



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

Yesterday, a number of our skillful Year 6 footballers ventured over to Longhill High School to play matches against children from other local schools.

I was keen to find out how they got on and delighted to hear from Mr Wynne that they represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating all of our school Values. They played with heart and determination, with Isaac in Year 6 one of our stand out players. We are always keen to provide our children with as many opportunities for competitive sport as possible. As a school, we feel it is important and character building.

Today, myself and Mr Wynne are interviewing for our new Year 6 Sports Captains. As always, there has been huge interest from our young sportspeople to take on this important role.

On the subject of positions of responsibility, our new School Councillors have been elected-congratulations to them all. In Monday's assembly, they will be receiving their special badges and I am looking forward to working with them all this year.

Tomorrow morning at 10:00am is the first of our Reception 2027 Open Events. Next Wednesday morning, October 7 is a second opportunity for future RKPS parents to visit the school. This year, we welcomed two full Reception classes and we look forward to showing more prospective parents around our fantastic setting in the morning.

Have a wonderful, sunny, weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Year 6 Footballers at ACE



Special Mentions

Y1



Rue

Rue has settled into Year 1 so beautifully and has made such a wonderful start to the year! He has the best “sticky eyes” — always watching, with his listening ears switched on and ready to learn. Rue is such a kind and caring friend - his thoughtful nature and positive attitude make him such a special part of our classroom, and we are so proud of how wonderfully he has adjusted to Year 1! Well done Rue!

Isaac



Unsure how to access the learning walls? Forgotten what resources you need for Maths? Or do you need some help using the flipchart, whiteboard or word mats? Isaac's got this covered and can show and inspire you! Isaac, you are accessing all our learning, and the learning tools you need with such enthusiasm and gusto! Keep going, you super star!

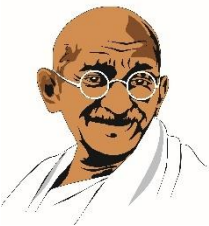
Y2



Arthur

What an incredible start Arthur has had to Year 2! Every morning he comes into school with a beaming smile and a readiness to learn! Arthur sits with perfect posture on the carpet and listens carefully to instructions. He then gives his all into whatever task is at hand. I am so impressed by the learning he has already produced and can't wait to see what the rest of Year 2 bring. Keep it up you superstar!

Harry



Harry is a perfect example of a Rudyard student. He is kind, caring, compassionate and, mostly importantly, always ready! Since the beginning of the year, he has been great at helping a friend with an injured knee move around the school and ready to help him at any moment! Well done Harry.

Iwan



Iwan has settled into Team Pankhurst at Rudyard like a duck to water. He is doing so well trying his best and making sensible choices. He recently said to Mrs Newbold and Miss Stokes that he wanted to make us both proud and his excellent attitude towards his learning is most certainly doing that. Iwan, your smile brightens up the room, and your enthusiasm is truly exceptional! Keep working hard, you should be very proud of yourself.

Ollie



Each day, Ollie lights up Franklin class with his curiosity, wit and enthusiasm. He asks a myriad of questions, helps his peers, expresses his needs and to top it all off, Ollie is incredibly knowledgeable. I have been particularly bowled over by his home-learning, which he brings in and shares with the class on a weekly basis. Keep up the hard work Ollie, you are smashing it!

Stanley



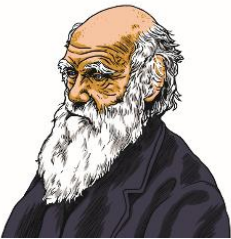
Stanley is a role model in Franklin class. He is an incredibly observant and reflective person, and exemplifies all 5 of the Rudyard Rs. Today however, Stanley is receiving his special mention for his readiness. Keen to learn and confident about expectations in the classroom, Stanley is helping to make Franklin a green zone, where all can learn. Bravo, Stanley!

Bear



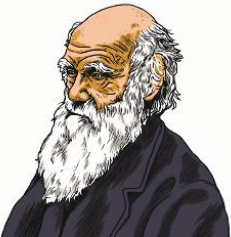
Bear has blown us away with his maths this week! He has shown such fabulous determination and confidence, and it has been wonderful to see him sharing his ideas and challenging himself. Bear is also always keen to help others and is such a kind, thoughtful and valued member of our class. We are so lucky to have him in Team Mandela. Keep shining. Bravo Bear!

Harli



Harli – my memory superstar! She is superb at recalling previous learning, remembers key vocabulary and even gives me helpful reminders when something slips my mind. You truly are a valued member of Darwin class, and I know you are going to excel this year. Well done!

Tiger



Tiger has made an impressive start to Year 5. He has shown huge amounts of resilience through his strong start to Upper Key Stage 2 and has continually presented with an eager readiness for his learning. Keep it up, Tiger!

