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Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

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The countdown to Christmas is well and truly under way: our children's beautiful singing can be heard throughout the school.

Our school choir are fine tuning their performances ahead of next Wednesday evening's One Voice concert at the Brighton Centre, always one of the year's highlights. I would like to thank Mrs Brewer for all her hard work towards producing such a finely tuned group of singers- the choir is such a lovely feature of our school.

As I write, Year 5 are busy rehearsing their production in the KS2 Hall. I popped in this morning and was most impressed at the quality of the acting and singing! We are all looking forward to the KS1 performance of the Nutcracker as well as the Reception singing performance which so often steals the show!

Do book your tickets if you have not yet done so. This year, we will be raising money for the Salvation Army to help those with less than ourselves.

Yesterday, the PTFA were in school to take some photos of our Christmas production performers in their costumes. Many thanks to Fletcher's dad, Adam, for coming in for a whole morning to snap away. Thanks also to Henry's mum, Anik, for coordinating the event. There will be some very happy grandparents soon receiving photos of their little loved ones at Christmas time.

Speaking of the PTFA, tomorrow evening is the second PTFA quiz night with Jessica-Lea's dad, Guy, as quizmaster. It promises to be another very fun occasion so do make it if you can.

In KS2 assembly this morning, I let the children know that next week's Headteacher Awards will be even more special than usual. For the final three weeks of term, accompanying the certificate will be a candy cane pencil, another original idea of the PTFA, thank you to Lou for organising this- the children are already talking excitedly about earning one!

Later today, our Christmas trees will be going up in both halls: it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Special Mentions



Gus



What a superstar Gus has been! Gus has been showing excellent readiness all week. Every day he walks into class and silently focuses on his handwriting. This steely determination continues throughout all lessons in the day. All the effort has paid off as Gus has made some huge improvements in all his learning! I am so proud of how sensible and hardworking he can be. A well-deserved representative of our class – being a member of the school council. Well done, Gus!

YR1



Oakleigh

Oakleigh! What a treat you are to have in class. You are always willing to help a friend in need and manage to bring a warm smile to our faces when we feel down. You are so good at reflecting. I can tell you're reflecting so much in our PSHE lessons. You have been teaching us and reminding us this week how to be a good friend. Well done Oakleigh!

Reegan



Reegan, the Remembering Queen – how lucky we are to have you! You always remember our school values with everyone, and you remember to speak with such kindness and respect. You remember to include others so that they feel counted. Like a radiant rainbow reaching across the sky, you always strive to remember all your spellings to produce your very best. You remember to be resilient when facing challenges in maths. I was particularly impressed by your skills of remembering when editing and publishing your own story of Lila and the Secret of Rain – you super star!

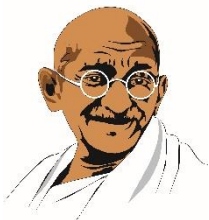
YR2



Wren

Wonderful Wren! WOW! Your willingness to work hard and your wonderful way of remembering every step have truly wowed me. You have been a whiz at recalling all the dance moves and actions for the Christmas show, impressing everyone with your dedication and determination. Keep it up, Wren!

Lottie



Remembering when and where to exchange when adding and subtracting can be a tricky task. The cool, calm and collected character that is Lottie Botting, however, doesn't panic, instead she uses her excellent 'remembering' skills or refers to the class flipcharts for support. Mr Wynne even spotted this genius reminding her peers of this! What a joy it is to have Lottie in Gandhi class!

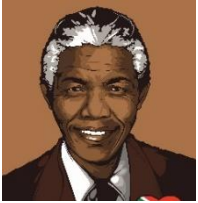
YR3



Charlotte

Charlotte is such a fantastic asset to Pankhurst class. She is always ready to start the day with a smile on her face, and a fantastically positive attitude which brings Miss Hay so much joy. However, this week, Charlotte has really stood out for being a great friend; always showing kindness, compassion and being a role model for the rest of her class.

Dougie



Dougie has been working so hard on his English and maths skills. His resilience has been exquisite. His confidence has skyrocketed, and his hand has been shooting up to answer questions in class. Dougie's understanding of the characters in our English text, Varjak Paw, has been fantastic and he has been producing high-quality work. Dougie, you should be very proud of yourself, keep it up!

