



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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## Headteacher Reports:

The summer term is in full flow and our children are already enjoying many rich learning experiences.

Earlier this week, our Year 3 children enjoyed a sunny walk on the South Downs, capturing the moment by producing some beautiful sketches of our majestic Woodingdean countryside. Yesterday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children were treated to a super performance of 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse', superbly acted by visiting Longhill students. We are so fortunate to have such a dynamic secondary school as Longhill within walking distance of us.

Next week, our Year 1 scientists will be visiting the Sealife Centre as part of their Seaside topic: the children are very excited! Continuing the nature theme, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May sees the 100th birthday of the great David Attenborough, after whom one of our classes is named. To commemorate this special day, our PTFA have organised a whole host of activities including a bake off, craft activities and digging for gemstones. It will also be a non-uniform day when children can come to school dressed in green, blue or as their favourite animal. David Attenborough: a true British hero!

This coming Sunday morning, Mr Wynne, our Head of PE, has kindly organised a Rudyard 'takeover' of the Park Run in Preston Park. We have some seriously talented runners at RKPS, including Halle and Ruben in Year 5. However, runners (or walkers!) of all abilities are welcome so do make it along if you can. We are meeting at the Chalet Cafe at 8:40am-look out for the Rudyard flags.

Next Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, sees this year's Children's Parade, always one of the highlights of the school year. Many thanks to all families who came along to the KS2 hall earlier this week to help Mrs Hollingsworth in the construction of her latest masterpiece-our Snow Dragon! She is going to look amazing, as are our children in their white/silver/pale blue colour theme. Mrs Brewer's samba band is at least 20 strong and it is going to be another wonderful day to remember. The Children's Parade represents the very best of Brighton so please come along-we are Flag 43 so meet us at Kensington Street at 10am. Roll on next Saturday, but in the meantime...

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

*Euan Harington*

Headteacher



Year 7 Longhill Performance



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Yasmin

YR



Yazzy is working hard at remembering to make the right choices and is growing in confidence every day. She is such a helpful member of our class and is so wonderfully curious about the world around her. She is becoming a very caring and considerate friend. With her thoughtful nature and enthusiasm, she will make a fantastic teacher one day! Well done, Yazzy!

## Woody



Wow Woody, what a resourceful learner you are! It has been lovely watching your independence grow in your learning, and how you use the room to support you. You always know where to look when you need help, and are confident in helping those around you, too. Keep it up Woody, you are a star!

Y1

## Jana



Jana, it has been wonderful to see how much you've grown in your readiness for learning! The progress you've been making is incredible - you're becoming so independent and approaching your work with such confidence and enthusiasm. It's been amazing to watch you blossom and take on new challenges with such a positive attitude. We are so, so proud of everything you've achieved, Jana - keep shining and believing in yourself!

## Lily



Lily, you're not just lovely and full of kindness – you embody reflectiveness and are an example to all around you. Lily the listener – you have taken on board guidance to extend your writing and further improve your presentation, and it is a pleasure to see the pride and sense of achievement you feel with your accomplishments. Keep reflecting and continue to grow and blossom. We are so proud of you!

Y2

## Grayson



Grayson has shown fantastic determination with his remembering, and we are inspired by the progress he is making every day. He has been working incredibly hard in his writing, carefully remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, and using his phonics to sound out words. On the carpet, Grayson is growing in confidence, sharing his ideas and answering questions in maths each day. Your hard work is shining through, Grayson - we are all so proud of you. Well done and keep it up!

## Tommy

Y3



Tommy has shown a fantastic readiness to learn. He has approached his English with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Tommy has been showing eagerness to continue his writing and extend his ideas. He shows great determination to improve his work, taking pride in developing his sentences and adding more detail. It is wonderful to see his growing confidence and commitment to writing.



## Isabelle

Isabelle is a shining example of how a resilient attitude enables you to make lightening quick progress. Never disheartened by mistakes, she strives to learn and better her work. Whenever she is given feedback, she acts upon it instantly like a moth to a flame. I think we could all do with taking a leaf from Isabelle's book. Well done poppet, keep up the superb effort!

