



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Friday 22th November 2024

Headteacher Reports:

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I still love to teach whenever I can and this Monday I had the pleasure of teaching Reception Rashford class: they are a talented bunch!

We were learning about parts of the body and one girl expertly explained how the role of the heart was to pump blood containing oxygen around the body-not the answer I was expecting from a 4 year old! Children never cease to amaze, they are sponges and are able to absorb information in incredible ways. I had a lovely time and am looking forward to teaching Reception Thunberg class in a week or so.

This week and last, Ms Kirby and I have been watching lots of teaching and learning across the school. This process includes talking to the children about their learning and finding out what our children enjoy most about school and what helps them learn best.

Our children are fortunate to be taught by some of the very best teachers and learning support assistants around and I am forever impressed at the sophistication of the teaching strategies which they use. We are a research driven school and one area of focus at the moment is the expectation of children using full sentence answers. Teachers use 'stem sentences' to help children frame their responses.

Earlier this week, we were visited from colleagues at St Marks Primary and we moderated writing together. Yesterday, we hosted some training on maths mastery and were visited by other teachers from schools across Brighton. We are always keen to work with schools across the city and share best practice. We are always seeking ways of refining our teaching methods, the best schools never stand still.

There is a rather historical feel to the school today with the Year 4 children enjoying a Roman day with lots of workshops and Victorian day in Year 6 where some rather old fashioned teaching techniques are the order of the day-teaching has come a long way since 1901!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Year 6 Victorian Day



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Ibrahim



I am over the moon with Ibrahim this week! Despite the cold and snow, he has been ploughing on in his learning with steely determination. In maths he can independently use resources to fill in our part whole models! Every day he works on his handwriting and letter formation which is clearly paying off. Ibrahim is always smiling and a joy to have in the class. Well done Ibrahim!

YR1



Harry

If you are ever in need of a smile or a laugh, look to Harry to save the day! He has that fantastic ability to make a day better with a smile! I have been so impressed with him in maths, he has been very resilient. He may have found our addition and subtraction fact families a little challenging to start off with, but by the end of this week, Harry was able to not only tell me, but to explain it to his friends! Harry really takes on a can-do attitude, and we are so lucky to have him in Obama class!

Olivia



Like a radiant rainbow, racing across the sky, Oliver is always ready to go and reach his goal! Whether it is gathering and organising his maths challenges or using and checking accuracy with the spelling of his vocabulary, Oliver has got it covered. As you polish your way to perfection when editing or show your delight sharing your comprehension with a book, you are our ready steady ray sunshine!

YR2

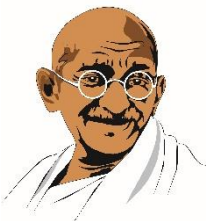


Erica

Erica, you are truly a shining star in the classroom! Your dedication to always doing the right thing is so impressive, and it's clear that you put in so much hard work every day. Whether you're working at your desk or sitting on the carpet, you always show that you're ready to learn, and that makes a huge difference to everyone around you. Keep up the amazing effort, Erica!

Harrison

YR3



This boy is so reflective we really should rename him, 'The Mirror'. Never satisfied with mediocrity, Harrison strives to extend his learning and understanding by answering challenge questions. If that wasn't enough, in his own calm time, he quite often asks to add more to his learning, finish more questions, or review his vocabulary choices to ensure they are as ambitious or precise as possible! He truly is the model student!

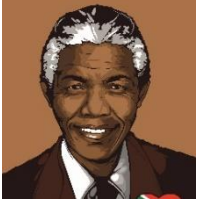
Millie

YR3



Millie has really shown fabulous resourcefulness this week. Her desk is always prepared with her pen, pencil and dictionary to level up her work. I have been especially impressed during class discussions in English where she shares her fantastic ideas. Well done, Millie.

Riyan



Riyan is a model student. No challenge is too big for this learning legend. Riyan's attitude to learning is incredible and he has made so much progress this year due to his dedication. Riyan is so committed to challenging himself that he spends a lot of his own time working on his maths and reading skills. Keep it up Riyan! You should feel very proud of yourself!