YR4



Grace

Grace consistently demonstrates all of the 5 R's. She is such a conscientious worker, always trying her best, not only with her learning but also in the presentation of her work. All her books are beautiful and a real pleasure to mark. Furthermore, Grace always enters the classroom with a smile and a friendly hello, which instantly brightens up Mrs Newbold's day.

Amna



YR5

Amna is simply remarkable! Calm, composed, and quietly brilliant, she's the silent fox in the box—always listening intently and unlocking key information with her sharp memory. Her writing has been phenomenal this year—descriptive, well-structured, and a joy to read—a young author in the making! She's just as impressive in maths, solving problems with ease and precision. If the Year 6 SATs were tomorrow, she'd smash them—and she still has a whole year to get even better! Well done, Amna—what a star!

Connie



Connie is getting this Special Mention for her fantastic maths work recently. She has impressed both Mrs Woolven and Mr Mack with her perseverance when tackling fractions questions, and her presentation is superb too! Keep up the fabulous work Connie!

Badar

YR6

Badar will soon be going to live in Kuwait, but he's left such an impression on us all in the time we've got to know him. He's so knowledgeable about a wide variety of topics and is always willing to ask questions and help the class probe subjects more deeply. It will be a very different Turing class without Badar's personality and sense of humour.

Henry



Wonderful Henry always puts in so much effort and works incredibly hard. He is always showing readiness, and his politeness and helpfulness never goes unnoticed – he is a wonderful role model for everyone in Yousafzai class. Keep being you, as you're wonderful! Bravo Henry!

Millie

A huge well done to Millie for trying so hard in all her lessons and showing such care and attention to detail in her writing. She always shows kindness, making everyone in the class feel valued. Her warm smile brightens up the classroom every day – keep being amazing! Bravo!

Stars of the Week

**After School Club – Rec/KSI – Leo in Attenborough for being so kind and caring.
KS2 – Arthur in Turing for being so helpful at After School Club.**

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

**Fletcher in Y6
Ronnie in Y6
Woody in Y6
Jacob in Y6**

For their enthusiasm, determination and team work whilst playing their new game, 'Tyre Shot'.

**Oscar in Y3
Stanley in Y3
Charlotte in Y3
Tiger in Y3**

For their exceptional role model behaviour in the dining hall.



YR Thunberg	Hattie - For always showing positivity and with a fantastic smile! Arthur – Super scissor skills
YR Rashford	Roman - Perfect letter formation of the letters h and f. Nicole - Fantastic writing!
Y1 Kahlo	Lily - A super diary entry.
Y1 Obama	Leon - For showing kindness and for being a good friend.
Y2 Attenborough	Ben - For writing a fantastic book!
Y2 Parks	Khaliyl - For great reading!
Y3 Gandhi	Frankie – For a positive and hardworking attitude!
Y3 Pankhurst	Talia - For showing impressive readiness and her excellent attitude to learning.
Y4 Mandela	Eddie and Liam - An excellent newspaper report linked to Varjak Paw.
Y4 Franklin	Evan Lana, Nate and Amelia - Super puns!
Y5 Seacole	Phoebe - For her consistently positive attitude to learning.
Y6 Turing	Michael and Ellis - for being fantastic mentors to a younger boy.
Y6 Yousafzai	Woody and Barney - An impressive maths investigation.



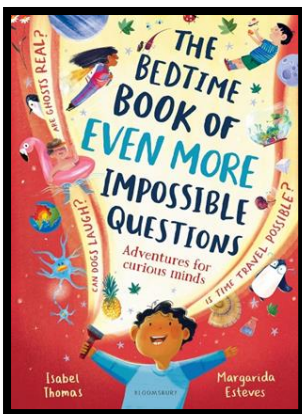
RKPS Reading Recommendations

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.

The Bedtime Book of Even More Impossible Questions by Isabel Thomas and illustrated by Margarida Esteves



A fabulous dive into the endless wonders of the world that will make bedtime absolutely awesome! Packed with quirky, thought-provoking, and sometimes utterly baffling questions that make bedtime exciting and fun! From asking, 'When did time start?' to, 'Why can't we feel earth moving through space?' the book covers so many topics-science, philosophy, nature, animals, culture, and beyond.

