



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

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December in a primary school is a truly magical time, there is nothing quite like it. And here, we celebrate Christmas with bells on!

The week began with our Monday assembly being led by our friends from our local churches telling the Christmas story. As always, they brought along with them a whole wardrobe of costumes and some of our Year 2 children enjoyed dressing up to help in the re-telling.

Tuesday's first ever PTFA 'Crafternoon' was a sell-out success with our KSI hall full of young artisans making some fantastic festive decorations. I received a lovely surprise when some 'elves' visited my room and turned it into a winter wonderland, complete with Christmas tree (although I do wish that the baubles were blue and white instead of red!).

Our Nursery children sang songs to their families on Wednesday followed by three magical making stations which included creating dried orange Christmas decorations and pomanders. Many thanks to Ms Smith and her Nursery team for creating such a special event.

The KS2 school choir performed majestically at the Brighton Centre on Wednesday evening-I was so proud of them-and it was a privilege to be there. A KSI choir is in the offing for after Christmas which is very exciting! I would like to thank Mrs Brewer for her whole-hearted dedication in providing our children with these special musical experiences.

Yesterday, our Reception children ventured into Woodingdean to post their special letters to you know who. Having taught Thunberg on Monday-and seen how amazing they all are-I have no doubt that they will deserve everything that Father Christmas brings down the chimney!

Next week is the final week of term, and Christmas Production week, so I look forward to seeing you all in school for our shows.

Have a wonderful winter weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher

KS2 Choir performing at Brighton Centre!



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Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Albie



Albie has added to the Christmas cheer in Kahlo this week. It is clear to see just how reflective Albie is being with his choices and learning. He has put lots of thought into improving his learning. On top of this he has reflected on how to be a super snowflake in our exciting school show for next week. I am looking forward to seeing Albie continue to improve in all areas next week and beyond. A huge well done!

YR1

Leo



Lovely Leo, where to start?! Your handwriting efforts have blown Miss Stokes away recently, you have not given up and have been super reflective when we talk about any ways forward. I also absolutely loved how you are using our English words in your writing, even outside of English - 'the huge waves crashed against the rocks in **fury**', was a truly super description, and shows me that you are using the resources in our classroom by using our wow words from our vocab section on the working wall. Always keep your love of learning Leo – we love having you on our team!

Oscar



Wow, Oscar! You are demonstrating such great reflectiveness with your learning and when navigating your feelings and emotions. You are using your words to articulate how you are feeling and becoming increasingly receptive to different ways you can resolve any tricky situations either with help or independently. I am so proud of you – you are a super-duper superstar!

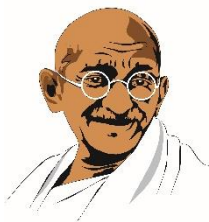
YR2

Jack



I honestly do not know where to begin with Jack. He consistently shows all 5 of our Rs every single day but specifically readiness. Jack is always ready to accomplish the task at hand and goes above and beyond. Being ready and on task means Jack makes excellent progress in every single lesson. What a great role model you are! Well done and keep it up!

Lana



Making the jump from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 takes a lot of maturity and Lana has shown this maturity in abundance as of late. Her readiness for learning, matched with her concentration, have enabled her to tackle many tasks independently and this has given her a huge boost of confidence. She should feel very proud of herself – I know all the adults in Year 3 certainly are!

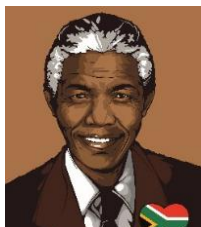
YR3

Willis



Willis has wowed us this week with his vocabulary and his understanding of the Iron Man. He has written in role and has really understood the character's thoughts and feelings. We can't wait to see your writing next term when we start our new book.

