



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It has been lovely to have some sunny weather this week, so the children can make the most of our extensive grounds.

We held another Reception 2024 open day on Wednesday and welcomed some new families to our school. As always, our Y6 Ambassadors did a great job showing them around and telling them how wonderful RKPS is.

This week our artist in residence, Kate, spent time in Y3 Gandhi class. The children made Indian mandalas from natural materials they had collected from our Forest School and drew doves. We can't wait to see the finished piece! Y5's finished pieces of art have arrived at school and they are stunning! We are looking forward to displaying them for everyone to see.

As you know, at RKPS, we try to provide our children with as many exciting and enriching activities as possible. Next week, we have the author Jenny Pearson coming in to speak to KS2 children, Y3 have a Hunter Gatherer day, where they will do all things Stoneage from making pots, biscuits and round houses and the PTFA Magic Shows will be on Friday. It's going to be a fun packed week!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Harington

Headteacher

Children creating their amazing
Mandalas!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Isla



YR1

Isla is such a joy to have in Team Obama. She always presents her learning with care and pride and happily takes on board any feedback and ways forward. This means that the work Isla produces is consistently of top quality. Isla listens attentively during all lessons and is a superb talk partner, sharing thoughtful and interesting ideas with the class – everyone benefits from Isla's super ideas, so Isla thank you for being such a great team member in our class! Above all, Isla you are always hardworking, kind and caring, you truly embody all of our school values and we simply loving having you on our team.

Blossom



Blossom has simply had an incredible week. I have been so impressed by her fantastic attitude to learning. She has been working hard at her maths and her subtraction skills are coming along really well. Blossom adds so much to Kahlo class with her kindness and care for others. She is thoughtful and always checks on children who are hurt or upset to help make them feel better. Blossom truly is a gem, keep it up!

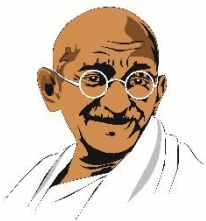
Harrison



YR2

Harrison – I don't know which of the 5Rs to choose – you embody so many of them! But your remembering for Maths particularly blows me away! It's the way you then apply your remembering to different maths challenges and that you're not afraid to try something out of your comfort zone – what a brave and intrepid learner you are! Keep going, buddy! I am so proud of you, you superstar!

Aoife



YR3

Sometimes, teachers (Mr Wynne) can be very annoying! They make you review your learning, edit and correct mistakes for what must seem like hours! However, they do it for one reason – to help you improve. Never moaning, never grumbling and certainly never giving up, Aoife is the epitome of resilience and is always happy to improve her learning with a grin from ear to ear. This has been especially evident in our recent addition and subtraction unit in maths – well done, Aoife

Jasper



YR4

Jasper, Jellybean, JB and of course his new name: Mr Reflectiveness! Jasper is an absolute bundle of joy and lights up the room with his presence alone, thoroughly deserving all the recognition for his hard-working attitude. Jasper jumped straight into the action when writing his headline for his newspaper report and showed true reflectiveness to go back and scrap his headline for a completely brand new one!! Jasper truly is a reflective practitioner in action! Well done!

Chase

YR5



Chase has shown wonderful enthusiasm and motivation with his writing in English over the last few weeks. We are learning about Shackleton and Chase has really embraced the enduring expedition that Shackleton and his crew embarked on. He has provided super, interesting input in all our lessons. He has been focused, motivated and inspiring and provided lots of excellent ideas for others to magpie. Great work Chase.

Bailey

YR6



Bailey is a sheer delight to teach as he always has a cheerful smile on his face – making me feel counted. Recently in maths, he has been contributing his answer loads and loads – showing superb understanding. Bailey always goes above and beyond – he even did some extra Kensuke artwork at home! Bravo!!!!



