



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

What an action packed seven days it has been.

Last Friday evening, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their right of passage, end of primary school, Prom. It was one memorable evening which included a silent disco. Many thanks to Lisa and the rest of the PTFA team for putting on such a special occasion.

The following morning saw a great turn out of Rudyard children and families at the Woodingdean Carnival Parade. Mr Campbell led our school samba band superbly through the streets of Woodingdean and Mrs Hollingsworth's enchanting Snow Dragon turned the heads of many spectators. Many thanks to Mathilda and Eddie's Dad, Phil, for his incredible puppetry, bringing our dragon to life. Thanks also to Bixie for her amazing facepainting-our children looked fantastic! Special thanks to Mr Mcgauley for transporting our sculpture back to school on such a warm day.

Thanks to all the parents and carers who came along too. Ms Smith came along for, sadly, her last Carnival Parade. She has given 27 years of magnificent service to our school and will be missed hugely: she is a quite exceptional teacher.

Next Tuesday is our School Council organised 'Eco-Festival'. Our children will be enjoying lots of nature themed activities. There will be a green theme non-uniform day also.

After school today is our PTFA Summer Fayre: there are lots of fun activities planned and we will find the shade on this very hot day!

Next week is the final week of term. The children will take home their end of year reports on Tuesday and have another session with their new teachers on Wednesday. It will be an especially poignant five days for our Year 6 children who will be leaving RKPS next Friday. Before this however, they will perform 'Peter Pan', their end of year production. They have been a super cohort and will leave behind a strong legacy: a genuine love of learning.

Have a wonderful, sweltering, weekend

Euan Harington
Headteacher



RKPS at Woodingdean Carnival



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Riley

YR



Riley has a wonderful way of remembering the people around him. He knows all of his friends names and makes everyone feel important and included. This week, Riley showed just how thoughtful he is when he noticed a friend had grazed their leg and, without any prompting, fetched a wet tissue to help make it feel better. Riley notices the little things that matter, and his kindness makes Thunberg class a happier place to be. We are so proud of you, Riley!

Emma



Excellent Emma, what an enthusiastic, positive and ready learner you are! You come to school each morning with a huge smile on your face and readiness to take on whatever the day will bring. You always make the right choices, working hard and embodying all our Rudyard Kipling values. Not only this, you are a wonderful friend to others. Keep shining bright and being exactly who you are – you are a star!

Y1



Finn

It has been such a pleasure to watch Finn grow this past term. He has shown incredible resilience and has embraced joining Obama Class in the afternoons with a positive attitude and a big smile. Finn has really shown us how capable he is by making safe choices, playing kindly with his friends, and happily sharing his toys. He now also communicates his needs so clearly and independently, and it has been wonderful to see him become such a happy, confident member of our school community. We are all so proud of you Finn and can't wait to see you shine.

Fox



Fantastic Mr. Fox – what an absolute super star you are! Your thirst for learning is enhanced by your incredible resourcefulness. This enables you to access materials needed, spot and use patterns to your advantage and master any challenges in your way. If you need help making links with your learning, Fabulous Fox has got a strategy and is willing to share it! Thank you, Fox, for always grabbing every single opportunity that you can and taking it further – what a resourceful learner you are!

Y2



Bobbi

Brave and bubbly Bobbi – what a learning journey you have been on this year! I am so proud of you! Your work ethic blows me away and your determination to remember to apply the skills you know and success criteria with your work is fantastic. Watching you remember to use the correct procedures and resources our maths quiz was a moment to treasure – it shows how independent you have become. You are a super star!



Seb

Seb has grown into a wonderfully independent learner and is showing that he is more than ready for Year 3. He consistently listens to instructions, loves sharing interesting facts and tackles his learning with curiosity and enthusiasm. Whether he is exploring geography, history or stretching himself in maths, Seb gives his best and enjoys thinking deeply. His recent undertaking to independently learn his 7 times tables is the perfect example of his drive and dedication to learning. We are so proud of the mature, thoughtful learner you have become, Seb - Year 3 is lucky to have you!

Robin

What makes Robin especially remarkable is her ability to think beyond the obvious. She approaches challenges with creativity and curiosity often sharing thoughtful ideas that help us all see things from a fresh perspective. We are so proud of the kindness, imagination and positivity she brings to our classroom every single day. Robin, thank you for being such an innovator. Congratulations on your Special Mention, you truly deserve it.

Jude

Jude always gives every activity her best effort and approaches her learning with a positive attitude. She consistently works hard and takes great pride in everything she produces. I have been particularly impressed with her fantastic work in English, where she uses her spectacular handwriting to present beautifully written diary entries and poems. Her writing is engaging, descriptive and full of imagination, making it a pleasure to read. Jude should be proud of her dedication!