YR4



Euan

Euan is such a thoughtful and helpful member of Franklin. He is always very empathetic to others and really considers his ideas and opinions and how they could make other people feel. In terms of helpfulness, not only does Euan do lots of jobs for Mrs Newbold, he also regularly provides helpful maths tips and tricks to help everyone remember things or solve problems. Thank you Euan!

Mia

YR5



Where on earth would Mr. Jones be without the one and only, truly magnificent Mia? There really aren't enough words in the English language to do justice to this incredible young lady! Always going above and beyond, Mia not only keeps track of everything for herself but also does a fantastic job of keeping Mr. Jones on track too! Every class deserves a Mia—someone as dependable, kind, and extraordinary as she is. She should be incredibly proud of all she's accomplished so far, and there's no doubt she'll continue to shine brightly in Year 5 and beyond!

Lilah



Lovely Lilah is an absolute delight to teach! She is mature, hardworking, has amazing ideas and contributes in lessons all of the time. Her work in English on the workhouses was truly second to none. She came up with lots of ideas on why Jim felt his feelings in the workhouse. Keep being fabulous Lilah!

YR6



Barney

Brilliant Barney is a wonderfully curious and positive member of Yousafzai class. He is always eager to ask insightful questions that spark interesting discussions and help everyone learn. His positivity brightens the classroom, making it a great place to be. Bravo Barney!

Chelsea

Chelsea is a shining star in our class, with her fabulous have a go attitude and determination to tackle any challenge. Her stunning non-chronological report on the workhouse was truly impressive and showed incredible effort and creativity. Chelsea's smile lights up the classroom every day, spreading positivity. Bravo, Chelsea!

Stars of the Week

After School Club – Rec/KS1 – Dylan in Parks for being so helpful at After School Club
KS2 – Jayson in Seacole for being so helpful at After School Club

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Freddie, Oakleigh, Ruben, Darcie and Grace Y4 for their great pallet and tyre builds.

Amelia and Harli Yr3 for creating their own adventure rides out of pallets.

Leighton yr6 and Isaac Yr 4 for kindly tidying up in KS2 playground.

Tiffany Yr3 for being polite in the dining room.

Grayson Yr 1 for tidying up in KS1.

Eren Yr2 for being a great role model in the dining room.



YR Thunberg	Millie-Rose - Super learning in class!
YR Rashford	Wren and Ilana - For being very resourceful and kind Esme – Amazing writing!
Y1 Kahlo	Hasti - For being a writing wizard!
Y1 Obama	Alice - For a super attitude to her learning,.
Y2 Attenborough	Leisha - For having high standard in her learning.
Y2 Parks	Dylan - Excellent RE learning. Tommy – Handwriting Hero! Albie – Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Gandhi	Harper – A wonderful poem Lottie – Incredible work Ayham - Incredible maths work that was done AT HOME! Chester - Incredible maths work that was done AT HOME!
Y3 Pankhurst	Stanley - For excellent spoken answers in maths.
Y4 Mandela	Halle - First class maths learning on the 12 x table.
Y4 Franklin	Holly - For always showing our school's values including kindness and respect.
Y5 Seacole	Ariah - For an excellent attitude to learning.
Y6 Turing	Arthur - Handwriting Hero!
Y6 Yousafzai	Chelsea and Sofie - Brilliant history learning.