Charlotte



Charlotte is an incredibly resourceful member of Seacole class. She is always using talk partners, word mats and the first, next, last to support her learning. I am so impressed with Charlotte's incredible work ethic and the dedication she puts in to doing her best each day. Charlotte, you are amazing! Keep working hard!

Joseph



Joseph has been on a real journey since the start of Year 6. After taking a little time to find his rhythm and settle into routines, he has turned things around and is now smashing it. Joseph now shows fantastic remembering: remembering our expectations, remembering key learning and applying it brilliantly. This shows real maturity and strength of character. School isn't about always getting everything right; it's about learning from your mistakes and doing better next time. Remember: thoughts become words, words become actions, actions become habits, and habits shape who we become. Keep building those brilliant habits, Joseph - we are incredibly proud of you!

Jacob

Y6



Jacob's year 6 journey has got off to a flyer! Much like Bukayo Saka down the wing, he makes everything look effortless. When mistakes are made, he doesn't sulk. Instead, he sees these as opportunities to improve. He has worked tirelessly with Mr Wynne to edit and improve his learning; taking onboard the advice to ensure these mistakes are not repeated. Bravo Bukayo... I mean, Jacob!



Y1 Obama	Charlie Rue	Fantastic phonics! A super poem about thunder.
Y2 Attenborough	Ronnie	For being a superstar learner!
Y2 Parks	Beau Isaac	Being the first KS1 child to master the whole Spelling Word List! For being a handwriting hero!
Y3 Gandhi	Mubasher and Ruby Ibrahim Oakleigh	Impressive shared learning on climate change. For being a maths magician! For being a Writing Wizard!
Y3 Pankhurst	Iwan	Super independent writing.
Y5 Darwin	Tiffany Carter	A super diary entry and amazing maths. A stunning Viking longship model.
Y6 Turing	Halle	Excellent Victorian writing

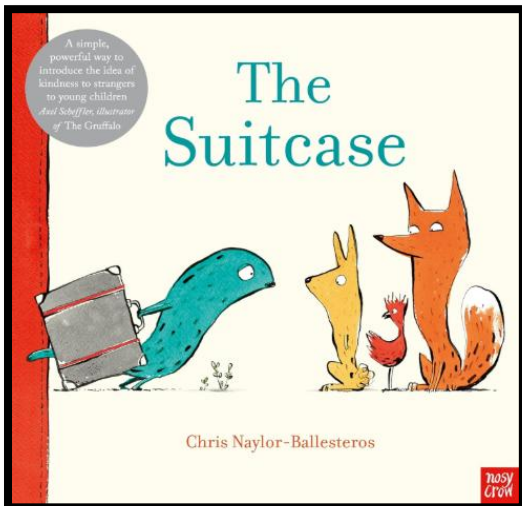
Ace Event

Yesterday marked the start the ACE events for 206/27 as we took to the fields of Longhill for a football competition, which will continue with other year groups throughout the Autumn 1 term. The children from Year 6 took part first and were an absolute credit to themselves and the school displaying all five schools values! A huge well done to all children involved and a special mention to Isaac, our Sportsperson of the session!



Reading Recommendations

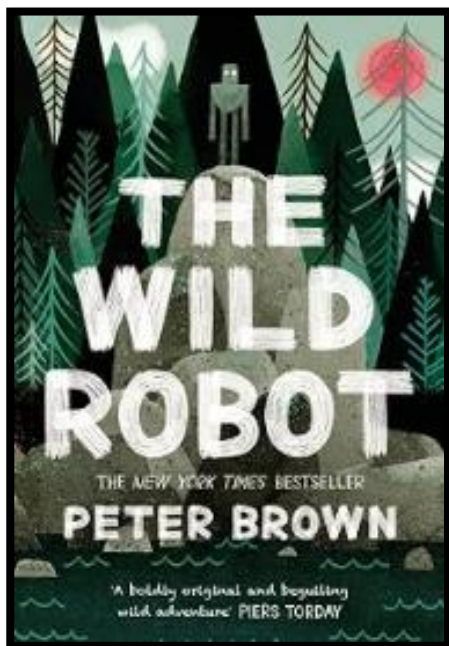
Dr Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"



EYFS & KS1: *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

When a strange animal arrives carrying a suitcase, the other animals aren't sure whether they can trust him. This beautifully illustrated story explores kindness, friendship and what it means to welcome someone new.

I love this book because it gently encourages children to think about how we treat people who may seem different from us. It opens up wonderful conversations about empathy, kindness and making others feel welcome in our communities.



