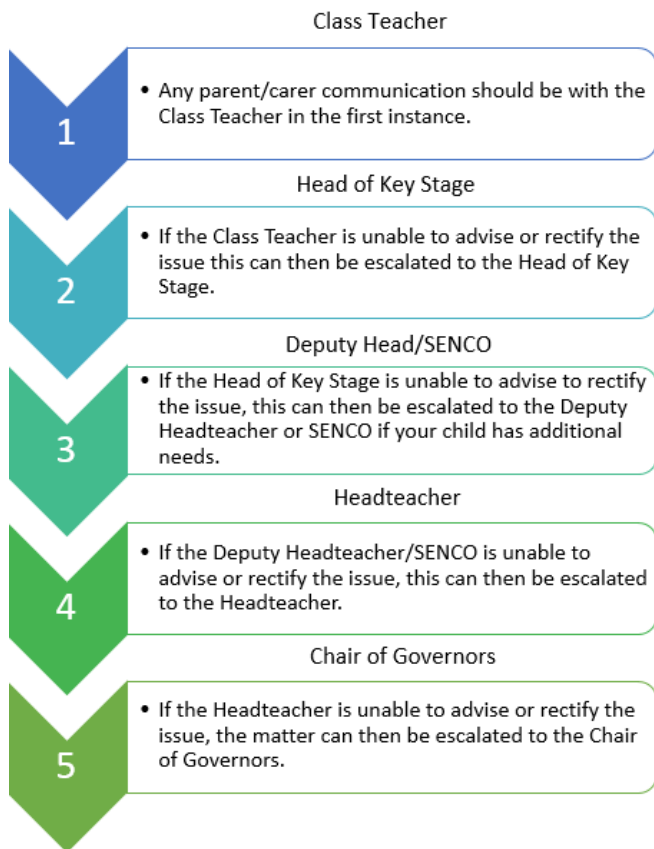
However, there are occasions when events or urgent updates need to be shared separately.

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	
Saturday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Light Trail 16:00pm
Monday 15 th	Choir visit to Ireland Lodge Care Home 13:30pm-14:45pm
Wednesday 17 th	Armstrong Sing-a-long and create at 9:00am
Thursday 18 th	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long at 9am, Choir Recital to School, 14:30-15:00pm, parents, carers and all family members invited, 14:30pm Carle 'Crafternoon' with parents.
Friday 19 th	END OF TERM
January 26	
Monday 5 th	START OF TERM (children return)
Monday 12 th	Nursery S&L session (9:00am-10:00am)
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 Franklin – Farm School
Friday 16 th	Year 5 Soundmakers starts



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