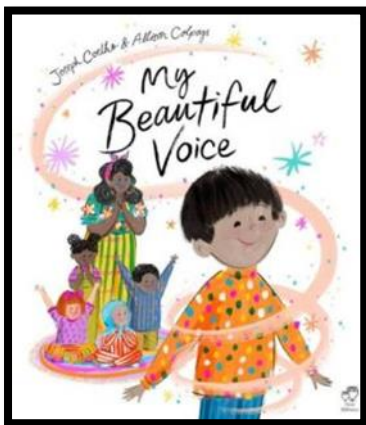


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

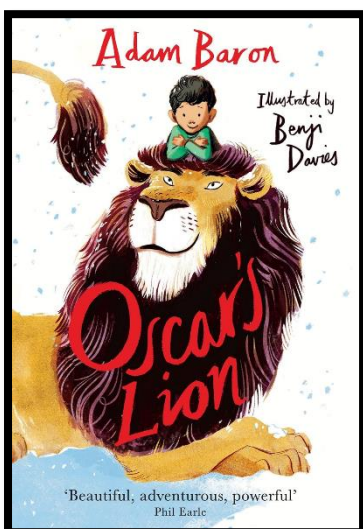
“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.

My Beautiful Voice by Joseph Coelho & Allison Colpoys



A moving, lyrical picture book about a shy child unlocking the power of their own voice through poetry, with the helping hand of an extra special teacher, written by poet and playwright Joseph Coelho. This beautifully illustrated, powerful and heart-warming text shows children that everyone's voice can be powerful and beautiful, however small. Follow a child who is so shy she doesn't speak. With the encouragement of an enchanting and magical teacher, she writes a poem. But a poem is meant to be read aloud. She musters all her courage, stands at the front of the class and shows her classmates that she does have a voice. And her voice is beautiful. The perfect way to encourage empathy in young children and show shy children how to feel brave.

Oscar's Lion: A modern by Adam Baron and illustrated by Benji Davies



A magical coming-of-age story about a boy spending his first weekend without his parents . . . and the lion who comes to babysit him. Get ready to fall in love with this instant classic.

'Beautiful, adventurous, powerful' Phil Earle

Oscar is a little terrified to find that a lion is going to be looking after him for the weekend. But when the lion lets him eat as many biscuits as he wants, and reads him his favourite story ten times, Oscar realises he might be on to something good.

Soon, Oscar discovers that the lion can change into different animals and the pair find themselves having all kinds of adventures! But before the lion has to go, might he have one more amazing transformation up his sleeve?

“Oscar's lion” book review by Jacob in Yousafzai Class.

“Oscar's Lion,” is a great book for those who like fiction adventures and excitement. I would, as one of those people give it 4.5 out of 5 as nothing is perfect. I would highly recommend this book to others who like this genre of books as it's very good and most of my class has read it; making it very popular in Y6 so why not the whole world?*

*with the exception of FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

Equalities



This term, Year 5 Seacole Class has been exploring the themes of diversity and equality, tying these important values into the activities of Anti-Bullying Week. Guided by this year's focus, 'Choose Respect', the students engaged in thoughtful discussions, creative projects, and role-playing scenarios to understand the power of kindness, empathy, and inclusion.

Through stories and activities, the class celebrated the unique qualities that make everyone special, while learning how respecting differences strengthens friendships and communities. Together, they created a vibrant display showcasing their ideas on how to stand up to bullying and choose respect in everyday life.

The week has inspired everyone in Seacole Class to carry the message forward and be champions for a more inclusive and respectful school environment. Well done, Year 5!

PTFA NEWS / Events

Asda Rewards

Wow! Through the Asda cash pot, we have raised an amazing £996.93.

Don't forget to choose Rudyard Kipling Primary School on the Asda Rewards app. We have 8 days left to keep earning! (this works alongside your own rewards so there is nothing to lose)

We've also been chosen to be part of the CO-OP community fund! If you already have a co-op card you'll be able to choose us as your chosen charity. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87742>

