



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It was super seeing so many of you at Parents Consultations this week.

If you weren't able to make it along, please do arrange a time with your child's class teacher to meet with them about how your child has settled into their new class and how you can support their learning at home.

We are always eager to hear from parents and carers who might be able to spare a little time to come into school and volunteer. Reading one to one to an adult can be hugely beneficial for any child so if you'd like to be a reading volunteer, please email our office and we'll take it from there. Our amazing Forest School is also short of a few volunteers in certain year groups so please reach out if you can offer a little time to support your child's fun Forest School session.

Next Friday morning, the last day of this half term, is our annual Harvest assembly. Rev Helen from the Holy Cross Church is kindly going to lead it and we will be collecting offerings for the Woodingdean Food Hub who do such a great job for our local community. Thank you in advance for sending your child in with a can of beans or similar next Friday!

Today is European Languages Day and all our KS2 children will be enjoying sessions and learning some phrases from different languages including Welsh, Spanish, French and Irish! We have some very capable linguists on our staff team who are looking forward to sharing their skills with our children.

On which note...

Passe un merveilleux week-end!

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



European Day of Languages



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Y1



Jasmine

Jasmine is such a star in Year 1! She has the most wonderful listening ears and is always ready to learn using her fantastic brain. Whenever you look at Jasmine's books, you can see what a true handwriting hero she is—she takes so much care, neatness, and pride in everything she does. Jasmine, your kindness, focus, and hard work make you an absolute Rudyard Role Model, and we are all so very proud of you!

Esmay



Excellent Esmay – you are such a resourceful learner, and this is enabling you to complete your learning with greater independence and accuracy. I have been blown away by your use of the manipulatives and 100 squares in Maths. Not only have you used these resources effectively and confidently, but you have also imparted your amazing skills to support others learning around you. Thank you, you super star!

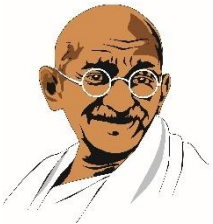
Y2



Isaac

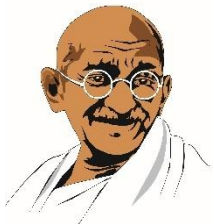
Isaac has earned this award for remembering! He is getting better and better at remembering our classroom rules, making good choices and showing respect to others. He is learning to listen to teacher instructions and get back into the green when feeling fizzy. It is lovely to see how much progress he is making! Well done, Isaac! Keep up the fantastic work!

Amber



Amber has earned this award for resourcefulness! She is always ready to jump in and take on any task and is always there to help and support others too. She takes great care of our classroom resources and always shows our key value of Respect. We can always count on Amber to lend a helping hand and get stuck in! Well done, Amber! Keep being amazing!

Y3



Whole Class

Well done, Year 3 Gandhi! We have got better and better this year at thinking about our choices, saying sorry when we need to and turning things around. I'm so proud of how you are learning from your mistakes and making better choices. You have shown me what you are made of and how fantastic you can be! Keep it up, Year 3 Gandhi — you're doing amazingly!

Ibrahim



Ibrahim is working so incredibly hard in Year 3. He is an absolute Maths wizard and with his excellent use of resources and recalling what he already knows, he is working independently and successfully. He is a kind and valued member of Pankhurst class for both the adults and his friends.

Zach



Zach has been working really hard in Year 4. It is every teacher's dream to have energetic, curious and attentive students in their class and Zach is absolutely bringing that dream to life in Franklin. Zach is bursting with ideas and questions and is learning how to share these in the right ways, so that all can hear his brilliant thinking. Furthermore, Zach has shown fantastic resilience this year. His growth mindset keeps him regulated, even when the learning gets really tricky! Keep up the hard work Zach!

