



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

For many, many years we've been fortunate to have the best PTFA from here to Timbuktu and continue to do so.

Many of the incredible resources and experiences which our children enjoy come courtesy of the cheque book of the PTFA. In a couple of months time, all of our children will be laughing along to a Dick Whittington pantomime here in school and the magical Rudyard Christmas Light Trail be return too: brighter than ever before!

The always popular yellow tractors which our younger children whizz around on and the Wiggle Bikes which are a staple part of our playtimes are all PTFA funded. The half built house, giant slide and the high and mighty Crinklecragg climbing frame were all paid for by our PTFA through money raised at myriad fun events. Every slice of cake which you buy (and eat!) at our various cake sales goes towards updating equipment for our amazing children to enjoy.

Next Friday, October 16th at 1:45pm, is our PTFA AGM so do come along and see how you can be involved and join our PTFA team.

Our first round of Parents Consultations take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Our teaching team are looking forward to letting you know how your child has settled into their new classes, what they are already doing well and how you might be able to support their learning at home. Children who make the fastest progress often consolidate their learning in school with practice at home: thank you for supporting your child with their learning.

It's lovely that our school population is becoming more diverse year on year. Our Power of Reading approach introduces our children to a wide range of authors and texts with many authors of colour. October is Black History Month and our children will be learning about some incredible people of colour and the importance of black culture. Later in this newsletter are some suggestions of books to read with your child to tie in with Black History Month.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Chef John with Year 6



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Y1



Maeve

Mae has shown such a lovely, reflective attitude towards her learning this term. She takes the time to think carefully about her work, celebrating what has gone well and reflecting on how to push herself further! Maeve is developing into a thoughtful, independent learner, and it's so lovely to see Maeve's confidence growing! Keep shining, Mae!

Jana



Joyful Jana! What an absolute delight you are to have in Attenborough class! You are a shining example of Readiness – always sitting with sticky eyes and fully focused on the carpet, or with resources and books good to go at your table. You are so thoughtful, too, and such a team player with looking after our classroom. You lead the class in tidying up to be ready for the next thing – and you always do it with the biggest smile! Thank you!

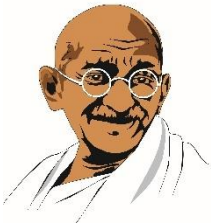
Y2



Emma

Emma has had such a wonderful start to Year 2! She is a bright, enthusiastic and happy member of our class who always approaches her learning with a fantastic attitude. I have been particularly impressed by how confidently Emma is beginning to remember and share what she has learnt. She is always keen to join in, have a go and show what she knows. Emma, keep being your brilliant, bubbly self! You are a joy to teach and a wonderful member of Team Parks!

Alice



Alice has shown fantastic resilience and brainpower in maths, tackling challenges and producing work to a high standard, and not giving up when it gets a bit tricky! She's also one of the funniest and cheeriest members of Gandhi and never fails to make me smile. Keep being your brilliant, bubbly self, Alice!

Y3



Alayna

Alayna has shown such a mature attitude towards her learning so far this year. Calm, thoughtful and incredibly considerate, she takes real pride in doing things well and is always willing to think deeply about how she can make her work even better. I have been particularly impressed by how willingly Alayna is stepping into her growth zone. Rather than shying away from a challenge, she is embracing it, using feedback carefully and reaching for her trusty blue editing pen more and more! This is exactly the kind of independence and reflection we love to see in KS2. Alayna, you are a wonderful member of Team Pankhurst — keep believing in yourself and pushing yourself to achieve even more!

Grayson



Grayson's Year 3 journey has got off to an absolutely flying start! He is always ready to listen, engage with his learning and give everything his very best. His resilience and perseverance shine like a beacon, especially when things get tricky — he never gives up and always keeps trying. But it's not just his approach to learning that makes Grayson so special. He is kind, calm and thoughtful, and a truly fantastic member of Team Pankhurst. Our class simply wouldn't be the same without him! Keep being you, Grayson, you are an absolute superstar!

Isobel



If you're looking for a dedicated, respectful and attentive learner, look no further for you have found her. Isobel is a shining example of what it means to have brilliant listening skills. Isobel pays such careful attention to the guidance and feedback she is given and as a result, produces the most amazing work. It is a delight to have such a focused learner in Franklin class. Keep it up!

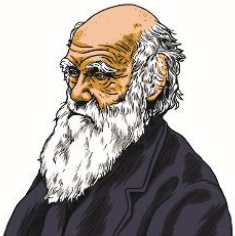
Y4



Eddie

Eddie has made a fantastic start to Year 4! He always shows a wonderful readiness to learn, listens carefully during teaching and produces fantastic work. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning are wonderful to see. Keep it up, Eddie!

