



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

#### Headteacher Reports:

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It's been super to have our children back after the half term break: it's been a busy week of learning across the school.

Unfortunately, the rain has continued with a vengeance, with a number of very wet playtimes. We always try to take the children out-even when it's drizzling-so the new playground craze of skipping has been enjoyed by many of our young athletes. Earlier this week, Alexandra set a new record of 163 consecutive skips using the challenging longer skipping rope-I wonder if it will be broken?!

Despite the terrible weather, our school cricket team have been getting in some valuable practice ahead of their first competition of the season next Thursday. We have a growing cricket culture here at Rudyard: a number of our children play for clubs outside school and we some seriously talented cricketers. Ruby plays for my old club, St Peter's, and was bowling superbly yesterday lunchtime!

Two days ago, I had the pleasure of being visited by ex-pupil of the school, Brian Allen. He had got in touch with me a few weeks ago to ask if the school would be interested in reclaiming the 'Prefect' badge he was given when he attended RKPS between 1959 and 1962. I was delighted to take Brian up on this offer and give him a tour of the school and some of our Year 4 children asked him some questions.

Brian had been keeping his cherished red 'Prefect' badge in his bedside table for the last 65 years and it is in mint condition! I look forward to showing the children the badge in this Monday's assembly and then attaching it to our RKPS history board.

I am always keen to learn about the history of our wonderful school, established in 1959: Brian would have been one of our very first pupils. Brian's memories of his time here are limited but he does remember a rather 'strict French master'! He also recalled how teachers would be able to choose to use a 'slipper, a ruler or a cane' if any children's behaviour so 'merited' it. A lot has changed in 65 years although we are pleased to keep hold of the badge tradition-our Star badges are very much cherished.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hannington*  
Headteacher

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1959 RKPS Prefect badge!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Stanley



YR1

Bonjour Stanley! There must be some magic in the air in France because you have been flying in your learning! J'adore the way you have been saying 'merci beaucoup' which encapsulates your funny and polite personality. The level of focus and determination even when you have found something tricky is commendable. You keep trying and are always smiling. You are simply a delight to have in the class and everyone in Kahlo class is lucky to have you. I'm excited to see you spring into spring and kick on with your learning. Well done Stanley!

## Aiden



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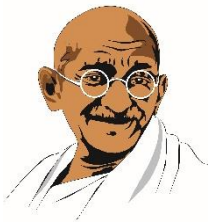
## Arthur



YR2

Oh my goodness, Arthur! Where do I begin? I'm not sure which of the 5Rs to choose, because you embody them so brilliantly! You are ready for your learning, you are remembering concepts taught and you are demonstrating resourcefulness, too. But I think your resilience is what is enabling you to be the superstar you are! You are persisting with challenges set and your reading is incredible due to your resilience with mastering all the necessary skills when reading out loud, making it a joy to listen to you. Well done!

## Ella



As of late, Ella – Marie has persevered and really developed her resilience skills. With a newfound confidence, she faces challenges head on, never gives up and seeks support when she needs it – a huge step in her progress! She does all this with a smile on her face. This had been a delight to see. Keep up the great work, superstar!

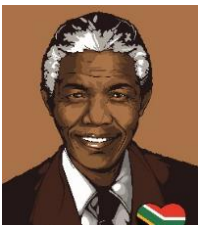
YR3

## Curtis



Capable Curtis has wowed us this week with his resilience! He has taken on every bit of learning with determination and a smile on his face. What a super star learner you have become! Keep it up Curtis, you are flying!

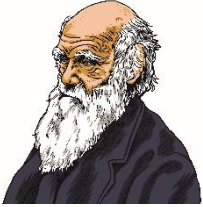
## Lily



YR4

It is an honour to give a huge round of applause to the one and only Lily (also known as the lamb)! Your writing this week has been truly captivating, filled with imagination and flair. Your words painted vivid pictures and transported us right into your story. Keep up the fantastic work, Lily! We can't wait to see what you write next!

## Henry



What a trouper! Henry has been an all-round superstar this week; determined in every lesson- driving himself towards success. Additionally, Henry has been the model of kindness: ensuring to support those who need it, spreading positivity to all and has begun building teamwork back up in Darwin. These are some incredible attributes to have, and it is great to see him taking it upon himself to display how amazing he can be! Keep it up!