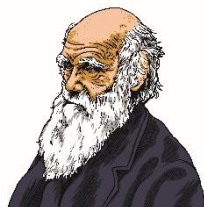
YR4



Lily

Lily continues to be a positive ball of energy in Year 4 flexing her learning muscles and showing that she can do anything when she puts her mind to it! She has shown exceptional resilience with her handwriting and is really trying hard to join those letters – despite not always wanting to! Not only this, but Lily has been a wonderful role model to younger pupils in KS1, always fulfilling her role as a learning mentor and guiding them to having fun break and lunch times.

YR5



Henry

Henry is such a wonderful part of Darwin class. You can always count on Henry to be engaged, working hard, and challenging himself in every lesson. The expectations in year 5 are high but Henry ensures to follow these. Without fail, Henry will edit every piece of work, ensuring it is to his highest standard. Also, he has been improving his presentation skills to ensure his books are spectacular. Miss Smith couldn't ask for more, Keep on shining.



Jessica

Jessica always quietly and conscientiously works hard and gives her best in everything. She is sensible and reliable and is a great role model for her peers. She is also lovely and helpful particularly to Mrs Newbold, always offering to do jobs for her and Mrs Newbold doesn't know what she would do without her.

YR6



Jessica-Lea

Jessica-Lea lights up Yousafzai class with her positivity. Her attitude towards learning is exemplary as she learns from her mistakes and presenting her work so clearly and concisely. She is also so helpful with working in the library and even giving up her free time to support with the book fair. Thanks Jessica-Lea!



- YR Thunberg **Mubasher** – For wonderful, independent writing!
- YR Rashford: **Darcey** - For wonderful, independent writing!
Sailor – For wonderful reading!
Grayson – For wonderful reading!
- Y2 Attenborough **Hasti** – For being such a good artist and making an amazing king.
Harrison – A powerful speech based on Martin Luther King Jnr.
Grayson – For being a good friend when his classmate was hurt.
Amelia – For beautiful writing in English
Aitor – For working so hard in maths
Chester – For working so hard in maths
- Y2 Parks: **Riley** – For showing impressive reflectiveness and maturity.
- Y4 Mandela: **Rodan, Maxim and Betsy** – For being excellent pupil teachers when Mr Hanington taught Thunberg class on Monday.
Rodan – For his excellent anti-tooth decay poster, The 6th R.
Sasha – Exceptional anti-tooth decay poster.
Izzy and Hazel - Exceptional eco warriors helping plant over 1000 trees.
Harvey – Excellent home learning task.
- Y5 Seacole: **Seth** – An exceptional Anglo-Saxon buckle design, full of amazing detail.
Chase – A very creative advertisement for a soft drink
- Y6 Yousafzai: **Zoe** – A beautiful piece of writing, full of style.
Jessica-Lea – For an awesome workhouse poster!
Oliver - For an awesome workhouse poster!
Mason - For an awesome workhouse poster!

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.

Little Robin Red Vest by Jan Fearnley

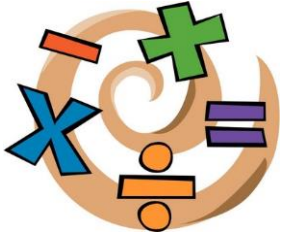


A charming picture book about the joy of giving that has the feel of a gentle Just-So story with a festive twist. It is the week before Christmas and it's getting chilly outside. Little Robin washes and irons seven warm vests to keep him cosy in the frosty evenings leading up to Christmas. As each day 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 one the whole family can enjoy.



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



One more week to go so why not stick with the Christmas theme. KS1 can you crack the code and answer the question? KS2, time to get stuck in with some coordinates. As always pick one up from outside of the office.