New members sign up here <https://membership.coop.co.uk>



Quiz Night

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1430663>

Rudyard Kipling Primary School,

Saturday 30th November 2024, Doors Open 7pm

Quiz Start 7.30pm

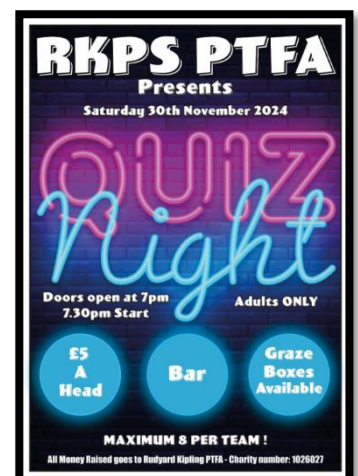
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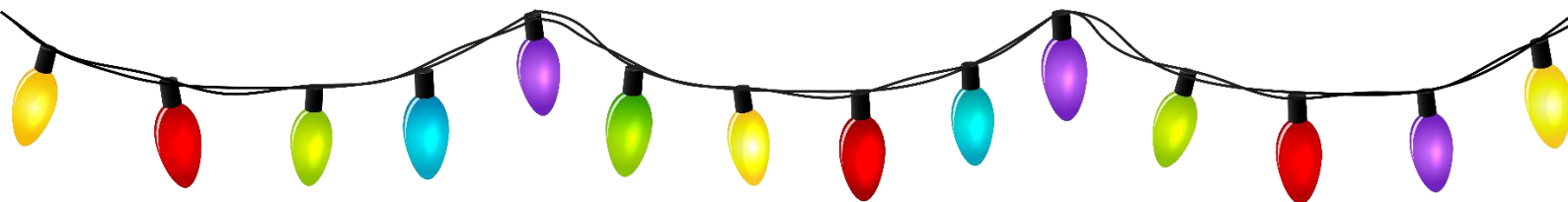
Bar & Snacks

Graze boxes - please contact us at rksptfa@gmail.com to order. £5 per person.

We are thrilled to welcome our Quiz Master Guy Wickenden to our event.

All funds raised are for Rudyard Kipling PTFA Registered Charity; 1026027





Letter from Father Christmas

👤 Have you been naughty or nice this year?

📄 Get ready to find out with a personalised letter from the big man himself - The One & Only Father Christmas!

🌲 Please use the form to pay for your personalised letter from Father Christmas, please answer all of the questions on the payment page, with all the details you require. You can send to any friend or family member of any age.

🏠 If you are within the Woodingdean area we will arrange delivery or collection from Rudyard Kipling Primary School. If you need your letter to be sent out of area it will be posted to their door in plenty of time for Christmas.

💰 This service costs £3.00 per letter with all proceeds going to the school.

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456229>

⚠️ DEADLINE 25th November 2024!

KS1 Xmas Magic Show

🎩 This year's PTFA Christmas Event for KS1

🌞 Friday 6th December

🌲 All details can be found in the link...



<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456216>

KS2 Xmas Party

🎩 This year's PTFA Christmas Event for KS2

🌞 Friday 6th December

🌲 All details can be found in the link...

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456228>





Wescott Thursdays Autumn 2

The dates for Wescott Thursday after half-term are as follows: The running order will be as follows:

Thursday 28th Nov - Year 3

Thursday 5th Dec - Year 2

Thursday 12th Dec - Year 1

Thursday 19th Dec - TBC

SchoolPing



To keep up to date and receive all communications from the school, it is really important that you download and keep checking Ping.

Arbor is used for club bookings, updating student details, payments and the school shop. We are not yet in a position to use the Arbor communications as it does not currently meet our needs. We appreciate having two Apps can be confusing BUT please remember school communications is Ping and everything else is Arbor.

Arbor — Student details

Please can we ask that all families check student detail, addresses, phones number etc on your Arbor app to make sure these are current and up to date. It crucial the school has correct contact information for all families. Any medical updates such as allergies can also be updated BUT we ask that the office is also informed of these.

Onesie and Xmas Jumper SALE - **Cancelled**

This event, due to take place on 26th November has been cancelled.

However, the PTFA are running a similar event on Friday 13th December at 3:15pm in the KS2 hall.

Scooters and Bikes

We really encourage families to walk, bike or scooter to school. Not only is this better for the local environment by reducing congestion, it is healthier too!