YR5

## Ellis



It has warmed Mrs Newbold's heart to watch Ellis's resilience grow week by week. At the start of the year, Ellis was cautious of taking on new challenges and worried in case he couldn't do it. Now, nothing phases him! He is keen to give everything a go, and if he does find something tricky, he simply sees this as an opportunity to keep on practising or to find a different way to do it. Well done Ellis, you should feel very proud of yourself for your mature attitude.

## Jazzmine

YR6



Jazz has been showing incredible resilience when learning new concepts in maths such as percentages. She was able to explain to the class that you need to convert a fraction to have an equivalent denominator of 100 to change it to a percentage - a clap worth moment for her and the class. Bravo Jazz – keep the positivity up.



YR Thunberg:  
YR Rashford

**Bobbi** - Being a Writing Wizard!  
**Ibrahim** - Excellent maths understanding.  
**Raffy** - Super independent learning!

Y1 Kahlo

**Khaliyl and Theo** - Fantastic writing about Rapunzel!  
**Tommy** - Writing super sentences about a witch!

Y1 Obama

**Jude and Asiyah** - For being maths magicians!

**Laith** - Super handwriting efforts!  
**Connie** - For giving her work 100%.  
**Orya** - For wonderful writing

Y2 Attenborough:

**Carter** - Being a Writing Wizard!  
**Tommie-Lee** - Brilliant writing about his morning routine!

Y3 Pankhurst

**Ruben and Ivy** - For being Writing Wizards.

Y4 Mandela

**Aoife** - A wonderful football report on Brighton v Crystal Palace!  
**Luca** - Handwriting Hero.

**Mason** - Writing a gripping adventure story.  
**Rocco** - Showing kindness and positivity.  
**Jayson** - A wonderful adventure story!

Y5 Darwin

**Lottie** - A beautiful Autumn poem.

Y5 Seacole:

**Teddy and Rebeca** - Thoughtful writing about Skellig.

**Gracie** - Accurate and fantastic fractions learning.

Y6 Yousafzai

**Jazzmine, Malaika, Lianna and Scarlett** - Excellent science work about blood cells.

# 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.*

Ms Nazarko recommends:

*BLUE JOHN by Berlie Doherty and illustrated by Alexandria Neonakis*



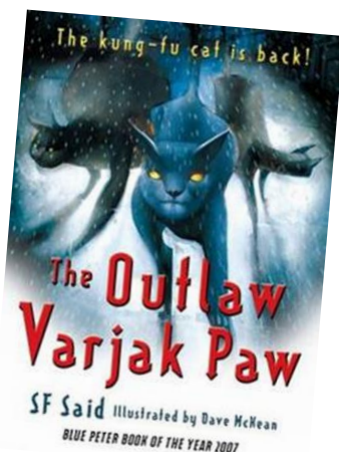
A spell-binding tale of magic and mysticism for young readers that explores the wonder of nature, from award-winning Berlie Doherty.

The Queen of Darkness lives deep underground beneath a mountain with her child, Blue John, a boy she made from the blue of the glacier and the hot yellow light of the sun. Blue John is forbidden to leave his mother's side, but the lure of the light above is too strong. When a singing, dancing girl comes to the caves, Blue John must make a choice between darkness and light. A heart-warming story that embraces the beauty and colours of the natural world. High quality cream paper and a special easy to read font ensure a smooth read for all.

This book is part of the Little Gems range, fully-illustrated first chapter books designed to support reading speed and stamina. It has a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paperstock so that even more readers can enjoy it.

Ms Nazarko recommends:

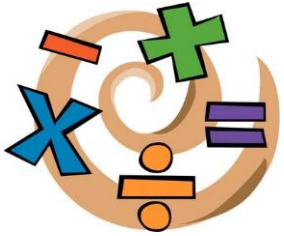
*The Outlaw Varjak Paw by SF Said and illustrated by Dave McKean*



Those in Year 4 and above, who have read the brilliant Varjak Paw for your Power of Reading text, will love the second adventure in the life of the extraordinary Mesopotamian Blue, Varjak Paw: kung fu for cats!

Having saved the city cats from a fate worse than death, Varjak Paw finds himself the elected and popular leader of a new gang – a gang that supports freedom and kindness for all. But will the pressure take its toll on this brave yet sometimes naive cat? Soon the city erupts in an all-out gang war as the evil Sally Bones attempts to control the lives of all cats. Horrified and outnumbered, Varjak and the others must fight for their freedom or die trying; can Jalal's Way really be the best way? This is another thrilling adventure, eagerly awaited by all Varjak fans, both young and old.

Ms Nazarko is currently reading this to her son and they are thoroughly enjoying it!



# Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



Welcome back to the Spring Term (part 2). As we wave goodbye to the last few days of February, we can safely say that warmer days are coming and so too are fresh maths challenges. Don't forget that the Times Table Rock Stars (KS2) and NumBots (KS1) app is free to download and every child at RKPS has a personal login to track their multiplication and numbers facts. Just speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure of their login details so we can get you up and running. After collecting all the money for the smarties PTFA challenge, here are some money problems this week.

## KS1

### Rows of coins



1. Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.  
Put them in a row using these clues.  
The total of the first three coins is 27p.  
The total of the last three coins is 31p.  
The last coin is double the value of the first coin.
2. Take six coins: two 1p, two 2p and two 5p.  
Put them in a row using these clues.  
Between the two 1p coins there is one coin.  
Between the two 2p coins there are two coins.  
Between the two 5p coins there are three coins.  
  
What if you take two 10p coins as well, and between them are four coins?

## KS2

### Presents

Gurmit paid £21 for five presents.



- For A and B he paid a total of £6.
- For B and C he paid a total of £10.
- For C and D he paid a total of £7.
- For D and E he paid a total of £9.

How much did Gurmit pay for each present?



## Stars of the Week



After School Club – KS1 – Henry H in Parks for always playing so with others and being polite.  
KS2 – Aoife in Gandhi for always being such a great role model.



# Lunchtime Stars of the Week

- ★ **Mariatou** and **Amelia** for carefully tidying up the skipping ropes.
- ★ **Tahlia** for being a good role model, a good friend to others and helping the Play Team.

## World Book Day 2024

We are so excited to let you know that we are getting ready for World Book Week! We love reading at Rudyard and are always excited by the opportunity to celebrate and promote this! The chosen book of World Book Week this year is: Wild

This year we will celebrate World Book Day on Friday March 8th. To fit with our theme, we encourage children to dress up this year as anything linked with the wild e.g. wear the colour green, be a gardener, a forest animal, a bird, plants, flowers or a famous, inspirational environmentalist. We love your creative ideas for costumes – please do not feel you have to spend a fortune on them.



### REMINDER: Arbor Parent APP is now live

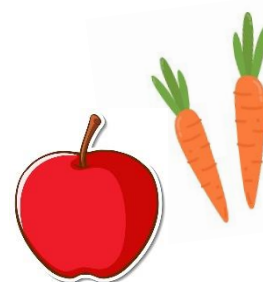
In order to book clubs, order uniform, pay for trips (new only, not those trips already on ParentPay) and book your parent evening slots, you **MUST** engage with the Parent Portal App. All communication will remain on Ping for the time being.

The office will be available to help and support if required.



### KS2 snack

If your child is in KS2, please feel free to provide a **healthy** snack that they can have mid-morning. This is especially important if your child has swimming as they can work up quite an appetite.



# Community Notice Board

We are looking for someone to join our team

Position – Lunch/snack cover

9am – 1pm Monday to Friday

Start date: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

£11.44 per hour

Temporary until the end of August 2024, with a possibility of extension.

The role would include:- preparing snack and lunch.

Supporting staff in the room with the children.

A DBS check will be required as well as 2 references and proof of your right to work in the UK

A level 2 in food safety and hygiene is desirable, although training can be provided.

Please email Michelle or Julie at [enquire@kiplinglions.co.uk](mailto:enquire@kiplinglions.co.uk) for an application form



**BRIGHTON**

**FOUNDATION**

**STREET CRICKET**

**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.whippy@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:matt.whippy@sussexcricket.co.uk)  
Website [sussexcricket.co.uk/chance-shine-street](http://sussexcricket.co.uk/chance-shine-street)

**VENUE**  
Stanley Deeson Leisure Centre  
120 Wilson Avenue  
Brighton  
BN2 5PB

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

 CHANCE TO SHINE STREET

# 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

<b>February 2024</b>	
Wednesday 28th	Y5 Westcott Wednesday
<b>March 2024</b>	
Thursday 7th	Year 6 Plumpton Trip
Friday 8th	World Book Day Dress Up
Tuesday 12th	Parent Consultations, Y4 Group 1 trip to La Choza
Wednesday 13th	Parent Consultations, Y4 Group 2 trip to La Choza
Tuesday 19th	Let's Dance at Brighton Dome
Wednesday 20th	Y5 trip to South Downs Planetarium
Tuesday 26th	Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Trip to Lewes Castle
Thursday 28th	KS2 Choir recital (2:30pm) LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>April 2024</b>	First Day of term