



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

Last Sunday, on a drizzly and misty afternoon, a horticultural army of PTFA volunteers descended upon our playgrounds to spruce up the flower beds and bring our planters back to life. With the fresh lick of blue and white paint they'll be receiving over the Easter holiday, they will soon be ready for entry to the Chelsea Flower Show! Many thanks to the adults and children for their generosity of spirit. We also now have some lovely hanging flower baskets at the front of the school courtesy of Anik and Lou: many thanks to them both.

Our new class portraits have received much praise-they are beautiful-and when Obama and Armstrong are finished, they will be complete. The incredibly talented artist Kate, who has masterminded the PTFA funded project, has arranged for the portraits to be displayed at Jubilee Library in central Brighton during the week beginning June 24-very exciting!

A further date for your diary is Saturday May 4 and the Children's Parade. The theme of this year's Brighton Festival-which the Children's Parade traditionally starts off -is 'Dream Again'. I will let you know of our theme in next Thursday's newsletter so families can start thinking about their dressing up boxes over the Easter holiday. It is always a fantastic day: the very best of Brighton and Hove.

Earlier this week, many of our children took part in 'Let's Dance' at the Dome. It was a special evening and our children performed magnificently as they danced on sunshine! Many thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Mack for organising the event-it was a night to remember. There are some super photos of this, and other school events, on our school's Instagram and Twitter pages so do take a look.

Next week is the final week of term and a four day week. It is our traditional PTFA non-school uniform day on Thursday, the last day of term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Harington

Headteacher



World War 2 jeep visit



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Roma



Teachers say that spring is the time when children fly, Roma has lived up to this saying and more! He has soared into spring with a bounce in his step showing his absolute brain best. His effort, focus and determination have been exemplary. Roma has been amazing with his reading making sure to read every night at home and during our guided reading sessions. This is paying off as everyday he is getting even better. To add to this his writing has taken off and he is producing some fantastic sentences. Roma is also a very thoughtful and kind boy, and we are so lucky to have him in Kahlo. Keep up the good work!

YR1

Reegan



Reegan is a shining star in our classroom, her determination and resilience lighting up every task she tackles. Reegan astounds us with her independent use of phonics to express her ideas in her writing and has been incorporating our 'wow' vocabulary fabulously. In maths, her resourcefulness knows no bounds as she fearlessly explores solutions, always giving her absolute best. Reegan's unwavering commitment to her learning is truly wonderful, and her progress is a testament to her incredible work ethic. Keep shining, Reegan!

Grayson



Trumpet fanfare, please everyone – Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo! Grayson has been channelling the 5 Rs brilliantly. Grayson, I am particularly impressed with how you are remembering to be ready with your independent learning, and this is down to being more reflective. As you have thought about what helps you be the best learner you can be, your lovely language and increased content is super-duper! I cannot wait to see your successes as you apply this to all our class learning. Keep it up, you star!

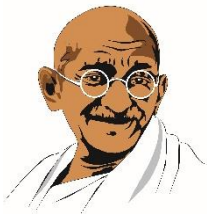
YR2

Riley



Riley, this week you've been like a rocket poised for launch with your fantastic readiness. Not only have you demonstrated such impressive readiness, but you've also dazzled adults with your independence, diving straight into learning and seeking out challenges. We love to see this and are so proud to celebrate you this week! Keep it up, you superstar!

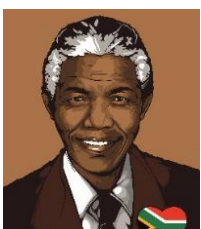
Jaxon



This week in Gandhi class, the children were set an extended piece of writing, over multiple lessons. Keeping focused over such a prolonged period can be an onerous task. Jaxon however, remembered to ensure his writing was cohesive using clever conjunctions. Additionally, he was sure to edit in his current writing target of ascenders and descenders. Most impressively of all however, was that Jaxon really proved his flair for writing to make his piece of writing, his own – not relying on the class shared write! Jaxon will soon be writing non-fiction texts for the next generation – mark my words!