KS2: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Roz, a robot, finds herself stranded on a wild island and must learn how to survive alongside the animals who live there. What follows is a beautiful story about friendship, belonging and the relationship between technology and nature.

I love the way this book encourages readers to think deeply about what makes us human and what it means to care for others. It is an exciting adventure with a thoughtful message that will stay with readers long after they have finished the final page.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y4 Mandela (8th October)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 6th October – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 6th October – Year 2 Parks PM

Wednesday 7th October – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 7th October – Year 1 Obama PM

Thursday 8th October – Year 5 Darwin AM



Secondary School Open Evenings

Longhill – Thursday 8th October, 5pm-7pm

Considerate Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking their cars inconsiderately on Downs Valley Road. Some vehicles have blocked our neighbours' drive ways, making the start to the school day more frantic than it needs to be. Many thanks to the vast majority of parents and carers who always park safely and even bigger thanks to those families who leave their cars at home and walk to school.

Ex-pupil Rowan

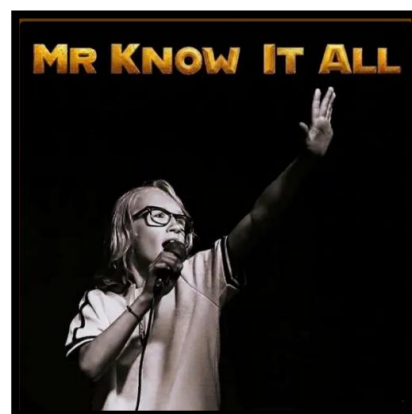
Rowan is a born entertainer and always dazzled the school during his time with us. Brighton School of Singing are now recruiting, so if your child loves to sing then please see the details.

Rowan features in a fantastic song, give it listen via the links below.

https://open.spotify.com/track/4RpRWfF5peWgDVmPRgegeR?s=i=zijdcxAOS-GJrXO_zsgekg&utm_source=copy-link

<https://music.apple.com/gb/album/mr-know-it-all-feat-rowan-rogers/6813873948?i=6813873956>

https://music.amazon.co.uk/albums/B0HKDD8CHS?do=play&trackAsin=B0HKDJ1MQJ&ts=1789999170&ref=dm_sh_4WF4Wivgl_oBvpTncy5kGUaphE&referrer=dm_sh_messages



PTFA News

Tricky BeanZ PTFA Halloween Disco!



🎃 Tricky BeanZ PTFA Halloween Disco!

📅 23rd October 2026 3.15-4.30 KS2 Hall

🎃 Tricky BeanZ has more than a few tricks up their sleeves! CraZy BeanZ's Halloween disco is wonderfully bonkers and high energy!

👻 Expect high-energy group dances, silly games, party challenges and plenty of opportunities to show off your best moves, all wrapped up in the fun, playful world of CraZy BeanZ.

🦸 It's more than just a disco... it's an immersive adventure. Help Tricky BeanZ master the tricks and get a treat in return!

🌟 Check out the CrazyBeanZ website for party and event entertainment and much more! <https://crazybeanz.co.uk/>

⚠ Please note -

Parents/carers will be required to stay at the party with their child.

🍪 A drink and snack will be included in the ticket price of £6. Other items may be for sale at the event (cash or card accepted)

Spooky Dress Up Day

Friday 23rd October

Please bring a £1 donation in on the day if you would like your child to take part.

Or you can transfer £1 to ...

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SortCode: 08 92 99

Acc: 65752801

Please no blood, gore or horror

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschool-ptfa/2442242>



RKPS AGM

📅 Friday 16th October 1.45pm

📍 Rudyard Kipling Primary School dining hall

🌟 Everybody is welcome! ❤

? Would you like to be more involved with the events that happen at the school?

? Would you like to be involved with how we spend and donate our funds?

? Would you like to have prior knowledge of the events ahead?

? Would you be able to help, no matter how often or little? Even as little as an hour once a year is helpful!

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

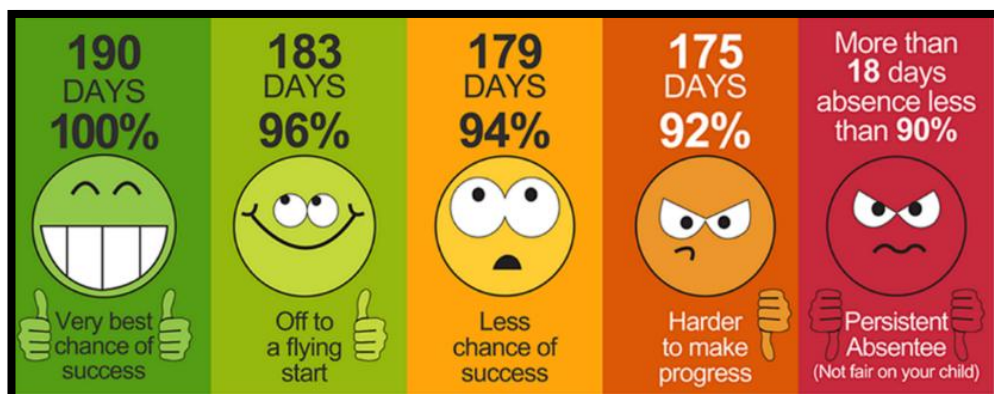
Attendance at RKPS

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.



