



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

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### Headteacher Reports:

Last Saturday evening's PTFA quiz night was great fun: the hall was full, thank you to everyone who came along. Congratulations to Anik and Alex's winning team. The staff team finished in third place and we will look to regain our quiz crown next time!

A special thanks to quiz master supreme Guy who kept everyone entertained with his gags and games. All the money raised will, as usual, go towards purchasing items and experiences for all of our children to enjoy. Thank you to our PTFA for organising this and all the other special events around this time of year.

This morning, all of our children will be royally entertained by a PTFA magic show. It is just one of many events which the PTFA organise for the enjoyment of all our children: we are so very lucky to have such a committed team of adults working for the benefit of all our children. They raise a serious amount of money and in January our children will be enjoying many new pieces of play equipment to keep them entertained at playtimes: they are in for a treat.

It was the 'One Voice' singing concert at the Brighton Centre on Wednesday evening and I had the pleasure of sitting next to Harley who sang beautifully and with such expression! All of our choir performed magnificently and Mrs Brewer was proud of them all. I love this event: it feels so special to be one of over 30 Brighton schools who join together to fill the huge space with magical sound.

I would like to finish this week by thanking those families who have enabled their children to be in school every day this term. This is very much appreciated by all our school staff and the benefits of 100% attendance for a child are huge.

We are all looking forward to an exciting final two weeks of term.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



PTFA Magic Shows



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions



## Greta



Greta has blown me away with her readiness! There must be some Christmas magic in the air because Greta has sparkled all week. While the days have become shorter and darker, Greta has shone bigger and brighter. Greta sits silently in perfect posture at carpet times and will share her wonderful ideas with her thinking thumb or talk partner. She is also always kind, respectful and caring to everyone around her. Well done Greta!

YR1

## Bear



Bear, like a bright beacon blazing across the sky, you are ready to tackle any challenge you face with endless energy and an awesome attitude. Your love of learning is infectious, and you are always ready to listen to feedback to further improve your learning. What an example you are to all! Brilliant Bear, you are also always ready to compliment others at their success. What a joy you are to teach!

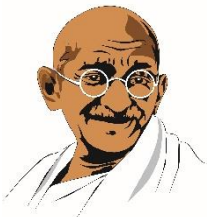
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## Stanley



Super Stan the Man! You're such a big help in the classroom, always remembering to pitch in during tidy-up time and making sure the lunch box basket is collected every day. Your thoughtfulness and attention to detail make everything run so smoothly. Thank you for being such a great team player.

## Grayson



This young man is certainly on the march for greatness as of late! No task is too tough, no job is too big, Grayson is ready for it all. His progress from September to now is a credit to the hard work, determination and most importantly, resilience that he's shown! Whether it's English, Maths, reading or any subject for that matter, he settles down and tries his best, seeing mistakes as a path to improve his learning! I think we could all do with being a bit more, 'Grayson'

YR3

## Riley



You can hear Riley's laugh from three classrooms down, and it will always bring joy to Pankhurst class! Recently, Miss Hay has really noticed Riley's resilience and resourcefulness to notice situations where he does not feel comfortable and his ability ask for help- making sure 5 C's are always met. This is a fantastic skill and Miss Hay could not be more proud!

## Curtis



Curtis has been working really hard to ensure he is ready for learning. He has been resourceful, using equipment and areas of the classroom to help him get to the green zone before learning time. He is always quick to crack a joke and make everyone in Mandela class smile. His ideas and contributions in class always get us thinking and he has been working hard to gain more and more independence in his work. Well done Curtis, keep it up!

YR4

YR4



## Ella-Marie

Ella-Marie is doing so well in Year 4. Every day her confidence grows and it is like watching a beautiful flower blossom. It is so wonderful to see Ella-Marie keen to share her lovely ideas, answering questions and actively seeking out and using resources to help her with her learning. Keep it up Ella-Marie and you will fly through Year 4.

## Dempsey

YR5



Kindness, consideration and a wicked sense of humour have set Dempsey aside from the rest of the class this week! This young man is on a charge and his fabulous maths skills have allowed him to grow into Mr Reflectiveness himself! Sometimes, making a link between maths and real life can be hard, but not for Dempsey as he has made an excellent start with his fractions work keeping a calm and collective attitude to ease through equivalent fractions! Well done Dempsey!

## Lottie

Lovely Lottie has been really focused in class lately and has been producing some fabulous pieces of work. She is also proving to be a very good mentor to younger children and I can see her being a teacher when she is older. Well done and keep it up!

## Arthur



Awesome Arthur is a joy to have in class! He is always contributing to our class discussions, particularly in English and has some wonderful ideas. He can really put himself in the role of the character and think about how they would be feeling. Keep it up you super star!