YR3

Ariah

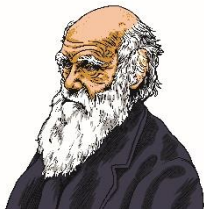


Ariah is an unstoppable force on positive energy as she continues to strive to success in Year 4! She quietly achieves incredible things, simply because she has a passion for learning and growing – her capabilities are truly limitless! Ariah's passion for learning about the natural world around us was really showcased this week, throwing herself into the deep end during our school trip and using the Bunsen burners to experiment with how different solutions can cause a flame to change colour! Your curiosity and inquisitiveness will take you a long way in life – keep up the hard work!

YR4

Oliver

YR5



Oliver has been showing everyone how fantastic he truly is in his own Oliver way! Everyone has been amazed at the work Oliver has produced this week and how focused he has been during lessons. With some great questions, Oliver has sparked some wonderful conversations. Additionally, on our Year 5 planetarium trip – Oliver was a role model of RKPS values and represented the school proudly. He was completely immersed in the experienced and even managed to amaze the astronomers with the depth of his space knowledge. Keep being your positive, enthusiastic and happy self! We love it!

Liam



Liam's contribution to our class discussions, particularly in English, RE and PSHE are invaluable. He is so thoughtful and empathetic and really delves into topics, considering other possibilities and questioning why things are as they are. Both his curiosity and consideration for others always brings any classroom discussion to life. Mrs Newbold doesn't know where we would be without you!

Archie

YR6



Awesome Archie has made a brilliant start in Yousafzai class. We're thrilled to have him join us as he brings so much joy and energy! His enthusiasm for learning, especially in maths, is truly admirable. Archie demonstrates excellent curiosity and consistently strives to participate in class discussions. Bravo Archie!



YR Thunberg	Theo - For being a brilliant learner at RKPS! Iris - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Lily - Excellent recipe writing about chapatis! Rosa - Excellent recipe writing about chapatis! Giulia - Super reading and writing!
YR Rashford	Freddie - Being a writing wizard! Herbie - Amazing independent writing! Lily - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Sailor - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon!
Y1 Kahlo	Kody - Super independent writing. Jacom - Excellent writing about a villain! Dylan - Superb multiplication learning of his 6 and 7 times tables. Zachary - A brilliant piece of writing.
Y1 Obama	Macy - A brilliant piece of writing. Aiden - Descriptive writing about Scar the lion. Iris - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Bear - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon!
Y2 Attenborough:	Adam - Fluent and expressive reading. Frankie - Confident and impressive reading. Chester - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Amelia - Amazing Inuit artwork! Tommie-Lee - An incredible painting of an Inuit!
Y2 Parks	Henry H - A superbly crafted piece of writing based on The Storm Whale. Lenny - Being a handwriting hero!
Y3 Gandhi	Aoife - A wonderful attitude in all aspects of school life. Nina - A wonderful attitude in all aspects of school life. Ole - Brilliant maths learning-180!
Y3 Pankhurst	Willis - A super persuasive advert about Egypt.
Y4 Mandela	Jasper - Fantastic Story boards in English. Matilda - Fantastic Story boards in English. Ariah - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon!
Y5 Darwin	Fletcher - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Fonzie - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Henry - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon! Leighton - Planting and gardening on a wet Sunday afternoon!

RKPS Reading Recommendations



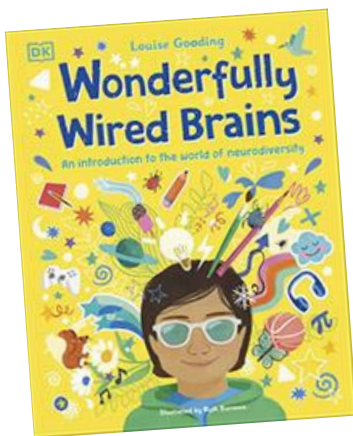
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.

