



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Dear Families

There has always been a rich sporting culture at RKPS, from the year we were established in 1959 to the present day.

It is always nostalgic to hear of the many games of rugby which were played on the main KS2 Sports Field in the 1970s and 80s-how many balls would have ended up in gardens on the Downs Valley Road! This sporting tradition is one which we are proud to continue.

Earlier this week, our teaching staff received expert training in the teaching of gymnastics. This was delivered by highly respected PE advisor Darren Hambrook who yesterday also modelled four quality PE lessons for our PE teachers to observe. We are delighted to work with Darren and further strengthen our teaching of PE, already a trademark of our school. Superbly led by Mr Wynne and Mr Mack, our children receive countless opportunities to take part-and hopefully fall in love with sport.

Our young sportsmen and women often take part in inter-school sporting tournaments at our local secondary school, Longhill. This is only made possible because of our committed teaching team who go the extra mile to ensure our children can benefit from these special sporting experiences.

I had the pleasure of teaching Reception Rashford class on Wednesday-what a super bunch they are-the future is bright! One of the joys of teaching is discovering new tricks of the trade and thanks to Mrs Owen, I am now aware of the literacy power of the banana!

On a number of occasions during the day, an eager reader (and banana eater!) would come up to me to read a different word out which Mrs Owen had lovingly written onto each and every yellow fruit. What a brilliant idea and just a small example of the magical moments that happen in classrooms here every day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Harington

Headteacher

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Literacy Bananas !



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Zachary

Zachary, you have been showing superb readiness this week! It is fantastic to see you always in perfect posture listening carefully to instructions in each lesson. This listening is really helping with your writing and number skills. I love hearing your amazing ideas, particularly in our topic lessons. Your enthusiasm to learn is second to none. Furthermore you are such a kind, respectful and thoughtful member of team Kahlo. I'm excited to see what wonderful ideas and learning you will achieve next. Well done Zachary!

YR1



Gracie

Wow Gracie, where to begin? I have been blown away by your efforts in class recently, you have simply not given up and showing impressive resilience across the subjects. In phonics and English you have been building your independence and I have loved seeing you stretch your sounds, and resourcefully use the sound mat to help you write with more independence. You are simply a superstar Gracie and we are very lucky to have you on our team, keep up the hard work!



Frankie

Wow, Frankie – you absolute superstar! Your resilience with your learning has blown me away! Every time there is an independent task, you never give up and you give your best effort to the challenge at hand. And your resilience during whole-class learning is amazing! You are becoming more confident when sharing your ideas and you are so pleased with yourself at your achievements. Keep it up, buddy!

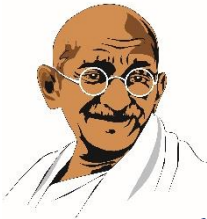
YR2



Eli

If you are ever fortunate enough to lay eyes on the book(s) of Eli, you are in for a real treat. The presentation and care are truly second to none, the attention to detail when reasoning is sublime, and the pride Eli shows is simply heart-warming. Forget Year 4 ready, forget even being year 5 ready! Mr Wynne is sure this boy is ready for Year 6!

YR3



Izzy

Izzy, a sponge for knowledge has this week soaked up everything like a vibrant sari. Concepts that had others scratching their heads were second nature to her. With lightning recall, she'd weave forgotten facts into discussions, her answers ringing clear as temple bells. Izzy's curiosity, a kaleidoscope of colours, sparkled in every question, pushing past the surface to the heart of the matter showing her sublime remembering skills in a range of situations throughout the week! Well done Izzy, you're a superstar!

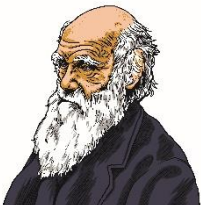
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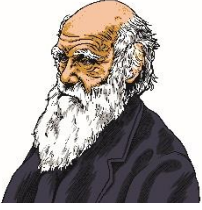
Summer (Miss Stokes)

Summer, I can totally see why Miss Rollason suggested you would be a super mentor to a Year 1 child. You have shown admirable patience, empathy and kindness, characteristics that are clearly innate in your nature and your mentoree has already reaped the benefits of having you there for her to guide her after lunches. Well done you for being such a great role model!

YR5



Summer (Miss Smith)



Summer has been showing everyone how she is truly a 5R role model – Remembering to follow all the school values. Every day, Summer walks into class ready to learn. She is incredibly resourceful, ensuring to use the resources to guarantee she completes her work to the highest standard. Also, she is resilient, powering through her maths until she has grasped it – this week's success; bus stop method. Importantly, Summer always remembers to be kind and respectful around the school. This has led her to be fully reflective, and ready to mentor the next generation of RKPS superstars. What an achievement!!!