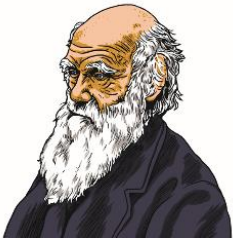
Y4



## Grayson

Year 4 is glowing with resilience these days and this is best exemplified by glorious Grayson. This half-term, Grayson has been growing into the most wonderfully confident, yet humble character. He works his socks off independently, shows resourcefulness when his teacher is helping others and listens attentively when he receives feedback. Not only has he mastered life in the growth zone, Grayson is a gorgeous child to teach – always positive, engaged, funny and kind. Thank you Grayson and bravo on all your hard work! It is totally paying off!

Y5



## Dougie

We have been so impressed with Dougie's super learning attitude, this was especially evident during the first week back from our Easter break. He has impressed both myself, Miss Stokes, Mrs Borg and his peers in Darwin with his excellent Year 6 ready focus and enthusiasm in lessons. It is lovely to see him being a much more active learner and participating more in his learning. During our guided reading, Dougie is so keen to read and clearly enjoys these sessions.



## Layan

A special mention for Layan for her resilience this week. She consistently shows what it means to work hard, and she does so with such kindness and care towards everyone around her. Layan always tries her best in everything she takes on, and it really shows in the way she reflects our school values each day. It's been lovely to see her growing in confidence and building her independence step by step. She should be really proud of how much she has achieved this year, and I'm excited to see her continue to grow and succeed.

## Amna



Amna has shown wonderful reflectiveness in her learning and is always willing to think deeply about what she is doing. She went above and beyond by creating a fantastic drawing inspired by our class text, *Letters from the Lighthouse*, showing both creativity and a clear understanding of the story. Amna consistently works hard in all that she does and approaches her learning with great care and enthusiasm. She is a fantastic member of the class and a real pleasure to teach.

Y6



YR Thunberg	Curtis	Amazing independent writing about his Easter holiday trip to the Canary Islands.
Y1 Obama	Ronnie Esmay Wren	Super writing about whales and volcanoes! Wonderful writing about penguins and storms! Fantastic writing about seals and parrots!
Y2 Attenborough	Leon Guilia Alice Forrest	Handwriting heroics! Beautiful descriptive writing. Handwriting heroism For being a writing wizard!
Y4 Mandela	Stanley Jamie	Handwriting hero Handwriting hero
Y4 Franklin	Harrison	Exceptional writing based on the book 'Gorilla'.
Y5 Darwin	Dougie Ole Elliot	Super writing linked to Odysseus. Super writing and fractions learning. Exceptional writing on Greek god, Hades
Y5 Seacole	Euan Bertie Ameila	Handwriting heroism! Excellent answering of questions in Forest School. Exceptional speaking skills in English.

## Cricket Event at Longhill

A huge well done to all of our KS1 children who took part in the ACE cricket event yesterday! We are so proud of the way they threw themselves into every activity set up by Longhill with such energy and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see them confidently mixing with children from other schools, showing great teamwork, positivity and big smiles throughout. An amazing effort from everyone involved—what a brilliant experience!



## Stars of the Week



**After School Club:** KS1 – **Ada in Thunberg** for having a wonderful first session at A.S.C

KS1- **Ibrahim in Parks** for being a super star at A.S.C

KS2- **Evan in Darwin** for being a fabulous artist at A.S.C

KS2 – **Ruben in Seacole** for being so kind and caring at A.S.C

# Weekly Maths Challenge

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## PTFA Events

### Y6 Prom

★ It's party time! ★ We are really excited to share the booking link for this year's leavers prom 2025. Please be sure to fill in the Ticket Tailor form as soon as possible for catering numbers.

<https://shorturl.at/DNBE8>



### Sir David's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

🌿🇬🇧 Join Us to Celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! 🇬🇧🌿 8th May 2026 after school at the tea hut!

The PTFA is marking this incredible milestone with a day full of creativity, community, and a love for the natural world!

📅 What's happening?