It is neurodiversity week.

Wonderfully Wired Brains written by Louise Gooding and illustrated by Ruth Burrows

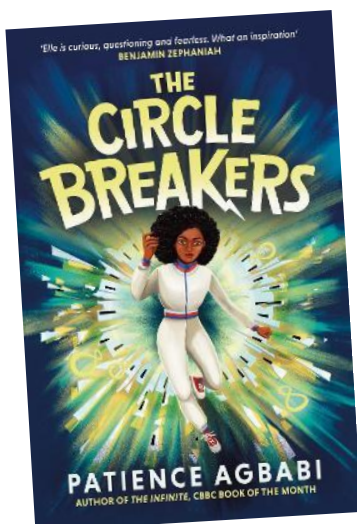


Combining neurodiverse experiences with science, history, and brain-bursting facts, *Wonderfully Wired Brains* has something for everyone!

Whether your child is neurodiverse or not, this book will inspire inquisitive young readers and show them that no two brains function in the same way, and that everyone's differences should be celebrated.

Accurate, understandable explanations of diagnoses that impact the brain, including each area of neurodiversity and what it can or does mean for anyone with that particular neurological difference. We love this book for developing understanding of yourself and others.

The Circle Breakers by Patience Agbabi



This third book in Patience Agbabi's [The Leap Cycle trilogy](#) is an action-packed, inspirational joy. Whirling with invention, an indomitable spirit and quick-witted thinking is 14-year-old autistic protagonist, Elle.

Elle and her friends are going to a not-to-be-missed funfair. But a ride on the Ghost Train takes them further than they ever imagined. They end up in 1880, face-to-face with criminal mastermind, The Grandfather!

To Elle's surprise, he needs her help. Someone has threatened to reveal The Gift to the media. If that happens, everyone will know that Leaplings can leap through time; no Leapling will be safe. Meanwhile, Millennia's power at the head of The Vicious Circle grows.

Will Elle work for a villain to save her secret community? Can she and The Infinites crush The Vicious Circle for good?

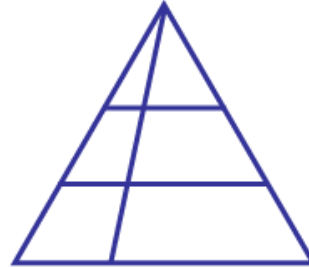


Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week

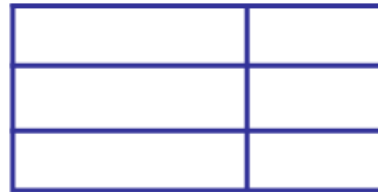


KS1

How many triangles
can you count?



How many rectangles
can you count?



Draw your own diagram to count triangles.
How many can a friend find?
Can you find more?

KS2

Fill in the blanks to make this cryptic puzzle complete.

3	+		=	14		5	+	10	=	
			+			+			×	
1				×	2	=				
=			=				=		=	
	×	4	=			×		=	45	
		×					-			
							3			
			=				=			
3	×		=	12		6	÷		=	
+			-		+			×		
17			8	+		=			5	
=			=				=		=	
	÷		=			×		=	15	

Year 3/4 Hockey

This week, the year 3 and 4 children travelled to Our Lady of Lourdes to take part in the hockey event. The improvement in skill from start to finish was nothing short of remarkable with the children really getting to grips with a tricky sport. All children involved showed wonderful sportspersonship and represented the school showing all 5 school values throughout. When asked if they had enjoyed themselves, the smiling children gave a resounding YES which echoed around the hockey court at OLOL. What's more however, is the fact the children took home medals for finishing in second place! We're all so proud of our sporting superstars here at RKPS.

A huge well done to:

Alaa, Asomi, Rocco, Max, Eli, Ole, Ercia, Amelia, Halle, Mia and Darcie.



