



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

Today marks the end of the first half term of this academic year.

It began with our school being handed the honour of hosting the Woodingdean Carnival for the very first time. What a wonderful day we had, with thousands of visitors from the Woodingdean community descending upon our school to enjoy such a memorable day. And the sun blazed down.

This half term finishes with our children (and staff!) dressed in a fantastic array of spooky costumes with a follow up PTFA Wonka Bar event-one of the most popular PTFA events in Rudyard history- to look forward to after school. It's been fun from start to finish!

Our end of key stage 2 academic outcomes sit comfortably among the best in Brighton and Hove. However, it is the extra opportunities which we provide our children which I am most proud of. Mrs Newbold's Scrapbook art club and Mrs Brewer's choir club are two new additions to our clubs menu and these are free. After half term, Mrs Goozee, Mrs Batchelor and Mrs Owen will be starting a new KSI club, Crafty Kids, also free. Their plans are exciting! We always aim to make our clubs free if possible so that no child is left behind.

Our sporting culture is long established with our children being introduced to a vast range of sports: we believe that there is a sport out there for everyone.

Looking ahead to next half term, we look forward to all the opportunities that Christmas brings. Year 5 will be performing a pantomime which promises to be a ton of fun and our new school choir will be singing out and about-I can't wait!

I must end by thanking the whole RKPS staff team. They all work so very hard to provide our children with memorable moments every day.

Finally, I wish to thank all of our school community for your continued support and wish you all a wonderful half term.

We look forward to seeing our children again on Tuesday October 31st as the Monday is an INSET day.

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher

STAY SOCIAL:



ET presented our Special Mentions assembly this morning on his bike!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Connie

Lovely Connie, you have really impressed Miss Stokes with your super remembering this week! You have been remembering to put your thinking thumb up to share your wonderful ideas, remembering to sit with your legs crossed on the carpet so that you and everyone around you is comfortable, and remembering to ask for help too! You have also shown super resilience, wowing us with your independent maths learning this week! You are a superstar, keep it up!

YR1



Hope

Hope has blown me away this week with her readiness! She is always ready to learn with her beaming smile. This fantastic attitude is allowing her to excel with her learning. Hope is simply a joy to have in the class and her kind and caring actions are so lovely to see. Keep up the amazing work and have an amazing half term!

Amelia



Amelia has demonstrated great remembering and a fantastic attitude towards her reading. This has enabled her to make amazing progress and it is a delight to hear Amelia read with such confidence. Amelia – what an absolute superstar you are! Keep it up – we are so proud of you!

YR2



Chiara

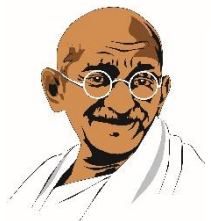
Chiara has been working really hard on showing great readiness this week. In just a week she has made great big strides with her independent writing and answering questions. She has shown herself how amazing she is. This is excellent Chiara, keep this up and there will be no stopping you! Well done! :)

Mariatou



Marvellous Mariatou is always ready to learn, always tries her best, always produces beautifully presented work and is an all-round super star! She is such a good role model for Pankhurst class, we are very lucky to have her.

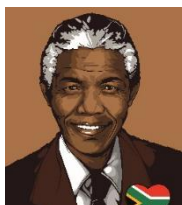
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Darcie

Diligent, dependable and utterly delightful – that's how you sum up Darcie. Never settling for mediocracy, she is always willing and ready to persevere and accept more difficult challenges to improve and grow her brain. As a result, her development in all subjects thus far in her Year 3 learning journey has been nothing short of remarkable!

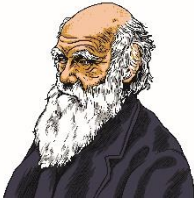
Rodan



If there was ever a sixth R to introduce, without a shadow of a doubt, it would be one and only, Rodan! This young man goes above and beyond and often goes under the radar due to his modest and selfless attitude. However, today Rodan, the spotlight is well and truly on you! You fully deserve this award for the outstanding start you have made to Year 4, and I know the future is bright! Keep up the hard work, for you fully deserve this award! Well done.