However, due to the volume of scooters and bikes that come in, we are unable to store these in school. ALL scooters and bikes must be secured in the bike sheds and are left at the owners own risk.

If you decide that leaving such items at school it not for you, then we kindly ask they are taken away with adults. We kindly request neither are ridden onsite for Health and Safety reasons.



Forest School with Mr Wescott!

There have been some wonderful woodland activities in our Forest School curriculum this week. Children have been developing their communication, teamwork skills as they build and create.



Next Forest School Sessions

Monday 25th November – Y2 Attenborough

Tuesday 26th November – Y2 Park

Thursday 28st November – Y3 Pankhurst



Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the Week

Julien Alfred 100m Paris Olympics Gold Medallist



Alfred was the first Saint Lucian to ever win a medal at the Olympics, do you know how fast she ran the 100m to win gold?

Community Notice Board



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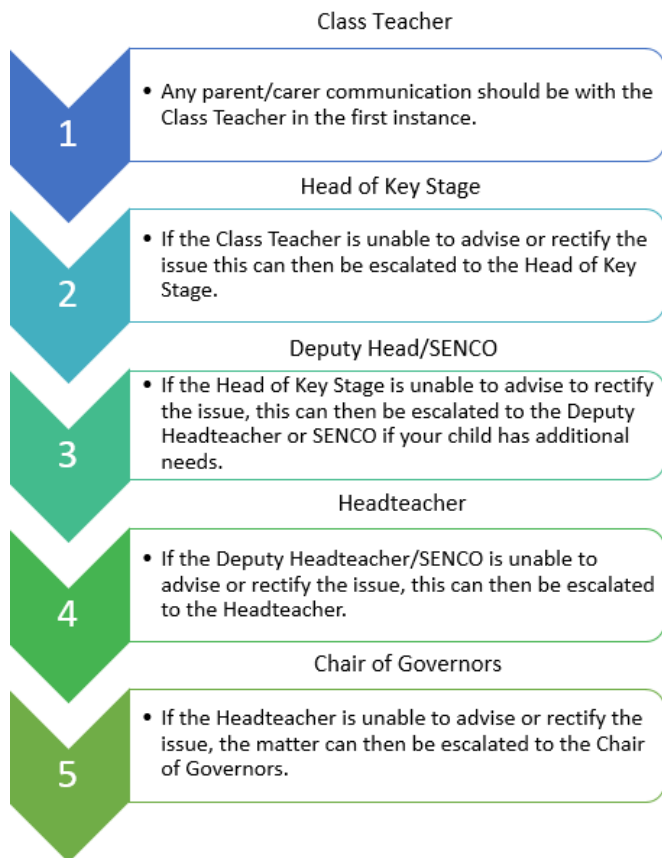
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13th
December
After School
In the hall

Clothes,
Toys,
Wonderful
Ideas for
presents
Decorations



At Christmas



Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

Dates for the Diary

November 24	
Monday 25th	DEADLINE: Father Christmas Letters
Tuesday 26th	Xmas Jumper and Onesie SALE, 8:45am - CANCELLED
Saturday 30th	PTFA Quiz Night (7pm)
December 24	
Monday 2nd	School Photographer – absent/retake session
Wednesday 4th	One Voice Concert (Brighton Centre)
Friday 6th	KS1 Magic Show, KS2 Xmas Party
Monday 9th	KS1 dress rehearsal: 9am, KS2 dress rehearsal: 2pm
Tuesday 10th	KS1 performance: 9am, KS2 performance : 2pm
Wednesday 11th	KS1 performance: 2pm, KS2 performance: 5:30pm, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th	Reception Sing-A-Long
Friday 13th	PTFA Pop-up SALE from 3:15pm in KS2 hall
Wednesday 18th	Armstrong sing-along and create a traditional Christmas/Winter decoration – 8:50am-9:50am
Thursday 19th	Choir Christmas recital, 2:30pm
Friday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM
January 25	
Monday 6th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7th	CHILDREN RETURN