- 🍰 Bake Off – Show off your baking skills with nature-inspired treats! (Please see separate message for details)
- 🎨 Craft Activities – Get hands-on and create something wild and wonderful
- 💎 Dig for gemstones and adopt an animal
- 🌿 Non-Uniform Day – Come dressed in green, blue, or as your favourite animal! (£1 donation on the day)

Let's honour a lifetime of inspiring us to protect our planet by coming together for a fun-filled celebration.

Don't miss it – we can't wait to see your amazing bakes, outfits, and creations!

Thanks again to our amazing poster designers Macy and Lola 🙌 see if you can spot all of the amazing designs around school!

### Great Rudyard Bake Off

❤️ We are pleased to announce our 6th annual Celebration!!

🇬🇧 The Great Rudyard Bake Off 2026 🇬🇧

📅 Friday 8th May - We have three categories you can enter 🗝️ KS1 🗝️ KS2 🗝️ Adults

❤️ Please bring cakes to the school office on the morning of the 8th by 9am.

🤝 After school on the 8th we will be having a special 100th birthday party for David Attenborough. Winners will be announced and all the cakes will be sold to raise money for our school.

🇬🇧 Friday the 8th May will also be a non-school uniform day for a £1 donation. Theme is green, blue, dress as an animal or something to do with nature.

💰 All money raised is spent straight back into our school



## Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 4 (30<sup>th</sup> April)**.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Mandela AM

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Franklin AM

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 Seacole PM

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 Parks AM



## RKPS Park Run Takeover

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Rudyard will be hosting a Parkrun takeover! There is no expectation to run.

If you want to come along, volunteer, help, support, cheer on or marshal, then please read on...

The event requires volunteers to ensure it is able to take place. If this is something you would be able to help with, then please email: [prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com) to confirm that you will volunteer on the day and **also email me back** so I know how many people we have attending.

You must register beforehand and can do so here, free of charge [www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/) or scan the QR code.



Here are details of the event:

- Address: Preston Park, London Road, Brighton, BN1 6HN
- Arrival time: 8:40am
- Meeting point: Chalet Café (in the middle of Preston Park) Mr Wynne will meet you there next to two Rudyard flags!
- If you are interested in volunteering, please email the event team on [prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com) It is great fun and a lovely way to meet new people

# Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

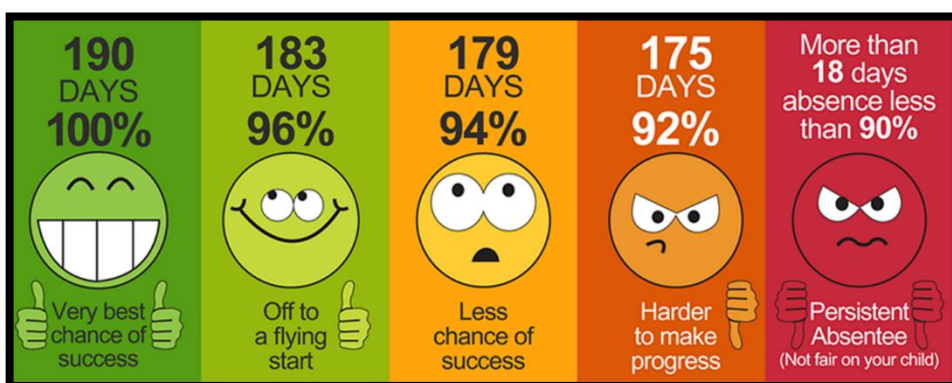
## **Attendance at RKPS**

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 where possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time and must provide a copy of a letter / card or a text message confirming the appointment. If this is not provided school will be unable to authorise these appointments.

**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.



# And finally...

## Dates for the Diary

April 26	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	RKPS Park Run Takeover
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Trip to Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Local Walk
May 26	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children's Parade
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA David Attenborough Non-Uniform Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week starts
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Local Walk
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Franklin Farm School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outreach Science Workshop
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTFA Art Open House Event
Friday 22 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Camp
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Camp
June 26	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RKPS Active Travel Week Starts
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2 Drusillas Trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Prom

## Notice Board



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**Additional info:** [www.premier-education.com/courses/16120-951846](http://www.premier-education.com/courses/16120-951846)

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

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