- YR Thunberg: **Moses** - Incredible independent reading with wonderful expression!
Alice - For re-telling an exciting story using a picture she had drawn.
- Y1 Kahlo: **Kody** - For making an amazing light up snowman!
- Y1 Obama: **Isla** - For a super weekend with Mango write up!
Iris - For super handwriting efforts!
- Y2 Attenborough: **Adam** - For being a great performer: knowing all the words and the actions to the songs!
Daniel - Brilliant writing and handwriting!
Tiger - For making an amazing light up snowman!
- Y2 Parks: **Frankie** - For being a maths magician!
- Y3 Gandhi: **Freddie M** - A superb Autumn poem bursting full of rich vocabulary.
Darcie - For always giving her best effort and bringing a smile to Mr Wynne's face Everyday!
Matheus - Super effort with his handwriting: Matheus is a Handwriting Hero!
- Y3 Pankhurst: **Logan** - Being very helpful when carrying out jobs.
Kiera - For trying very hard with her learning.
Willis - For demonstrating excellent learning behaviours (Mr Hanington)
Amelia - For a super attitude to learning and for being part of a great debate!
- Y4 Mandela: **Amna** - Wonderful coding skills in computing.
Max - Hard-working positive attitude.
Lewis - Smashing his NumBots homework!
Rodan - Unbelievable presentation in all his work! Outstanding!
- Y5 Darwin: **Chelsea** - Excellent fractions learning in maths.
Fletcher - A passionate and well written speech: superbly delivered!
- Y6 Yousafzai: **Joe, Scarlett, Zoe, Liam** - For amazing writing in English about Kensuke's Kingdom!

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.

Grandma’s Story By Moira Butterfield and illustrated by Salvatore Rubbino



New from Moira Butterfield and Salvatore Rubbino, **Grandma’s Story** (Walker) is an insightful and empathetic work of illustrated non-fiction. It invites the reader to ask questions of their grandparents, to delve into family histories and interconnections, and to consider the fact that all grandparents were once children too, with full lives of their own.

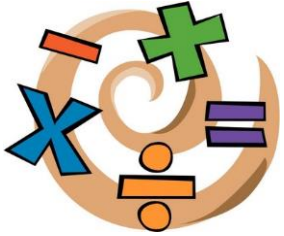
A deeply charming picture-book for grandparents, grandchildren and everyone in-between to share. "All the grown-ups you know have their own story. They were all babies once. Then they grew, just like you..." This charming picture-book is all about grandparents, grandchildren and connections between the generations.

Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest by Liz Flanagan and illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton



War is coming to Rowan's cherished city and she must flee to the safety of the Dark Forest where her grandpa and his white wolf live. She soon discovers that her grandfather is no ordinary man and has special healing powers. Although she misses her father and home town, she discovers more about the Dark Forest and herself than she could ever begin to imagine.

If your child loves dragons, magic, mystery and witches, then they're bound to love this exciting middle grade reader. My nephew and I read this together recently and we were so excited for the next instalment each time! A wonderful story.



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



It was a record breaking week last week. I have never had so many challenges back in my career! Thank you to everyone who is taking part and keep up the hard work! Here are the challenges for this week.

KS1

Enter numbers in each row and column to arrive at the end totals. Only numbers 1 through 9 are used, and each only once

	-		+		=	6
-		+		-		
	+		-		=	14
+		-		+		
	-		+		=	5
=		=		=		
9		10		4		

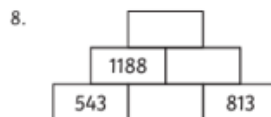
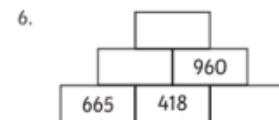
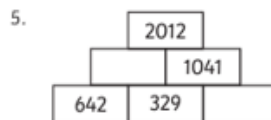
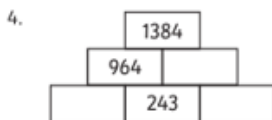
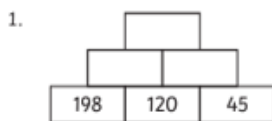
KS2

Use addition and subtraction calculations to complete these number pyramids.

(Hint: the two numbers below make the number above e.g.

45	22
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Stars of the Week



After School Club – KS1 – Sebastian in Rashford for settling in so well and always being cheerful.
KS2 – Carter in Mandela for being such a good role model to all the children.

Equalities



This term, Year 3 have been learning that we all have something that connects us and that we have lots in common. We have been celebrating our similarities and differences and learning how to stand up for ourselves and others to ensure that we all feel safe.



