



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been a week of true learning adventures in school.

On Tuesday, Year 4 Mandela class had their first taste of 'Farm School' down at Ovingdean. I was fortunate enough to be part of this outing and we all had a fantastic time. Chicken cuddling, sheep feeding, bird call imitating and a fun 'Masterchef' style team competition were just a few of the activities served up, it was a whole ton of fun! Next Tuesday, it will be the turn of Year 4 Franklin class to enjoy the special experience.

Year 3 enjoyed their 'Hunter Gatherer' day and were transported back in time through a variety of workshops. A special mention to Oakley's mum, Saffron, for helping out so brilliantly over the course of the day.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team played with determination and skill after school on Wednesday. It is great to see our players developing a fluid, passing style of football-pleasing on the eye. Then it was off to the Brighton Dome for the 25 members of our school choir. Every single one of them sang with gusto and passion-Mrs Brewer was the proudest choir leader in town!

I must thank Mrs Brewer for her tireless enthusiasm and dedication as music lead. Our children really are fortunate to have her there to steer them towards a lifelong love of music.

Many thanks to Fletcher and Freddie's Dad, Adam, for kindly giving up his morning yesterday to snap away, taking photographs of our various performers in our upcoming Christmas shows. Thanks also to PTFA co-chair Anik for supporting in the process.

This morning, it is the PTFA organised panto – The Wizard of Oz - for all our children, including the youngest learners in our Nursery. Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution towards the costs, you can still do this through our PTFA Instagram page.

Next week is Christmas production week. All money raised will go towards the Salvation Army as we look to help those with less than us at this special time of year.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Year 4 Farm School



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Lacey



Resilient Lacey, what a superstar you have been! You take on all challenges with a huge smile and never let anything dim your sparkle. It is lovely to see your confidence grow each day and your positive attitude towards learning. You are a resilience role model for us all. Keep shining bright – we are so proud of you!

Y1

Wren



Wren has been absolutely fabulous this past term, lighting up every day with her cheeky grin and wonderful singing. She truly embodies what it means to be a Rudyard role model—kind, enthusiastic, and always ready to lend a hand. Her support for Mr. Wescott during forest school has been invaluable, showing maturity and teamwork beyond her years. Obama class is incredibly lucky to have you, Wren!

Amina



Amazing Amina – what a joy you are to teach! You embody all our school values, but I am particularly impressed with your ‘Remembering’, especially with your spelling and handwriting. Keep shining like the bright, beautiful star that you are!

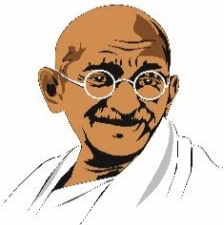
Y2

Cara



What a resilient girl Cara is! Never shying away from a challenge, Cara is a hard worker who always puts her best effort into her work. By the end of our English lessons, her pencils are practically on fire! Once she gets writing, she can't be stopped! She is also very responsible and is always keen to do lots of jobs around the classroom. She can always be counted on to help adults and is eager to make others happy. Keep up the hard work Cara!

Tallulah



What incredible readiness Tallulah has shown this week. Tallulah comes into school with a positive ‘can do’ attitude no matter what task she faces. This has led to some sublime writing for our newspaper report about the dragon from out of space. Furthermore, her dedication to learning her timetables is awesome. Every morning and calm time you ask me to test you on your timestables, having clearly been revising at home. Well done you superstar!

Y3

Albie



This week, Albie has been a superstar in the classroom. He has shown fantastic readiness for learning. Albie comes into lessons focused and eager to take part. Albie has set a brilliant example for others showing what it looks like to be prepared, positive and determined. Well done Albie – Keep shining!

Ethan



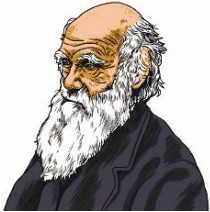
This week, Ethan is receiving his special mention for his resilience. It can be hard to know you've made mistakes in your work, but it's even harder to feel like you have to be perfect all the time. Recently, I have watched Ethan push himself to be more resilient and be proud of the work he has produced. You are an adventurous, creative, hard-working and ambitious person Ethan, and it is those qualities that you should be most proud of. Keep up your positive attitude!