Lenny

What a year it has been for Lenny! Both personally and academically, I have been so much progression and for this, he should be ever so proud. The resilience he's shown has seen his handwriting improve to a point that it's unrecognisable from what it was a year ago. His presentation skills have skyrocketed and show he's more than Year 5 ready. Lenny, keep this up and next year will be a walk in the park!

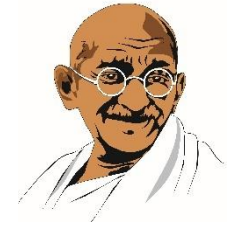
Chester

Champion Chester! Chester is receiving his special mention this week for his wonderful readiness. Chester has his ears pricked in every lesson, ready for learning. He is always listening, noticing, commenting and wondering, and his class contributions are always purposeful and original. Your readiness makes you an independent learner Chester – you could not be better prepared for Year 5. I hope you feel incredibly proud of your progress this year!

Amelia

One word – wow! Amelia's dedication to her learning has always been outstanding, but what has really jumped out to us recently, is how much she has progressed this term. It is like she has left the runway and she really is flying high! Her English writing has been nothing short of excellent, and the way she takes on board feedback and builds on this demonstrates her wonderful resilience. Amelia, Year 6 is not going to know what's hit it!

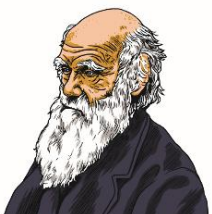
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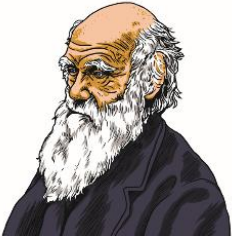
Y4



Y5



Max



Max, a true shining star if ever there was one! Max's incredibly mature, calm and hardworking nature could have him mistaken for a Year 6 pupil easily. His readiness inspires those around him and he loves nothing more than helping out his classmates. Max's learning this year has simply rocketed, and that is due to his excellent work ethic and superb readiness. Max, I don't know what I will do without you in class next year – your new teacher is very lucky to have such a superstar!

Y5

Eli



Eli has really impressed Miss Hay with his resilient attitude this year. He has matured greatly over the past year, and it has been a joy to see the way he has handled friendship difficulties with such independence, resilience and grace. This maturity has also been shown in the classroom, he has begun producing the most detailed and impressive pieces of art in class and has spend so long improving his technique and really brining his own flair to the learning.

Whole Class



Wow! What a truly special group of Year 6 children. Yousafzai Class have been an absolute dream team. They work brilliantly together, consistently show kindness and demonstrate such respect during lessons. What more could a teacher ask for?

Seeing them all dressed up and looking so grown-up for the prom was incredibly special. They are more than ready for their exciting secondary school adventures. Thank you, Yousafzai Class, for being **absolutely fabulous**. We are so proud of you all!



YR Thunberg	Tanya Teddy	A super model based on her visit to the farm Excellent independent writing
Y3 Pankhurst	Sophia Stanley	Super English writing Incredibly impressive artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock
Y4 Mandela	Millie, Riley, Harrison, Henry and Lenny	A super letter of advice
Y4 Franklin	Tiffany Ted	Super English work A fantastic poem
Y5 Darwin	Arthur, Evan, Amelia and Max	Excellent writing based on the book: 'The Promise'
Y5 Seacole	Sydnee	A fantastic Ancient Greece model

Football Fixture

On Monday, children from Years 5 and 6 played in a friendly football match against another local school, Our Lady of Lourdes. The attitude shown by each child was exemplary with children actually offering to be subbed off to allow their friends to play - a real sign of the kindness and teamwork embedded here at RKPS. The match ended in a narrow 4-2 defeat but that didn't stop our players from feeling a huge sense of pride and beaming with smiles come full time.

A huge well done to: Darcie, Layan, Nina, Isaac, Fred, Charlie, Jacob, Archie, Eddie, Nate and Max.



PTFA Events

Summer Raffle

RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

SUMMER RAFFLE 2026

STAR PRIZE
NINTENDO SWITCH 2

2ND PRIZE - 4 BALL @ EAST BRIGHTON GOLF CLUB

We have lots of amazing prizes this year!
A DAB radio , A squishie hamper, perfumes, Pier Pressure escape room tickets, Lazerzone voucher, Fishers Farm voucher, Longhill gym membership, Brighton Zip Wire, Paws for a Cause voucher, a massage gun, Honey Bee's meal vouchers, Brighton Buses passes, Upside Down House tickets, Hair by madge voucher, £50 all for one voucher donated by Barnetts plumbing & heating, Komedia tickets and much much more..