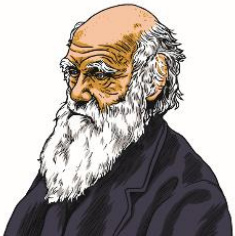
Y4



Iris

A huge special mention to Iris for showing wonderful resilience and dedication when creating her Roman mosaic! Her determination was truly impressive, and even a Roman emperor would have been delighted with her masterpiece!

Tiffany



Tiffany! How you brighten up a room with your positive attitude, marvellous songs and infinite number of questions! You have made a great start to year 5 and always demonstrate a mature approach to your learning. Each day, Tiffany ensures she is ready for learning by organising her equipment, preparing her equipment and writing her very own now, next, finally. Well done. Keep up the hard work.

Y5



Amina

Amina is an absolute joy to teach! She is always ready to learn and takes great pride in her work. You can always tell Amina is listening, as she has excellent posture for learning and shows she understands through nodding and smiling whilst I am teaching. Thank you for bringing your best to class everyday Amina – you are a star!

Curtis



Y6

Curtis has made such a fantastic impression since joining Year 6, and this week, his resilience has really shone through! He has been showing growing independence, getting started with his learning, remembering his reading record every day and working brilliantly with different talk partners. What has impressed me most, though, is the maturity Curtis is showing when things feel challenging. He is beginning to recognise what makes him feel frustrated and, even more importantly, is independently using strategies to help himself feel calm and ready to learn again. That takes real strength, determination and self-awareness. Curtis, you have so much to be proud of, and I hope you recognise just how far you've come already. Keep believing in yourself - we certainly do!



Alaa

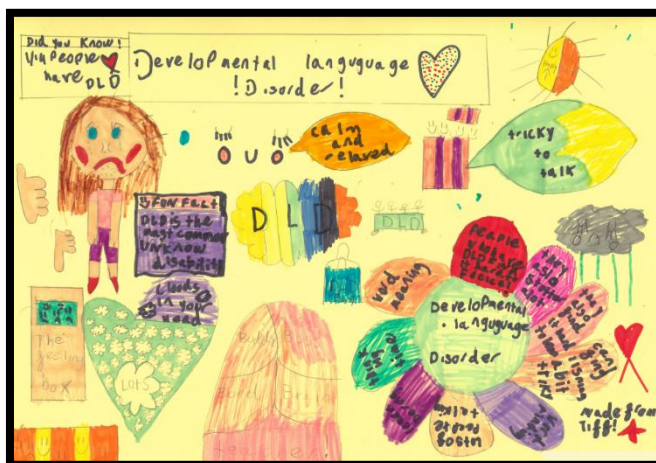
Witnessing Alaa hard at work is a joy to behold. Her effort and attitude are faultless and as a result, she has a wonderful ability to retain and remember the information shared in lessons. Much like a sponge, she soaks up everything she's learned. In turn, she applies this learning to all subjects. Alaa, thank you for making Yousafzai class shine!



YR Rashford	Halle and Kolby Patience	Superstar learning! For being a kind friend.
Y2 Attenborough	Atticus Finn	For being a handwriting hero! Marvellous maths work in class.
Y2 Parks	Bodhi	Amazing maths!
Y4 Mandela	Laith Teddy Eren and Bear Tommy Iris	Excellent home learning on Roman weapons. Super reading and an impressive reading record book. Great paired maths learning. Fantastic English work An excellent start to her topic book
Y4 Franklin	Hope	For being a maths magician and working independently!
Y5 Darwin	Tiffany Talia and Daenerys Tiger, Ted and Harper	A powerful kenning poem! An excellent poster about dyslexia. Impressive equations maths work.
Y6 Yousafzai	Eli Oakley Keira Sydnee	Secondary school quality diary writing. Excellent Victorian themed writing. A first-class science investigation. Brilliant science learning.
Y6 Turing	Curtis Joseph	Exceptional maths work. Superb Lowry inspired art work.