We loved leaning that:

- 4 Hippos kill 500 people a year protecting their territory!
- The Sun's atmosphere gets up to 300 times hotter than its surface.
- The best theory is that the universe began at least 13.8 billion years ago!

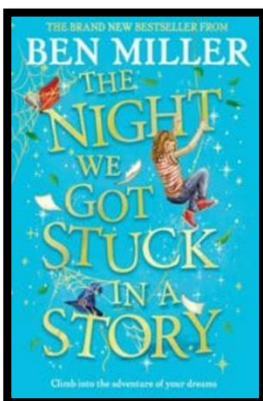
The short, snappy answers are perfect for anyone who are eager to learn!

The illustrations are brilliant. Each page bursts with vibrant colours and detailed drawings that are playful and engaging.

We loved reading this and laughing and pondering on things we discovered. We also loved that they supported the learning, making unfamiliar concepts more relatable.

The perfect gift for all children! Following on from The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions, this book provides EVEN MORE answers to the weird, wonderful and sometimes downright dumbfounding questions that buzz around kids' brains at bedtime - covering topics such as philosophy, science, nature, animals, geography, culture and more. With fascinating but short, succinct answers and inviting illustrations, it really is the ideal read for curious kids.

The Night We Got Stuck in a Story by Ben Miller



The story tells of siblings, Lana and Harrison (from The Day I Fell into a Fairytale), who go to visit their grandparents and are upset to find that their favourite play spot (an old, hollow tree) is under threat. When Lana speaks to developers and makes a deal she soon regrets, she cannot put it out of her mind. That night, a mysterious golden thread leads her back to the old, hollow tree and Lana and Harrison end up getting pulled (quite literally) into storybook land full of mystery and adventure. Lana finds herself with a very big problem – she needs to rescue her brother before it is too late, but he isn't the only one who needs her help!

At the end of the book, author Ben Miller spends time sharing some of the ideas behind his writing in 'A Brief Note About Spiders'. When I read this aloud, this part sparked the interest of children in the class and they were fascinated to learn about the real-life animals that inspired the Golden Diving Bell Spiders.

Equalities



Year 3 have been looking at the word democracy and what it means to be democratic. We found that to be truly democratic and show equality, everyone's voice should be heard and everyone's vote should be counted no matter who you are. With this in mind, we had class votes this week to determine outcomes. An example of this was voting for which idea we wanted for our marble jar treat should we earn it at the end of term!

PTFA NEWS / Events

Asda Rewards

Wow! Through the Asda cash pot, we have raised an amazing £1,101.92.

Don't forget to choose Rudyard Kipling Primary School on the Asda Rewards app. We have 1 day 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>

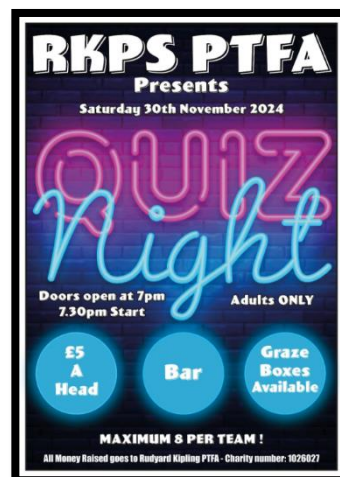
Rudyard Kipling Primary School,
Saturday 30th November 2024, Doors Open 7pm
Quiz Start 7.30pm
(max 8 in a team - 18+ only)

Bar & Snacks

Graze boxes - please contact us at rkpsptfa@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



Pop up Shop

👤 RKPS PTFA Pop Up Festive Charity Shop - Friday 13th Dec 2024. 3pm.