Multi-skills Club

Do you want to improve your sporting skills? Do you want to take part in fun activities and have the chance to make new friends? We know just the place for you! On Mondays, Mr Hoad leads an exciting KSI multi-skills club afterschool where children from KSI have the opportunity to build a variety of sporting skills through a range of fun activities. There are spaces available so please contact the office if this is something your child would love to take part in.

Y5 Trip

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Chichester Planetarium on Wednesday. In the morning, they were treated to a visual display and guided talk about the planets and star constellations. This took place in the domed planetarium. After lunch, everyone took part in a quiz and had a session learning about meteors and meteorites. They even got to hold a piece of Mars and the Moon!



Lets Dance

On Tuesday, Mr Wynne, Mr Mack and Mr Hanington accompanied a group of our children from Years 3-6 to the Brighton Dome to perform in the annual Let's Dance show. They'd been working for months on their dance routine with ace choreographer Anneli (who runs an after-school Street Dance club at RKPS). The hard work paid off, with a fabulous performance in front of a sell-out crowd.

The children were a credit to themselves and to RKPS, with a number of Dome staff commenting on their excellent behaviour before, during and after their 4 minutes in the spotlight! It was a joyous evening of entertainment, and will live long in the memories of our brilliant young dancers.

Special thank yous must go to Lottie and Freddie's mum for helping with the lovely costumes and, of course, to Anneli for putting together such a fun and energetic dance routine.

Roll on Let's Dance 2025!



Stars of the Week

After School Club – KSI – Harper in Rashford for settling in so well at After School Club.
KS2 – Ruben in Pankhurst for being such good role models at After School Club.

Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Jacob E and Ruben H

For their impressive skipping skills. With practice and determination they have even mastered turning and touching the ground whilst continuing to skip!



Green Festival at RKPS
22/06/2024



Save the Date...

Rainbow Community Projects are a local non-profit organisation who are launching their "More Green Less Screen" campaign this year. The aim of this is to encourage children and families to spend more time outdoors as a source of wellbeing, reduce time on screens, become more engaged with protecting the environment and looking after our local green spaces.

The campaign will include the Green Festival as a key event for children and families. Rudyard Kipling Primary School are proud to host the Green Festival in their grounds on Saturday 18/5/24 @ 10-4pm.

EVERYONE is welcome. There will be a series of green mini-workshops for all abilities and neurodiversity e.g. natural art and crafts, seeding, planting a fruit tree, food, a bike repair shop, music and dancing! The local Woodingdean Wilderness Group, The Community Composting Group and the Green Centre will also be available to promote green care and a more green lifestyle. (More being added all the time)

The campaign will also include a litter picking event in collaboration with Councillor Jacqui and Woodinclean on 22/6/24 at the Happy Valley Park, from 10 to 12.00pm

If you wish to volunteer and support these events please do get in touch. We need volunteers to get involved and contribute to this great community event.

MORE GREEN LESS SCREEN FOR CHILDREN

Join FREE Family Events in Woodingdean

THE GREEN FESTIVAL

@ RUDYARD KIPLING SCHOOL

18/5/24 10AM-4PM



LITTER PICKING
@ HAPPY VALLEY PARK
22/6/24 10AM-12PM



For more Info
& volunteering
contact Chiara Santin
Phone 07548 390567 or Email
rainbow.communityprojects@gmail.com
FB & Instagram

Feel more connected to Nature &
each other by spending more time
outdoors to improve your emotional
& mental wellbeing

Supported by Co-op Community Funding

REMINDER: PTFA Non School Uniform Day



Easter treats

Easter at the tea hut!

Come along and join the PTFA for some end of term treats at the tea hut on the 28th March. We have heard rumours of a special guest! 🐰

Community Notice Board

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 April

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45 per person.