Terrific Tiff

Friday 16th October marks Raising Awareness of DLD day and the fabulous Tiff from Y5 worked super hard to produce this beautiful and informative poster to help us all learn more about Developmental Language Disorder

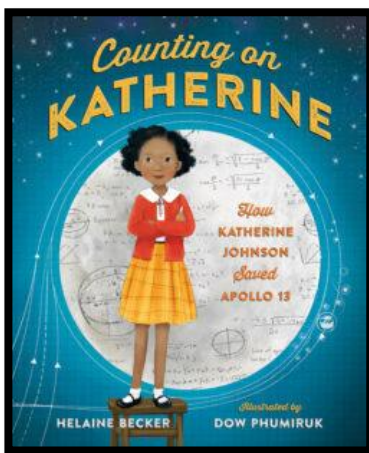


Black History Month

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!"

Counting on Katherine by Dow Phumiruk & Helaine Becker worth



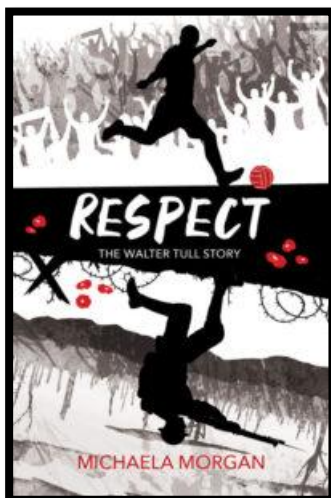
It's 20 July 1969. More than a fifth of the entire population of the world is gathered around a TV set watching grainy black-and-white pictures of the first humans setting foot on the moon.

This recommendable narrative non-fiction book celebrates the life of Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who played a crucial role in the smooth running of the Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon.

The story emphasises Katherine's lifelong passion for mathematics – how she loved to count as a child and how she overcame barriers of inequality and prejudice to reach her dream of using her mathematical talents while working for NASA.

A fantastic biography that celebrates mathematics, space and women.

Respect by Karen Donnelly & Michaela Morgan



Tully and his brother don't have much, but they do have each other. And Tully has an incredible talent – football!

As one of Britain's first Black professional footballers, Walter Tull faces many challenges. But when the First World War begins, he must fight for respect on the battlefield rather than the football pitch.

Based on an extraordinary true story, this inspiring book explores courage, resilience, determination and standing up against prejudice.

A powerful and accessible read that reminds us of the importance of respect, equality and never giving up, even when life is challenging! Particularly suitable for reluctant readers and children with dyslexia.

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.

We hope October will be a great opportunity for our children to discover new people, stories and perspectives and to celebrate the richness and diversity of the world around them.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y6 Yousafzai (22nd October)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 20th October – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 20th October – Year 2 Parks PM

Wednesday 21st October – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 21st October – Year 1 Obama PM

Thursday 22nd October – Year 5 Darwin AM



Does your child have any allergies?

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that the school office is informed as soon as possible so that appropriate support and safety measures can be put in place. For further information or to update your child's medical records, please contact the school office or visit reception.

The school keeps its own Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AIs) on site. These may be used in an emergency if a child is experiencing anaphylaxis or showing symptoms of a severe allergic reaction while waiting for emergency medical assistance.

Harvest Offerings

On the morning of Friday October 23rd, Rev Helen will kindly be leading a special Harvest Assembly here in school. We will be collecting for the Woodingdean Food Hub who provide such a vital service for the Woodingdean Community. Please do send your child into school next Friday with a can or packet of non-perishable goods.



Unsafe Parking

We have been informed of continued unsafe parking on Downs Valley Road. Should you see an example of this, you are encouraged to contact Operation Crackdown at

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who always park safely and with consideration for others.