YR6



## Henry

A huge special mention to Ela for the wonderful energy she brings to the classroom. Her smile and positivity, which brightens up everyone's day. She has been incredibly helpful when teaching maths and is such a super talk partner, always ready to support and encourage others. Keep being amazing! Bravo Ela!

## Stars of the Week

**After School Club – KS2 Jamie in Pankhurst for being so kind to others.  
KS2 – Riley in Turing for playing so well with others.**

## 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'.

# Headteacher Awards

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| YR Thunberg     | <b>Lacey</b> - Amazing letter writing<br><b>George</b> – Excellent walking to the post box   |
| YR Rashford     | <b>Clara</b> - Amazing maths<br><b>Otis</b> - Amazing maths  |
| Y1 Kahlo        | <b>Hasti</b> - Fantastic progress in her writing.  |
| Y1 Obama        | <b>Kedar and Amina</b> - Brilliant Pattan's Pumpkin work   |
| Y2 Attenborough | <b>Eren</b> - Excellent facts about lions.<br><b>Freddie</b> - For making an amazing 'Illusion' cake   |
| Y2 Parks        | <b>Jude</b> - For her excellent attitude to learning   |
| Y3 Gandhi       | <b>Ethan</b> – A super piece of writing based on the Iron Man  |
| Y3 Pankhurst    | <b>Jack</b> - For a seriously impressive compilation of poetry.  |
| Y4 Mandela      | <b>Logan</b> - Amazing independent writing!  |
| Y4 Franklin     | <b>Jaxon, Nate and Erica</b> - A super newspaper report.<br><b>Oakley</b> - Impressive reading and writing.  |
| Y5 Seacole      | <b>Carter</b> - A brilliant Roman shield   |
| Y6 Turing       | <b>Chase</b> - for being fantastic mentors to a younger boy.<br><b>Riley</b> - A fantastic Street Child poem<br><b>Mujahid</b> - For being a brilliant, kind mentor  |
| Y6 Yousafzai    | <b>Sofie</b> - A secondary school quality diary entry, full of authorial command.<br><b>Oliver</b> - An excellent diary entry from Rosie's perspective.<br><b>Stanley</b> - First class writing based on Streetchild.<br><b>Ronnie</b> – For being a caring mentor to a younger child. |

## Equalities



As part of our history topic, Year 2 has listened to Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' Speech, as well as why he campaigned for equality for all. Inspired by the message from Martin Luther King's iconic speech, Year 2 have written about the parts that meant the most to them to compose their own 'I Have a Dream' speeches to remind and empower everyone to aim for fairness and equality for all.







### Reading Research Alert:

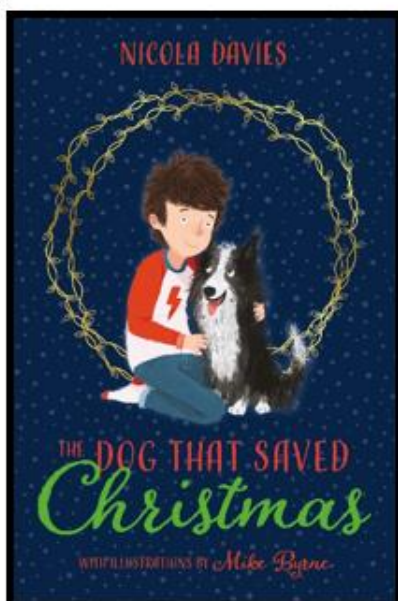
*“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.*

### Little Robin Red Vest by Jan Fearnley



A charming picture book about the joy of giving that has the feel of a gentle Just-So story with a festive twist. It is the week before Christmas and its getting chilly outside. Little Robin washes and irons seven warm vests to keep him cosy in the frosty evenings leading up to Christmas. As each day goes by, Robin encounters a different shivering animal and, full of compassion, he generously offers each animal one of his own vests to wear. Robin’s kindness may have prevented his animal friends from getting colder, but when Christmas Eve arrives he finds himself with nothing warm left to wear. Fortunately, a festive visitor in a red suit and a soft, white beard spots Robin and finds a joyous way to reward him for his kindness to others. The tale is likely to inspire children to tap into the spirit of giving that Robin demonstrates so unreservedly.

### The Dog That Saved Christmas by Nicola Davies



Christmas is a nightmare for Jake. He hates the bright lights, all the noise and the disruption to his routine. But everything changes when he finds a lost dog. He names her Susan and adopts her as his own. Jake and Susan form a special bond that helps him to cope with the things that usually stress him out. With Susan around, maybe there’s a chance that this Christmas will be on the whole family can enjoy.