Carter



Carter has made a strong start to his year 5 learning journey. He shows an abundance of resilience and a dedication to his learning. In class, he always tries his best, even when the learning becomes challenging. His positive attitude and willingness to keep improving are a superb example to others. Well done, Carter!

Y5



Jack

Jack always gives 100% in everything he does. He is super resourceful and uses his brilliant initiative to find solutions. Jack approaches every task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Jack's dedication, energy and willingness to go the extra mile make him a real asset to Seacole class. Keep working hard Jack!

Lana

Y6



It has been wonderful to see Lana go from strength to strength as she settles into Year 6! She is growing into a confident, independent learner, remembering to use the tools and people around her to help her succeed. Lana has produced some fantastic diary writing in English and is showing real progress in maths, particularly in her ability to break tricky problems into manageable steps and work through calculations methodically. But what makes Lana truly special is the warmth and positivity she brings to our classroom every single day. Her cheerful attitude is infectious, and she has a wonderful way of lifting those around her. Lana, you make Turing Class a brighter, happier place simply by being yourself. We are so lucky to have you!

Nina



I think everyone here at RKPS would agree that Nina makes our school a much better place. Her smile lights up the room. Her effort and application are admirable. Her resilience is second to none and for this, she has my utmost respect. Recently, Nina hasn't been feeling very well but she hasn't let that stop her, OHHH NOOO! She has persevered to carry out all tasks to the best of her ability and we're seeing the results. Just take a look at her wonderful letter of advice using parenthesis! Nina, we're all in awe of you!



YR Thunberg	Felix Rayyan	For writing his name brilliantly! Fantastic maths learning!
Y1 Obama	Rosie and Jasmine	For being handwriting heroes!
Y2 Attenborough	Wren	For handwriting heroics!
Y2 Parks	George Solara	Super independent writing! An amazing home learning poster on Nigeria!
Y3 Gandhi	Leon	Excellent writing about the Ice Age.
Y3 Pankhurst	Grayson Greta	For being a maths magician! Neat and accurate maths.
Y5 Seacole	Elliot	An incredible video game design!
Y6 Yousafzai	Ulfatullah Layan	Being a maths magician! Amazing reading with Mrs Borg!

Ace Event

A massive congratulations to Aiden, Fox, Henry, Jacom, Josh, Jude, Teddy, and Usra for representing Rudyard at the ACE Football event on Thursday. The sun was shining, the team played superbly, and we were extremely proud of how well the pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork. They worked hard and played seven games, showing huge amounts of respect throughout!

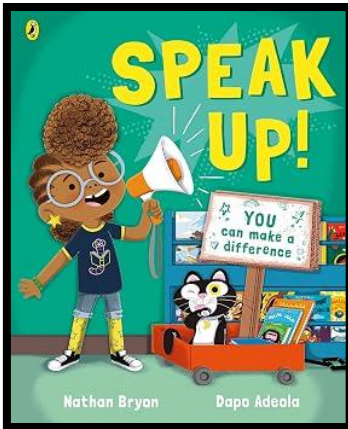


Black History Month

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!"

Speak Up! by Nathan Bryon (Author), Dapo Adeola (Illustrator)

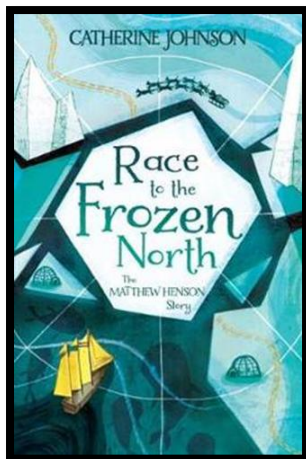


Rocket loves her weekly trips to the local library with her mum and older brother. So, she is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down forever! But Rocket, who recently borrowed a book about Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks, decides to speak up and save the library. She starts speaking up about libraries and how wonderful they are. Her passion is infectious, as she shares fascinating facts about libraries. Inspired by the activism of Rosa Parks, Rocket rallies support from her classmates, and together they lead a peaceful protest.

The protest is amazing but even though the press covers it, the library will still close. Rocket is gutted, and she can't help but think the protest was pointless. But just as her hope starts to waver, hundreds of letters from supporters start pouring in. Next, the town's mayor makes a surprise visit to Rocket's home where she invites Rocket's family to a party – a party to celebrate that the plans to close the library have been cancelled. Thanks to many people inspired by Rocket's protest, there have been enough donations to keep the library open, refurbish the building *and* buy new books. How fantastic!