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)

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/2442242>

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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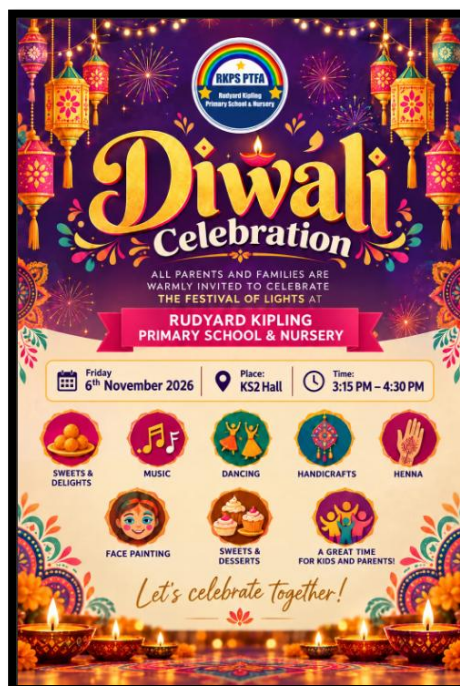
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Please no blood, gore or horror



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Diwali Celebration Event



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.

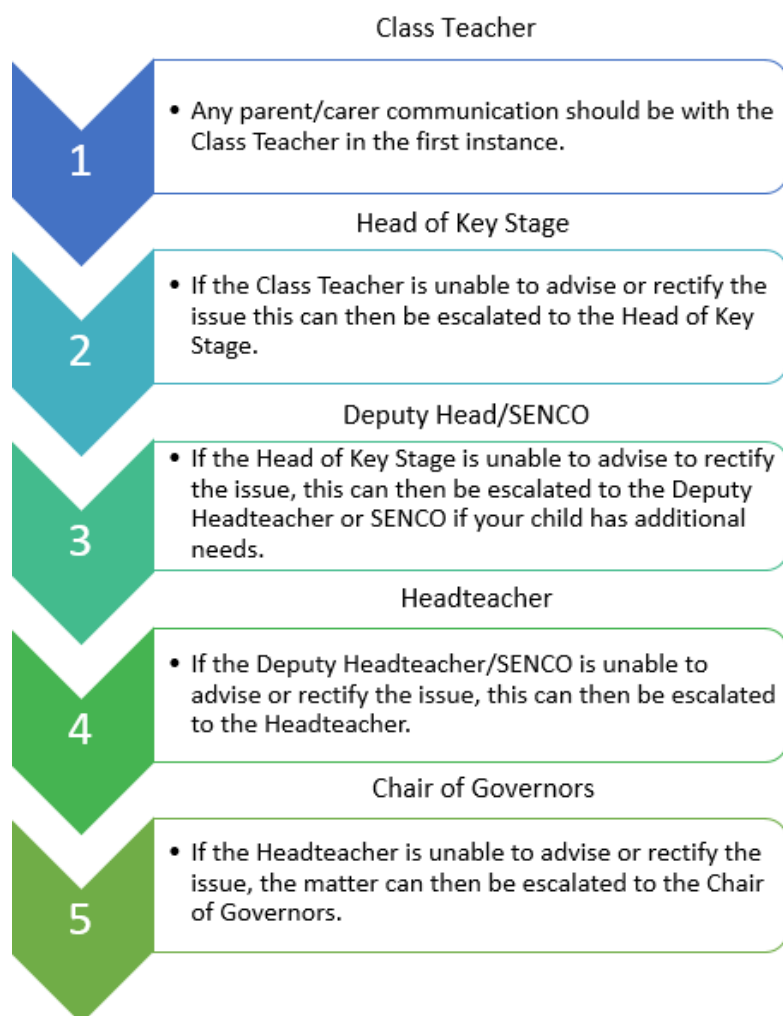
Reporting absences. we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason.

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...



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	
21 st October	Reception 2027 Open Event (5:30pm)
23 rd October	Harvest Assembly at 9am, 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

Notice Board

Open Events

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?



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Dates

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

🎵 DJ
PLAYING ALL
NIGHT

👻 SPOOKY DRINKS & TREATS