Henry H



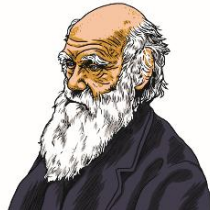
Every now and then, teachers come across children who leave them speechless. Henry is one of those children. No matter the task, you can be sure he is ready to tackle it head on, giving his best and striving to accept challenge, not to mention acting on feedback to improve. The effort and application Henry shows are quite honestly, second to none. What a pleasure he is to have around!

Eddie



Eddie, where to begin! Your readiness to learn is always impeccable, and it's been lovely to see you really working on your presentation target. He's slowing down, taking care with his work, and it's making a huge difference—especially when he reads things back or checks his maths answers. But what truly makes Eddie special is the calm, friendly, and supportive presence he brings to Team Darwin. His calm and happy energy fills the classroom, and he lifts up everyone around him just by being himself. You are a star Eddie!

Joseph



Joseph's readiness to learning has really impressed his teachers in Darwin class. It has also been wonderful to see him answering more questions and sharing his ideas with such confidence in front of the class. Joseph always reflects thoughtfully on his learning and gets stuck into his work with real independence. Beyond all of that, he is such a kind and positive friend to everyone in Darwin Class - always smiling, always encouraging, and always bringing joy to our classroom. Keep up the positive vibes and hard work Joseph – you superstar!

Euan



Euan's always ready to learn, and that eagerness shines through in everything he does. With his pen at the ready, dictionary by his side, and his whizzy maths brain switched on, he tackles every challenge with enthusiasm. Well done, Euan!

Harry



Heroic Harry you have shown remarkable resilience! When work gets wonderfully tricky, he never wavers or gives up. We love how he wisely knows when to seek support, showing both bravery and brilliant determination every day! Keep being you, Harry!



After School Club KS1 – Beatrix in Obama for settling in so well at A.S.C
 KS2 – Elliott in Parks for playing so well with others at A.S.C



YR Thunberg	Tanya Jasmine	Amazing maths! Fantastic phonics!
Y2 Attenborough	Amber, Forrest, Lily	Fantastic writing based on 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'!
Y2 Parks	Augustus Lyla	For showing an excellent attitude to learning. Lovely, descriptive writing
Y3 Pankhurst	Tommy and Jude	A super 'Iron Man' newspaper report.
Y4 Mandela	George	For mastering all of his times tables!
Y4 Franklin	Ayham and Aitor	A super newspaper report.
Y5 Seacole	Reuben	For showing exemplary learning behaviours
Y6 Yousafzai	Lewis	For being a great play leader

Fab Fit Fridays With Ms Nazarko

This week we enjoyed a flower themed Fabulous Fitness Friday to celebrate our hero Frida Kahlo. We moved to music, we played flower team games and finished off with some flower parachute games!



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y1**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 9th December – Year 5 Darwin AM

Tuesday 9th December – Year 4 Mandela PM

Wednesday 10th December – Year 5 Seacole AM

Wednesday 10th December – Year 5 Attenborough PM

Thursday 11th December Year 4 Franklin PM



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 really appreciate them.