The third book featuring the brilliantly passionate Rocket – as seen in our 2023 World Book Week Book: Clean Up

Race to the Frozen North. The Matthew Henson Story



Penniless and shoeless, 11-year-old Matt leaves home and walks to Washington DC in search of a new life. Taken in by the kindly Janey, he helps in her café. But, entranced by a customer's tales of adventure on the high seas, Matt starts to dream of sailing the world. As he sets off to find work on a ship, little does he know of the deep challenges he'll face and the incredible things he'll achieve.

Because of the colour of his skin, Matt has to work harder than everyone else to get half as far. But by the time he's twenty, he's travelled the world, is a master carpenter and speaks several languages. On land, though, nobody cares. Then he meets Officer Peary, a man with a great ambition: to find the North Pole. Matt's skills and abilities will prove essential to Peary's endeavours – but will he get the recognition he deserves?

Based on the story of real-life 19th-century explorer Matthew Henson, Catherine Johnson's light touch makes this remarkable story an exciting read and sheds important light on the way prejudice has white-washed the way we learn about the past....

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and across school we'll be taking opportunities to celebrate black voices, histories, cultures and achievements. This will look different across the year groups, from learning about inspiring individuals and important events to exploring music, books, art and the ways black culture has shaped our world.

We also want to emphasise that black history is not just for October. We are committed to including black voices, stories and experiences throughout our curriculum and across the school year.

We have some fantastic books across school featuring black characters, authors and stories and we'll be sharing these with the children throughout the month. We'd also love to hear about any books, music, films or other resources that your family enjoys and would recommend to others.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y2 Attenborough (15th October)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 13th October – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 13th October – Year 2 Parks PM

Wednesday 14th October – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 14th October – Year 1 Obama PM

Thursday 15th October – Year 5 Darwin AM



Car Park Gate

In order to keep the staff school car park safe for all our community, the car park gate will be locked every morning from 8:30am, starting from Monday.

Name your uniform plea

Please can you clearly name school uniform. Lots of unnamed uniform is handed in weekly. We cannot guarantee the return of any unnamed items to children.

Bikes / Scooters left at school

Please be mindful that any personal items left on the school grounds such as scooters and bikes are left at your own risk. We cannot guarantee these items are safe and secure within the external bike sheds. We strongly advise they are taken home.

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 ...

Rudyard Kipling Primary Sch PTFA

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Acc: 65752801

Please no blood, gore or horror

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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

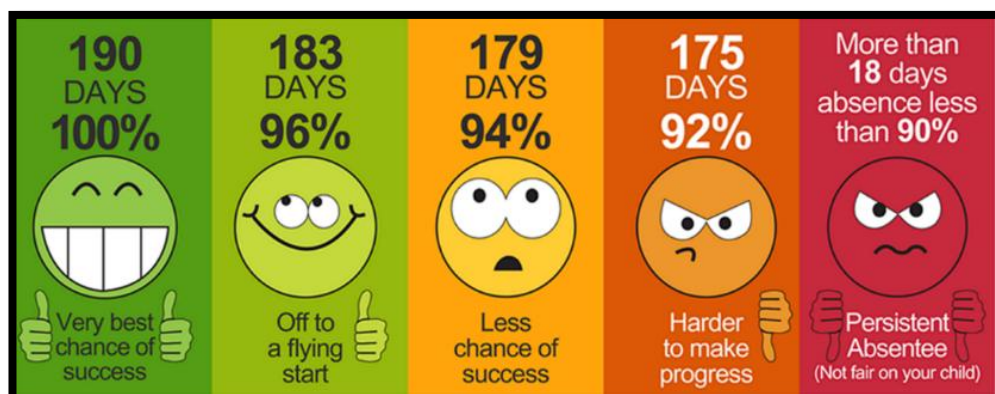
Attendance at RKPS

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.



And finally...

Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

5

- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher – Mr Hanington

Deputy Headteacher – Miss Vaughan

SENCO – Ms Nazarko

Business Manager: Mr Stanley

Senior Leadership and Head of Key Stages

EYFS – 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	
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
December 26	
2 nd December	KS2 Choir at Brighton Dome
5 th December	PTFA Christmas Light Trail
7 th December	KS1 Christmas show (dress rehearsal) 9:15am
8 th December	KS1 Christmas show 9:15am
9 th December	KS1 Christmas show 9:15am, KS2 Christmas Show (Dress rehearsal) 13:45PM
10 th December	KS2 Christmas Shows, 14:00 and 17:30pm
15 th December	PTFA Christmas Panto
16 th December	Armstrong 'Sing-a-long and Create' 9:15am
17 th December	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long and Create' 9:00am

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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HALLOWEEN PARTY
 AT WHITEHAWK FOOTBALL CLUB
31ST OCTOBER!

COMPETITION FOR BEST DRESSED FAN

6.30 - 11.30PM

KIDS WELCOME WITH ADULT

SPOOKY DRINKS & TREATS

DJ PLAYING ALL NIGHT