# PTFA NEWS / Events

We have 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>



## 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



## Wescott Thursdays Autumn 2

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - TBC**

## Parking Awareness

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be respectful of parking when dropping off to and collecting from school. We have received reports that cars are parking on residential grass verges causing the ground to churn up and pavements becoming slippery for elderly residents on Chalkand Rise. We have advised neighbours that should they feel they need to report hazardous parking they should do so by taking a photo of the registration and reporting to Operation Crackdown.

# Friday Rock up and Read and Celebration Assemblies

We would like to inform all parents and carers attending Rock up and Read and Celebration Assemblies on Fridays, that external gates will now be locked at 8:55am. This is to keep our grounds safe for our children. Parents/carers are now required to exit onto Chalkland Rise via the main Reception. The Downs Valley Road gate is managed by Kipling Lions. Therefore, we are unable to give out this code. If you do open this gate, please make sure it is closed behind you. We cannot allow people to exit via the carpark by the KSI hall, again exit should be made via the main Reception. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

## 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 is 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 9<sup>th</sup> December – YR Thunberg

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Parks

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Turing



## Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the Week

**Sarah Taylor** · cricketer



**Sarah Taylor has played for Sussex and other domestic teams and in September 2008 she became the youngest woman cricketer to score 1000 runs in One Day Internationals. Girl power!**



# Community Notice Board



**IN THE TOP 10 PERFORMING SCHOOLS  
IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE WITH 96%  
READING, HIGHEST IN THE CITY!**

## OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am

**CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE  
(01273) 303328**

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## Festive Tech Camp

30th - 31st December

Discover Our Most **EXCITING** Tech Activities!



**Magical Minecraft**



**Virtual Reality**



**Comet Crackers**




**Robotics**

**GET 10% OFF**

**BOOK NOW** [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

## WOODINGDEAN FOOD HUB

**Fridays  
10.00 - 12.00**



**Woodingdean Youth Centre  
Warren Road**

for more details please  
email: [woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com)

Text or call: 07876 404004

Register on  
your first visit  
for £1

Pay £3.50 each  
visit

Come each week or only as  
often as you want to

Pay with cash or  
by card


Please let us know if payment or collection is an issue - we can  
be flexible

## RUDYARD KIPLING AFTER SCHOOL SKATE CLUB

Every Tuesday from  
7th January - 11th February  
3.30 - 4.30pm  
for ages 5+  
Suitable for  
Beginners &  
Improvers  
with all  
equipment  
provided

**£60**

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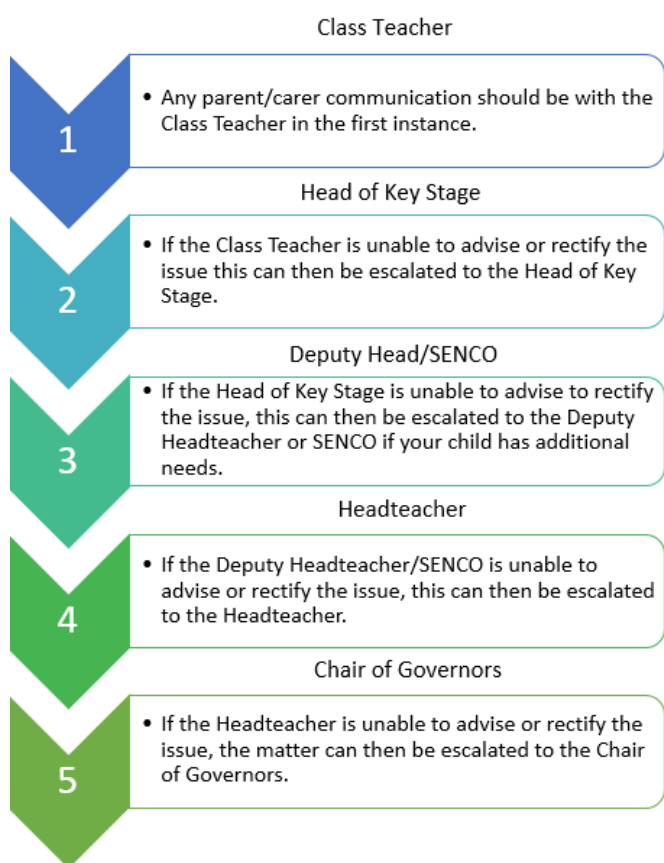


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# And finally...



## 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

| <b>December 24</b> |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 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        | <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>   |
| <b>January 25</b>  |   |
| Monday 6th         | <b>INSET DAY</b>  |
| Tuesday 7th        | <b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>  |