Tickets available from Rudyard Kipling school and Ovingdean Village Stores or contact Kelly Feaver, draw to be held on 17th July 2026 at 3.15pm

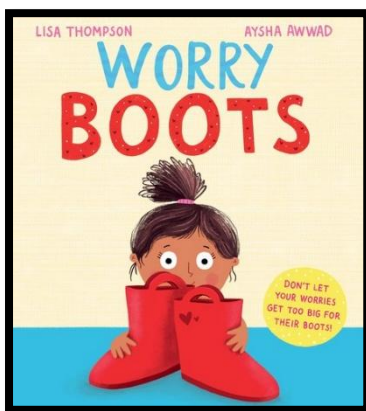
Reading Recommendations

Reading Research Alert:

"There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development." Clark and Rumbold, 2006.

Over the next couple of weeks, the English team will be recommending books to help with children transitioning onto a new school year

Worry Boots by Lisa Thompson and Aysha Awwad

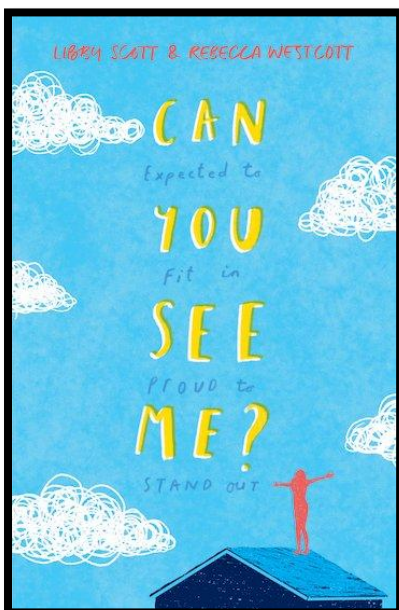


A first-day-at-school picture book like no other, by award-winning author Lisa Thompson and illustrator Aysha Awwad!

Connie slipped her feet into her new, shiny boots. They felt hard and awkward and very, very different. "Let's get going," said Connie's mum. "It's an exciting day today – your first day at school!"

As Connie and Mum make their way to the bus stop, they realise that their journey to school going to be very unusual. Why? Because there is something surprising in Connie's shoe! And that means she can't possibly go to school until she's sorted it out...

Can You See Me? by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott



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Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 1 (16th July)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 14th July – Year 3 Seacole PM

Wednesday 15th July – Year 2 Attenborough AM

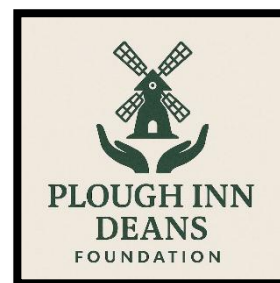
Wednesday 15th July – Year 4 Mandela PM

Thursday 16th July – NO FOREST SCHOOL



A Big Thank You – Plough Inn

A big thank you to Plough Inn who have generously donated £1000 towards the early years garden for new equipment, including monkey bars and a mud kitchen.



Cashless School

This is a reminder that we are a cashless school. Therefore, payments for trips, clubs and wrap around care will only be accepted via the official Arbor payment portal. Should you have trouble with your APP or payments, the office is always available to help and support.

Squeezy Dumplings

Due to ongoing concerns and reports of toxic chemicals contained within 'Squeezy Dumpling' toys, these are not permitted in school.



School Uniform

Please see the link below to our online school shop where you can order your school uniform ahead of September.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in making our children look so smart.

<https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling>

For more info on your uniform code, please visit our school website.

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

July 26	
Tuesday 14 th	School Council Eco Festival – GREEN THEMED NON-UNIFORM DAY, Reports Home
Thursday 16 th	Y6 Production (Dress Rehearsal) 13:40, Y6 Production 17:30
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 20 th	INSET
Tuesday 21 st	INSET
Wednesday 22 nd	INSET
September 26	
Tuesday 1st	INSET
Wednesday 2nd	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL (Y1-Y6)

Notice Board

SUMMER Holiday clubs

More fun, More friendships, More smiles during the Summer break!

Book Today!

Your Nearest HAF Holiday Club

BRIGHTON AND HOVE:

- St Luke's Primary School, BN2 9ZF
- Rudyard Kipling Primary School, BN2 6RH
- Stanley Deason Leisure Centre, BN2 5PB

HAF Bookings:

*FREE HAF spaces for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals

<https://eequ.org/>

Please bring

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

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FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 6 (AGE 7 - 11)
SKILLS, GAMES, TEAM PLAY AND AWARDS

RUDYARD KIPLING SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

THURSDAYS 7.45 - 8.40 AM

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