YR5

Darcie



Darcie's book's are a joy to behold! The thought that she puts into her writing and her attention to detail and presentation is second to none. As soon as any independent activity commences, Darcy just quietly and calmly completes the work and then wows Mrs Newbold with the finished product. Even though we are not yet halfway through Year 5, Darcy's books are most definitely Year 6 standard!

Ellie



Eager Ellie has been catching my eye with her readiness for learning. She is one of the first to show me her ready smile. I have been even more impressed with her mathematical understanding of using the inverse when finding unknown values in algebra. Bravo Ellie!

YR6



- YR Thunberg: **Fox**- Super writing about the 'Naughty Bus'.
Harlow – For being a writing wizard!
- Y1 Obama: **Robin** – Exceptional science writing about a fish.
- Y2 Attenborough: **Ted** - For being a maths magician!
Tiger - For being a star reader!
- Y2 Parks: **Elliott** - For working really hard in maths.
- Y5 Darwin **Woody** - Excellent summarisation from class book 'Cosmic'.
Fletcher - Accurate, well presented division learning.
- Y5 Seacole: **Rebeca** - A beautifully presented theme park.
Mujahid - Impressive football related guided reading tasks.
Ellis - An exciting rocket poem!
- Y6 Yousafzai **Bailey** - An excellent character description of Tom from Goodnight Mister Tom.
Lennon - Superb personality description of William's mother.
Oliver and Lennon – For being kind mentors to a younger child.

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.

Once Upon an Alphabet. Short Stories for all the Letters by Oliver Jeffers



A brilliant, humorously executed, concept based around the idea that each letter must have a story because ‘If words make up stories, and letters make up words, then stories are made of letters’. A very brief, frequently philosophical, story is attributed to each letter. The meaning is melded together by Oliver Jeffers’ expressive cartoon style drawings and by the inclusion in the text of several words beginning with that letter. Thus battling Bernard and Bob burn a bridge, and Mary discovers that molecules matter. An implied moral can be teased out from some of these short fables. Unexpected links occur between several stories. Find out what elephants and envelopes have got to do with the letter N. Meet recurring characters the owl and the octopus who roam the world solving problems.

The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr

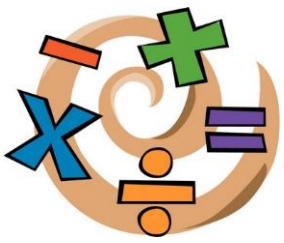


An enthralling wartime adventure, Parr’s debut children’s novel centres on a lonely evacuee and a spooky discovery in a Welsh village.

September 1939.

When Jimmy is evacuated to a small village in Wales, it couldn't be more different from London. Green, quiet and full of strangers, he instantly feels out of place. But then he finds a skull hidden in a tree, and suddenly the valley is more frightening than the war.

Who can Jimmy trust? His brother is too little; his best friend has changed. Finding an ally in someone he never expects, they set out together to uncover the secrets that lie with the skull. What they discover will change Jimmy - and the village - forever. A mesmerising mystery about bravery and brotherhood from an outstanding new voice.



Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



Mr Hanington has stepped in for me this term to hand out awards for maths challenges while I take Year 4 swimming. Remember to pick up the maths challenges from the office and hand it in to Mr Jones

KS1

Speedy Maths Challenge Cards

Number and Place Value 1

Finish these sequences:

34	36		40			
	15	18	21			30
0	5	10			25	30
65	55		35			

Find all the numbers with **6 tens**:

45 63 76 96 60 63

Finished in
____m ____s

KS2

- 1 Which of these numbers round to 2,000 to the nearest 100?

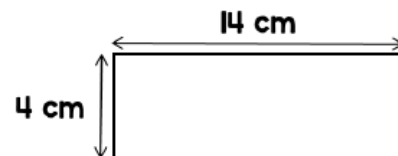
1,950 2,312 2,099 2,045

- 2 What are the missing numbers?

$$6.4 = 1 + \square$$

$$3\frac{2}{5} = 1 + \frac{\square}{5}$$

- 3 Annie has a 1 metre piece of wire. She cuts the wire into two pieces. She uses the smaller piece to make this rectangle.



She uses the other piece of wire to make a square.

What is the length of one side of the square?



Stars of the Week



- Breakfast Club** - KS1 – Amber in Thunberg for always showing kindness and lovely manners.
 KS2 – Carter in Mandela for always being caring and kind to the younger children.
- After School Club** – KS1 – Robin in Obama for always being so kind to others.
 KS2 – Elliot in Pankhurst for playing so well with others and sharing his toys.



Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Our Stars for this weeks newsletter are:

Yr 6 's for assisting the Play Team with our Reception children and helping the children put their coats on to go outside.

- ★ Mikey ★ Lottie ★ Oliver
 ★ Jessica ★ Layla

Lenny G Yr2 for making positive choices outside.

Dexter and Teddy Yr4 for swapping football for tennis and playing really nicely every day.

Arbor Parent Portal launch date!

Our launch date for Arbor Parent Portal is Tuesday 20th February.

During half-term all parents and carers will receive log in and a help guide ready for our launch date. A welcome email will be sent on Monday 19th February which will enable you to setup you Arbor account. Your first login will need to be in a browser not the App. Once you have logged in via a browser you will then be able to login via the App.



We will also include regular updates in the newsletter. It is really important that you download the Arbor Parent Portal and enable notifications on your phone to make sure you can keep up to date. The school office will be available to support parents and carers during the transition period.

From Tuesday 20th February, you will now use the Arbor Parent Portal to:

- Book After School and Breakfast Club (in advance and on the day bookings)
- Sign your child up for paid and FREE clubs
- Book school trips
- Order uniform
- Book paid Nursery sessions
- Secure parents evening slots
- Update your contact details and parental consents



All payments for the above items will be made through the portal at the time of booking. However, school meals and outstanding items in ParentPay such as the residential, will remain on ParentPay. All new trips will go on to Arbor.

Arbor also has communication function, however at this stage, we will be remaining with School Ping for day to day communications. Please keep you eyes peeled for updates in the newsletter.

Free Swimming

Free Swimming is still open to under 16's who go to School in Brighton and Hove.

[Free swimming \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](http://brighton-hove.gov.uk)

To register, please follow the following link:

<https://freedomleisure2022.adidocdn.dev/PDFs/Free%20Swimming%20Form%20-%20Ages%2015%20and%20under.pdf>

Children can swim for free at:

- King Alfred Leisure Centre
- Prince Regent Swimming Complex
- St Luke's Community Swimming Pool
- Saltdean Lido (between May and August)



Find more information on the Free Swimming Scheme, terms and conditions and instructions on how to register on the [Freedom Leisure website](http://freedomleisure2022.adidocdn.dev) or by calling 0845 803 5519.

Dogs on the school grounds

We have noticed an increasing number of dogs being brought onto the school grounds. Please remember that no dogs are allowed on the school site for health and safety reasons, this includes the staff car park. Only guide or assistance dogs are permitted. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

Thank you all for your support with this.



A Big Thank You

Many thanks to Fletcher's Dad, Adam, for his generous donation of paper to the school.

Clubs currently on at RKPS

We offer plenty of clubs to suit all interests. If you would like to find out more about one of these clubs for your child, please contact the school office. Here are some clubs currently on offer (There may be a small fee):

- Clay Club – master the art of pottery.
- Soccerfix – develop football skills.
- Drama – fall in love with performing.
- Singing – get ready to stretch those vocal chords!
- Rocksteady – ever wanted to become a Rockstar? Here is your chance!
- Street Dance – let your body feel the rhythm!
- SAMA Karate– develop the discipline of an ancient martial art.
- Guitar – learn the beauty of this instrument.
- Multiskills (KSI) – build on movement skills such as balance, co-ordination, reaction and timing.

Keep your eyes peeled for sign up periods for all our FREE clubs at the beginning of each half-term. These clubs include: Lego, Crafty Kids, Football, Fitness Fridays, Netball, Cricket and more!

Community Notice Board

Smarties

Smarties Challenge

You have been given these Smarties for you to eat...
The empty tube you must keep!

Loose change is what you need to find.
Ask your family and friends, they wont mind.

Maybe do some helpful task
so you can earn your fee...
Fill the tube as high as you can and return it back to me!!

**CLASS PRIZE UP FOR GRABS...
MAY THE BEST CLASS WIN!!!**

Please return to your class teacher by **TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY**



BRIGHTON

DAY & TIMINGS
Wednesdays @ 4pm to 5pm
Sessions begin 20th Sept 2023
(Excluding Half Terms)

AGE
7 - 12 years old

COST
NONE - IT'S FREE!!!!

WHAT TO EXPECT
Fast & fun soft ball cricket, no equipment
required. All abilities welcome!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED
Contact matt.whipsey@sussexcricket.co.uk
Website sussexcricket.co.uk/chance-shine-street


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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

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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 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

January 2024	
Wednesday 31st	Y3 Westcott Wednesday
February 2024	
Tuesday 6th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th	Year 6 with Chef John learning: Knife skills
Monday 12th	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th	Children return