To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Level 1 & Level 2

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April

10am – 12.30pm each day

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 April

Course 1 - 10am – 12.30pm each day

Course 2 – 13.15 – 15.45 each day

Ages 9 – 15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is dependent on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

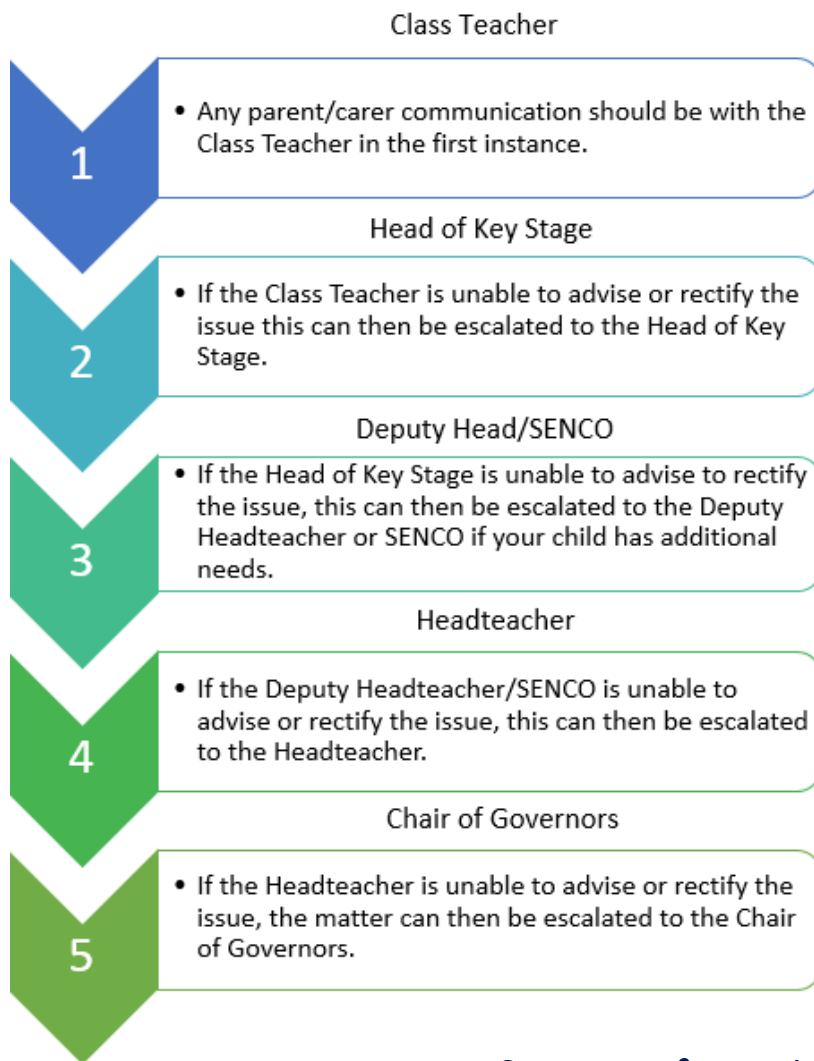
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And finally...



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

On App:

New trips, Clubs, Uniform, Swimming (after Easter)

Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay), outstanding trips

Make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking next through ALL stages are completed in the app.

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

Dates for the Diary

March 2024	
Tuesday 26th	Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm
Wednesday 27 th	Y1 Trip to Lewes Castle, Y2 Westcott Wednesday, Y5 local walk
Thursday 28th	KSI Choir recital (2:30pm), PTFA Non Uniform Day LAST DAY OF TERM
April 2024	
Monday 15th	First Day of term
Wednesday 17th	Y5 Westcott Wednesday, Year 6 Residential
May 24	
Wednesday 1 st	Y4 Westcott Wednesday
	Looking further ahead
July 2024	
Monday 8th	Reception Sports Day 9:15am; Y1 & Y2 Sports Day 1:30pm
Tuesday 9th	Y3 & Y4 Day 9:15am; Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm
Thursday 18th	Y6 production 2pm & 5:30pm