Arbor messages



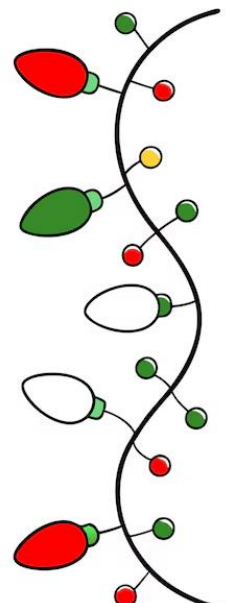
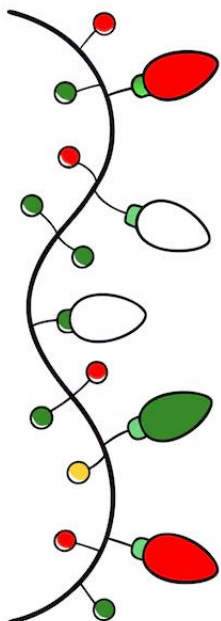
Arbor

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





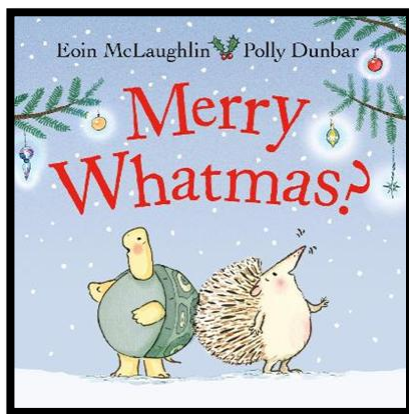
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.

A Christmas Special! We hope you have a lovely break ☺

Merry Whatmas? (Hedgehog & Friends) by Eoin McLaughlin and illustrated by Polly Dunbar



Hedgehog and Tortoise are celebrating their first Christmas but do not really understand what it is.

Thankfully, the other animals are on hand to try and explain...they chat about presents, treats, decorations, singing and roasts! But Hedgehog and Tortoise soon realise that Christmas isn't about perfection but it's simply about being together with the ones you love.

This is charmingly illustrated story with a wonderful message!

Fox thinks Christmas is about presents, Badger thinks it's about pudding, Magpie thinks it's about singing . . . Tortoise and Hedgehog begin to feel rather overwhelmed with all the noise and fuss. But in a quiet moment of reflection they learn the most important lesson of all: Christmas is about being with the ones you love.

The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent & Selom Sunu



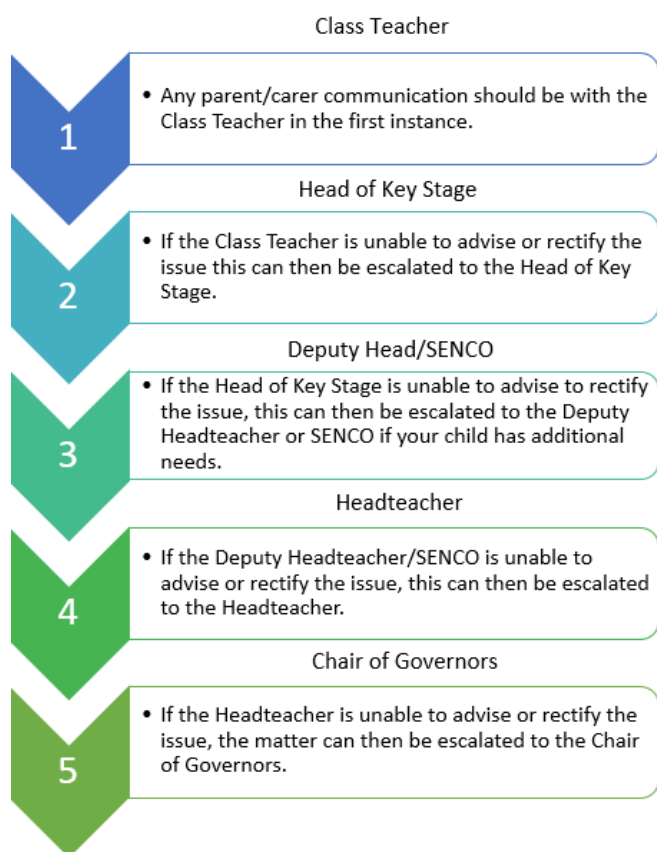
Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?

The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.

We thoroughly enjoyed this feel-good read with its loveable cast of characters, festive puns aplenty and themes of kindness, inclusion and sparing a thought for

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	
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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