KS1

Can you crack the code and answer the question? Good luck!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
22	45	34	67	21	32	87	50	81	6	27	18	35

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
75	20	15	30	10	9	13	46	99	82	53	12	62

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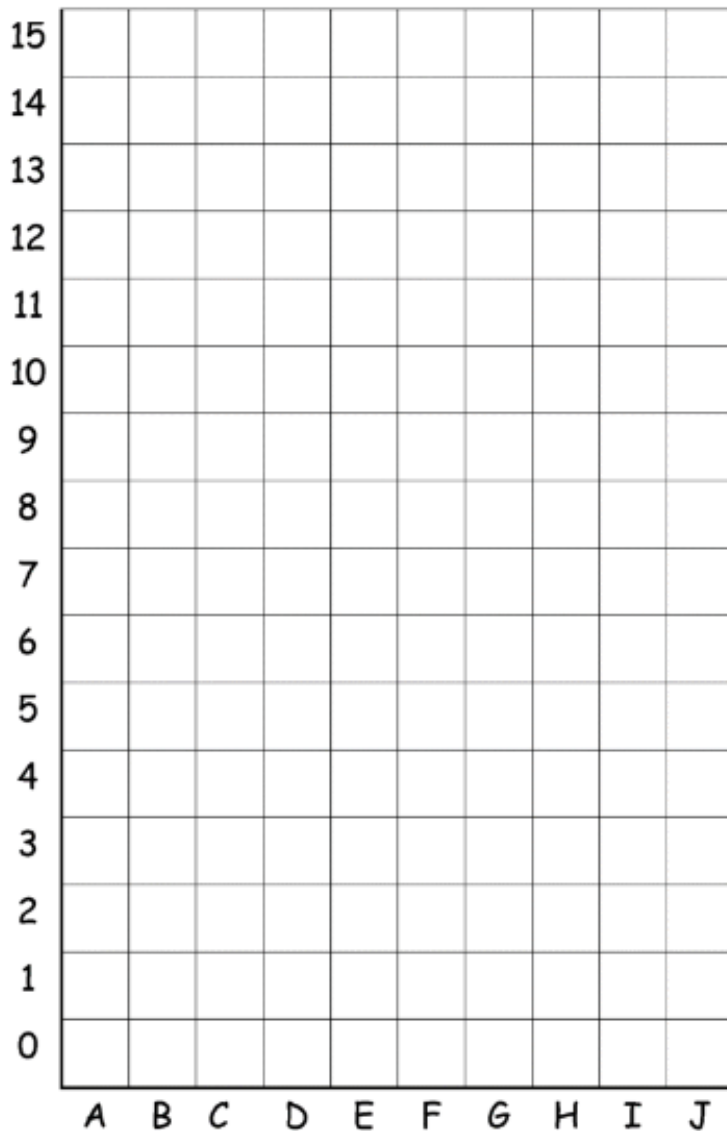
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$\underline{\quad} + 8$ $\underline{\quad} + 41$ $\underline{\quad} + 7$ $\underline{\quad} + 7$?

KS2

Colour in the different squares as shown on the right. Remember to go along the X axis before going up the Y. What Christmas picture does this create?



BLUE
A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A12, A13, A14, A15, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B12, B13, B14, B15, C7, C8, C12, C13, C14, C15, D1, D2, D3, D7, D8, D9, D12, D13, D14, D15, E1, E2, E3, E4, E15, F2, F15, G15, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H12, H13, H15, I1, I2, I3, I4, I11, I12, I13, I14, I15, J1, J2, J3, J4, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15
RED
C5, C6, C9, C10, C11, D5, D6, D10, E5, E6, E8, E9, E10, F4, F5, F6, F8, F9, F10, F14, G4, G5, G6, G8, G9, G10, G11, G13, G14
BROWN
H6, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, I5, I6, I7, I8, I9, I10, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9
BLACK
B2, C2, C3, E7, F1, F7, G1, G2, G7
GREY
A0, A1, B0, B1, C0, C1, D0, E0, F0, G0, H0, I0, J0



Stars of the Week



After School Club – KS1 – Dylan in Kahlo for always being so polite!
KS2 – Jayson in Mandela for always being so kind to others!

Times Tables Rockstars

Most Improved Accuracy awards in Times Tables Rockstars went to the following children this week:

- 1st - Evan in Gandhi
- 2nd - Sasha in Mandela
- 3rd - Rocco in Mandela



Boys Football Report



Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 boys' football team, who won their first match of the season on Wednesday against Queen's Park. And what a match it was!