YR4

YR5



Barney

Brilliant Barney has been wowing Miss Smith. Barney walks into Darwin with a positive attitude; ready to start his day of learning. Always, resourceful, Barney makes sure to use the support available to him to ensure his work is at his highest standard. Barney prides himself in his presentation and is always keen to improve. With every correction or 'upgrade' recommended, Barney gets to work quickly. Keep up the hard work!



Rebeca

Rebeca is such an asset to Seacole. She achieves the 5 Rs on a daily basis, through her wonderful focus, attentiveness, positive attitude, kindness and thoughtfulness. She is always offering her ideas, always offering to help others (both friends and Mrs Newbold) and always giving her best. You really could not ask for more!

YR6



Jazzmine

Joyous Jazz also shows her readiness for maths. She loves to ensure she (and her friends) are set up for the lesson with all her equipment. I admire how positive she is with her maths and how she is willing to challenge herself out of her comfort zone into her growth zone – leading to fabulous progress.

Scarlett

Superstar Scarlett has been working overtime to complete her maths since the beginning of Year 6. I have been delighted with the progress she has been making and how confident she is becoming at explaining her maths. She always wants to show her work at the end of the lesson with a beaming smile which makes my job even more fulfilling!



- YR Rashford: **Harper** - Brilliant spelling of five special words.
 Y1 Kahlo: **Wren** - Super spelling learning!
 Y1 Obama: **Rudi** - For amazing English editing skills.
Bear - For being such a kind member of team Obama and seeking to 'fill everyone's bucket'.
 Y2 Attenborough: **Daenerys** - A beautiful vase full of delightful colours.
Tiger - A super independent drawing!
Harrison - Perfect handwriting: neat and fluent!
Daniel - A beautiful illustration of Anna Hibiscus!
 Y3 Gandhi: **Eli** - Perfect presentation in his maths learning.
Evan - Perfect presentation in his maths learning.
Ole, Bertie and Oakley - For some truly terrific effort in their maths learning on addition and subtraction.
 Y3 Pankhurst: **Curtis** - For an amazing sketch of a sabre tooth tiger!
 Y4 Mandela **Mason** - Supporting others in maths.
Carter - Beautifully presented work.
Mia - Beautifully presented maths work.
 Y5 Darwin **Raniah** - A fantastic friend to others.
 Y5 Seacole **Gracie** - An amazing volcano illustration!
 Y6 Yousafzai **Ellie** - An incredible graffiti art version of Malala Yousafzai-would not be out of place at an art gallery.
Layla - For being a fantastic playground mentor: kind and supportive.
Jazzmine - Impressive independent maths learning at home.
Joe - Secondary school quality creative writing.
Noah - For incredible progress in his handwriting and creative writing.

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.

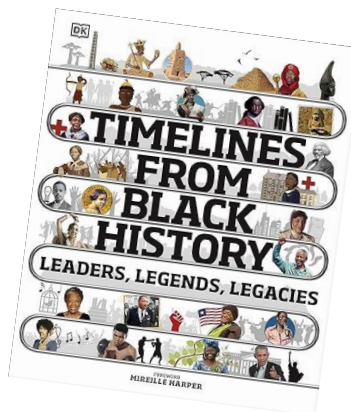
Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies by DK Mireille Harper

This DK children's book boasts more than 30 visual timelines, which explore the biographies of the famous and the not-so-famous - from royalty to activists, and writers to scientists, and much, much more. Stunning thematic timelines also explain the development of Black history - from the experiences of black people in the US, to the story of postcolonial Africa.

Did you know that the richest person ever to have lived was a West African? Or that the technology that made the lightbulb possible was developed by African American inventor, and not Thomas Edison? How about the fact that Ethiopia was the only African country to avoid colonization, thanks to the leadership of a brave queen?