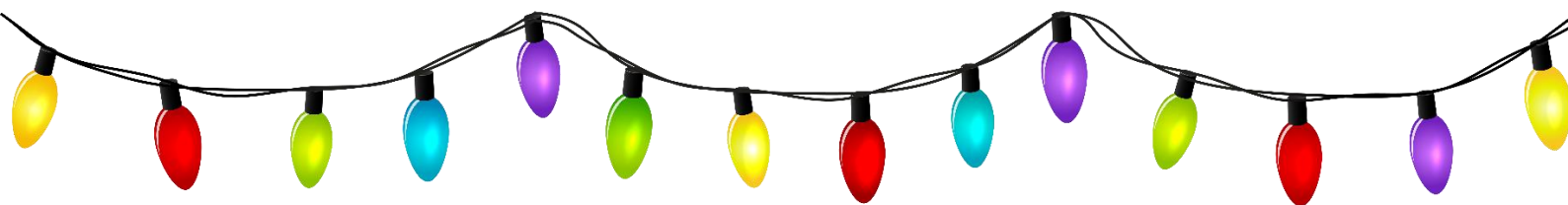
♥ Good quality pre-loved items wanted for our pop-up charity shop.

♥ Please drop off your donations on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th Dec from 8.15am outside the school office.

♥ Sale will be held in the KS2 school hall along with 2nd hand uniform on the 13th Dec from 3pm

★ Help us to use your pre-loved items to make some money for the school!

👤 Please note, whilst we appreciate all donations, please make sure they are in a good sellable condition. We are not able to dispose of items if unsold



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 5th Dec - Year 2
Thursday 12th Dec - Year 1
Thursday 19th Dec - TBC

Christmas Productions

Christmas product tickets are now available to buy via our Arbor shop. These are currently limited to 2 ticket per child, per key stage. It is highly likely that we will be able to offer further places but we cannot do this until all families have had an opportunity to purchase their tickets. Please keep an eye on Ping for updates.

Arbor — Student details

Please can we ask that all families check student details, addresses, phone numbers 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.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions



Monday 2nd December – Y1 Obama

Tuesday 3rd December – Y1 Kahlo

Thursday 5th December – YR Rashford



Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the Week

Tom Daley- Olympic diver, Team GB



Tom has medals in all colours- do you know how many?

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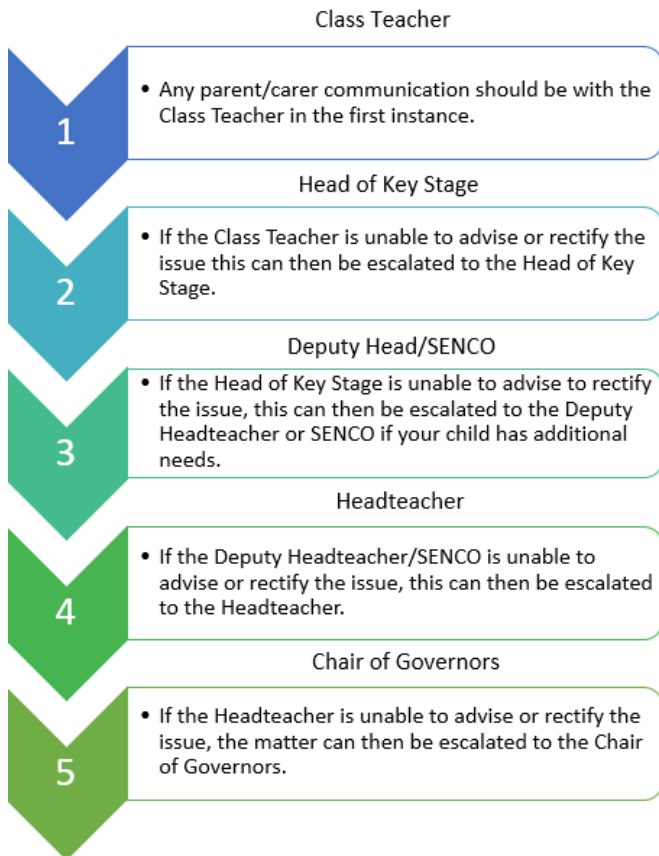
At Christmas

13th
December
After School
In the hall

Clothes,
Toys,
Wonderful
Ideas for
presents
Decorations



And finally...



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	
Saturday 30th	PTFA Quiz Night (7pm)
December 24	
Monday 2nd	School Photographer – absent/retake session
Wednesday 4th	One Voice Concert (Brighton Centre)
Friday 6th	KSI Magic Show, KS2 Xmas Party
Monday 9th	KSI dress rehearsal: 9am, KS2 dress rehearsal: 2pm
Tuesday 10th	KSI performance: 9am, KS2 performance : 2pm
Wednesday 11th	KSI 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