RKPS were slow to get started and found themselves 4-1 down going into half time. But some inspiring words from Coaches Wynne and Mack sent the boys out with renewed energy in the second half and, led by superb attacking performances from Barney and William J, we turned the game around and ended up winning 7-6!

It was a nail-biting rollercoaster of a match, but the determination and spirit of our team shone through in the end!

Final score: RKPS 7-6 Queen's Park
RKPS Player of the Match: Barney

Carol Concert



A big thank you!

Many thanks to Andy from the Lions Club for popping into school earlier this week with a whole host of Christmas goody bags. We really value the kind work The Lions do to support our school community.



Wonderful Nursery Sing-a-long



We are now an Arbor school!

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal means we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

We are slowly transitioning to Arbor over the next term, please keep your eyes peeled for updates in the newsletter and SchoolPing. Until informed otherwise, please keep using current procedures for booking clubs and ordering uniform. When we are ready to launch the Arbor App, you will receive a welcome email with instructions on how to use the features in the app.

NEW: Clay Club coming soon!

We are excited to announce a new KS2 Clay club coming to RKPS after Christmas. Our pottery teacher Danni, will be holding a club every Monday after school. For a small fee, your children will not only get to make wonderful fired pieces but will learn all the tips and tricks to be successful with clay! We cannot wait to see our children's creations. To sign your child up: complete the form on SchoolPing.

Community Notice Board

Come and join us
this christmas
at Holy Cross

Christmas Carol Service

6pm, Sunday 17th December
Holy Cross Church,
Downsway
Woodingdean



Christmas Bake-Off at Holy Cross Christmas Market Saturday 9th December 11am-3pm

3 baking categories

- 6 mince pies
- A celebration cake
- Childrens biscuits

Entries must be submitted by
11.30am on the day for judging.
Cakes and biscuits will then be sold
by the church at the Christmas
Market.

A truly festive event with homemade
good and wears, gifts, tombola and
tasty food and drink from the cafe.

Woodingdean Wilderness Group will
be running a free Christmas wreath
making workshop too!

Come and join us this Christmas

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Is your child starting Reception in 2024?

At RKPS, our children excel through their entire journey with us. When they leave, they do so with results which are in the top 10 of all Brighton and Hove Primary Schools.
Start your child's journey now!

Next Open Event: Wednesday 10th January, 9:30am

To reserve your place at this event, please call the school office on (01273) 303328

Chalkland Rise, Woodingdean, Brighton, BN2 6RH
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Children's Mental Health Matters!

Christmas Holiday Consultation Line

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you have a child or young person at school in Brighton & Hove?

If you have any concerns about their Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing you are invited to talk to a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner from the Schools Mental Health Service.

Telephone consultations are available over the Christmas Holiday.

December 19th, 21st, 22nd and 29th along with 2nd January
9am-12pm.

Please email SchoolsMentalHealthService@brighton-hove.gov.uk

You will need to send us your name and phone number, with a brief outline of your concerns, and a Primary Mental Health Worker or Education Mental Health Practitioner will call you back.

Whilst we aim to call back within two days, please be aware we may have a high demand, so your patience is appreciated.

Please note, this would not be in place of current services you may already be engaged with.

This is not a crisis number – if you require immediate support you need to contact your GP, call CAMHS duty care on 03003040061 or go direct to A&E



Reminders

Class Teacher

1

- 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

3

- 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

4

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

Chair of Governors

5

- 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

Monday 11th	9:15am KS1 Dress Rehearsal, 2pm KS2 dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th	9:15am KS1 Christmas Production, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13th	9:15am KS2 Christmas Production, 2pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long and create
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
	RKPS moving to Arbor – Parent Portal
Wednesday 3rd	Children Return
Monday 8 th	Y4 – Start swimming
Monday 15th	Closing date for Reception 24 applications