Stacked with facts and visually vibrant, Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies is an unforgettable and accessible hive of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.

In his book, we also learn how gifted writers such as Maya Angelou and Stormzy have used their creative voices to highlight injustice and inspire change.



Respect by Michaela Morgan

An inspiring story of courage and resilience based on real-life events.

Miss Vaughan and her nephew loved reading Respect together. It is based on Walter Tull, a true hero, and the first black officer in the British Army, but he had to fight for respect throughout his life. The grandson of a slave, Walter was brought up in a children's home. He had to fight against racism on the pitch as one of the first black professional footballers in the UK. Then he faced the greatest fight of his life on the battlefield during the First World War.

Tully and his brother don't have much. But they do have each other. And Tully has an amazing talent. Football. But when the First World War begins, Tully must fight for respect on the battlefield not the pitch ... Based on the amazing true story of Walter Tull, a First World War hero and one of the first black British professional football players.





School Notices

Equalities



For equalities week, Reception have been focusing on Black History Month. We have been talking about treating people fairly and unfairly and looking at black heroes past and present.

After playing a sorting game where children were treated differently based on the colour of their hair, Alice in Thunberg reflected, "I feel very sad and cross about the 'brown hair'. You have to let EVERYONE enjoy things".

PE Specialist

We are delighted that Dan Westcott, a PE specialist who works in a number of local schools (and runs our termly ACE competitions), will be continuing with us.

Mr Westcott will continue to come in every Wednesday during the school day and work with a different year group each week.

Here are the dates for next half term and who Mr Westcott will be working with:

Year 6 - Wednesday 1st November

Year 5 - Wednesday 8th November

Year 4 - Wednesday 15th November

Year 3 - Wednesday 22nd November

Year 2 - Wednesday 29th November

Year 1 - Wednesday 6th December



Please make a note of your child's session, as they will need to come to school in the PE kit that day. **Children will need to wear warm outdoor sports clothing** as we will be on the field as much as possible (and a change of footwear is recommended!)

We hope this will be a great addition to our sporting calendar and encourage more and more children to get involved in sport.

Play Equipment Needed!

The RKPS play team would like to put a shout out for any spare roleplay/dolls/toys that are no longer needed at home for our KS2 children. If you have any donations, please bring to the office. Thank you.

Book Fair Thank You!

Thank you all who supported our book fair and book stall. We also wanted to say a special thank you to: Joanna and Craig, who ran it voluntarily during parents evening and even helped pack it all up!

We also wanted to thank our lovely Year 6 children: Lottie, Ethan and Jesscia-Lea who dedicated their free time after school to run our book stall.

Community Notice Board

Family Hubs 

HALLOWEEN HALF TERM FAMILY EVENT

Free event for children aged 0-19 years (or 25 years with SEND) at Whitehawk Family Hub

- Outside Play
- Free Food
- Graffiti Art
- Table Tennis
- Fun activities for all ages
- Treats for those in fancy dress



Wednesday 25th October
11am–2pm

Whitehawk Family Hub,
Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL

Tel: 01273 293545

Email: familyhubs@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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Reminders

Class Teacher

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- 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

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- 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

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

Chair of Governors

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

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

Coats for School!

Please can parents and carers ensure that children arrive at school wearing a coat. The weather is now turning colder and wetter.

We like our children to be able to continue to go out at playtimes with a coat on!

Thank you.



Dates for the Diary

October 2023	
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 st	Children Return to School
November 2023	
Wednesday 1 st	Photographer – Individual Photos – more info to follow
Thursday 16 th	Flu Vaccination
Friday 24 th	Y6 Victorian School Day
Tuesday 28 th	Book Nook Book Sale – Author Visit
December 2023	
Wednesday 6 th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th	9:15am KS1 Dress Rehearsal, 2pm KS2 dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12 th	9:15am KS1 Christmas Production, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13 th	9:15am KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14 th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long
Friday 15 th	Last Day of Term