Code of Conduct

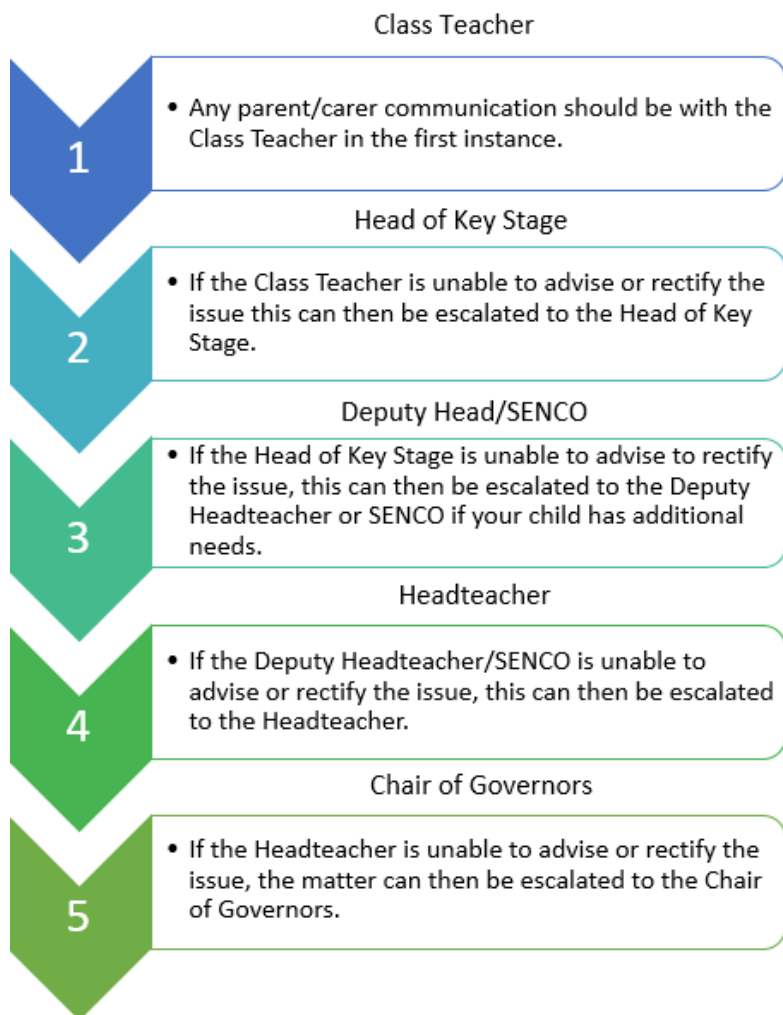


Welcome to our School All visitors shall abide by the following Code of Conduct

- All parties should be polite and not raise their voices.
- Show courtesy and respect for others' opinions.
- Please do not insult, abuse or use offensive language.
- The use of sexist, racist, ageist or homophobic language is not acceptable.
- Derogatory personal comments regarding others is not acceptable.

If the code of conduct is not followed, you will be asked to leave the premises.

And finally...



Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Mrs Goss
 Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer
 Lower Key Stage Two – Mrs Steele
 Upper Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Dates for the Diary

October 26	
3 rd October	Reception 2027 Open Morning (10am)
7 th October	Reception 2027 Open Event (9:30am)
8 th October	Chef John Visiting Y6
13 th October	Parents Evening: DAY 1
14 th October	Parents Evening: DAY 2
16 th October	European Day of Languages, PTFA AGM meeting (1:45pm)
21 st October	Reception 2027 Open Event (5:30pm)
23 rd October	PTFA Halloween disco and PTFA Spooky Dress Up Day
November 26	
4 th November	Individual photos, Reception 2027 Open Event (9:30am)
6 th November	PTFA Diwali Event (3:30pm)
13 th November	Children in Need Kindness Day, Whole School Flu Vaccinations
19 th November	Chef John visiting Y6

Notice Board

Open Events

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?



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Dates

Saturday 3rd October at 10:00
Wednesday 7th October at 9:30
Wednesday 21st October at 17:30
Wednesday 4th November at 9:30
Wednesday 6th January 9:30

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