Cricket Report



Huge congratulations to our fabulous Year 5 & 6 cricketers, who overcame stern competition from Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltdean Primary and Woodingdean Primary to win the ACE indoor cricket competition last Thursday (16th November). What a fantastic achievement! Hopefully our Year 5 team replicate their success in this week's competition (look out for news on this in the next newsletter!)

'Hot off the press', Year 5 only went and won their competition with Miss Smith yesterday! Look out for the full report in next week's newsletter.



Changed your details?

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the Office have all up to and current contacts for your child/ren, if you have changed any of the following, please let the Office know ASAP in case of an emergency while your children are at school and for all communications.

- Telephone numbers
- Home address
- Email address



Author Visit

THE BOOK NOOK

Jenny Pearson Author Event: *Operation Nativity*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to welcome bestselling author Jenny Pearson to Rudyard Kipling Primary School on Tuesday 28th November. Jenny will be discussing her latest book ***Operation Nativity***, a gorgeous, heartwarming and funny read. This will be a very interactive and inspirational event and Jenny will be sharing her passion for reading, tips for writing and her hilarious range of books.



"All I want for Christmas is for everyone to read this book." A.F. Steadman, author of *Skandar* and *the Unicorn Thief*"

A gorgeous, heartwarming story full of hope, humour and love. The perfect gift for Christmas." Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*

When Oscar and Molly rush outside to investigate a crash in the night, they're not expecting to find a dazed Angel Gabriel wandering around their grandparents' back garden.

And they're certainly not expecting to find themselves in a race to save Christmas. But if they don't track down a missing shepherd, wise man, donkey and the actual Mary and Joseph, who've all crash-landed in Chipping Bottom, not only will Christmas cease to exist, but they will too. *Operation Nativity* is on.

Featuring fun festive activities to try with your family!

Jenny will be signing books for the students. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity for your child to get a book signed, then please pre-order books here:

<https://booknookuk.com/operation-nativity-jenny-pearson-school-events/>

Please add your child's name, class and school in the notes section in the pay page and select local pickup for shipping, as your books will be delivered to the school. Books will also be for sale after school.

Thank you for your support

Best wishes,



PTFA Christmas Events



Tuesday 21st November - Letters from Father Christmas Closing Date

Thursday 30th November - Hollywood head shots. This is for Reception and Years 2&5. They will need their costumes/Xmas jumpers etc for the photos.

Friday 1st December - KS1 Magic show

Friday 1st December - KS2 Magic Show

Tuesday 5th December PTFA Christmas Crafternoon - after school until 4.30pm

The PTFA will also provide refreshments and sell our headshot photos at the plays, as in previous years. Photos will be £5 each.

All information and payment links have been sent out on SchoolPing.

Community Notice Board

Christmas at Holy Cross,
Downsway,
Woodingdean
BN2 6BD

3rd December
Christmas Concert 3pm

9th December
Christmas Market 11-3pm

17th December
Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Christingle 4pm
Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve
Nativity Service 4pm
Midnight Mass 11pm

Christmas Day
Morning Service 10am

Come and join us this Christmas

Find us on   www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk



A Heavenly Byrd in an Earthly Tree

Brighton Early Music Festival 2023-24



Music for Advent and Christmas including traditional and Medieval carols

Sunday 3 December, 3pm
Holy Cross Church Woodingdean BN2 6BD

BREMFB Consort of Voices, Ashdown Consort of Viols,
Children from Rudyard Kipling Primary School

FREE event with retiring collection
for UNICEF
Seasonal refreshments available

Come and join us
this Christmas
at Holy Cross

Christmas Carol Service



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

Find us on   www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk

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

Find us on   www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk



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

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- 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

November 2023	
Tuesday 28th	Book Nook Book Sale – Author Visit – Jenny Pearson
Thursday 30th	Hollywood Headshots (YR,Y2,Y5)
December 2023	
Friday 1st	KS1 & KS2 Magic Show
Tuesday 5th	PTFA Christmas Crafternoon 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
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
Thursday 14th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd	Children Return
Monday 15th	Closing date for Reception 24 applications