



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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## Headteacher Reports:

This week, we have been busy preparing for tomorrow morning's Children's Parade,

Our children have been designing feathers which are being attached to our fantastical dream-like creature, 'The Merbird', as named by Chase in Year 5 and his amazing imagination!

The theme of this year's Brighton Festival is 'Dream Again' and we look forward to joining the city's other primary schools in a beautiful display of creativity and colour. We are Flag 8, so will be one of the first schools off. Please join us at 9:45am in your blue or purple colour theme-keep an ear out for our samba band!

Mrs Brewer is having a final samba band and song rehearsal this morning with our children: she has written a special 'Merbird' song too with some dreamy actions. Many thanks to her for putting this special part of the event together and thanks of course to Miss Kirby for overseeing the organisation of everything else.

Last, and definitely not least, a massive thank you to the incredibly talented Mrs Hollingsworth for her extraordinary artwork. She has been working around the clock to create our magical being.

After school today is our inaugural PTFA Pop Up Shop. Thank you to everyone who has donated something. It is the latest in a long line of fun events to raise funds for the school: please come along after school and spend some pennies and pounds- you're likely to pick yourself up a bargain!

More exciting PTFA events are forthcoming so watch this space!

If you are coming along to the Children's Parade, I will see you tomorrow. Otherwise, school will re-open on Tuesday as Monday is a bank holiday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Parade and Samba Practice.



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Ruby



Ruby never fails to impress with her attitude to learning and hard work that she puts into everything that she does. She shows real determination and is always striving to improve - never afraid of making mistakes. As well as this, she is always trying to support and encourage others, knowing that anyone can achieve as long as they try their best! We are so proud of Ruby's resilience and the incredible work she is doing as a result. Keep it up Ruby!

YRR

## Herbie



Herbie works so hard every day. He remembers the rules of the carpet and doesn't let anything get in the way of his learning. This is evident in the progress he is making. As well as this, we have been so proud to see Herbie's confidence grow over his year in Reception. There is no stopping him! Keep up the good work Herbie, you superstar!

## Isobel



Wow, Isobel you have been simply outstanding this week. Your hard work and focus have led to some superb writing. You have shown great resilience to keep working every day on improving your spellings and handwriting. The ideas you have come up with completely by yourself are breath-taking and show you have linked learning from different lessons. Here is an example of your amazing idea in English. "I would bury the gold in the sandy savannah in Africa. I would choose a kind elephant to guard the shiny and beautiful gold." Keep being your amazing self, Isobel!

YR1

## Orya



Orya, you have made us all so proud with your learning this week. You have been stretching your sounds with independence and really listening to what the adult is saying to help you, demonstrating wonderful remembering, readiness and resilience! You have also been taking great care with your presentation in both your English and Maths books. Orya, you are so ready to learn and it is wonderful to see what you are achieving! Learning aside, you always have a smile on your face and have the most contagious zest for life and enthusiasm to lighten up a whole room! Keep going superstar, we are all noticing how hard you are working!

## Frankie



If you need someone to get the job done, quietly and sensibly, then Frankie is the person for you! Frankie, not only have you displayed excellent resourcefulness when completing your learning about temperature, you used your skills to support others on your table by explaining how you understood what to do. What a kind and thoughtful team player you are! Frankie – we are so lucky to have you!

YR2

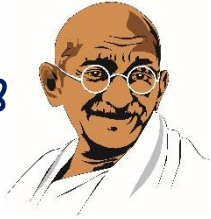
## Stanley



In Parks Class, Stan shines brightly as a beacon of reliability. You can always rely on him to be ready – ready to answer questions, ready to take on challenges, ready to listen to feedback, ready to help anyone, and even ready to laugh at Miss Ghattas' great jokes. Stan, not only have you proven that you are an exemplary learner, but you consistently embody our very important values of kindness and respect. And, Stan, that's why you're the man! We love having you on our team, Stan! Keep it up! :)

## Nina

YR3



If ever you're having a bad day, things just aren't going your way or you're just in need of a smile, then go and find Nina – delightful simply doesn't cover it. This girl brightens each day with her, 'can do' attitude, contagious smile and the plumes of positivity that emanate from her presence. Never has a child displayed such readiness alongside sheer happiness in RKPS history. Mr Wynne is so thankful and lucky to teach Nina!

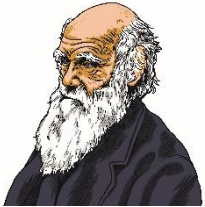
## Aoife



Aoife from Ibiza thoroughly deserves all the recognition for her special mentions this week and it seems unfair that she has had to wait this long to receive a well overdue reward. Readiness comes naturally to Aoife as she continues to stride to success in Year 4 no matter the subject. Her writing in English this week highlighted that she is an author in the making with a tense dialogue between two characters which captivated her audience. Aoife always goes that one step further and is a team player always ready to help, support and pick up the pieces when something hasn't gone their way. What an asset Mr Jones has in his class – Aoife from Ibiza!!

YR4

## Lama



Lama is a wonderful part of Darwin class. Firstly, she is always following the school values and kindness is always seen in many of Lamas daily helpful offers towards others. Also, in class Lama is becoming the question wizard – Always patiently waiting with something to share or add to the conversation. Lama's focus on improving has led her to make amazing progress in lessons and it has been great to see her confidence growing each day. You truly are fantastic Lama, keep it up because you will go far!

## Lilah

YR5



The fantastic facts, information and ideas that Lilah shares on a daily basis never fail to astound Mrs Newbold. Lilah's enthusiasm for learning is infectious and the empathy that she shows for others when we are learning in subjects such as PSHE or RE are heartwarming and show what a kind and caring person she is. Lilah is a wonderful member of Seacole.

## Noah

YR6



Noah always shows his values and throughout the year he has been impressing myself and the class with his amazing progress in maths. Throughout our revision sessions, Noah has consistently dedicated himself to push himself beyond his comfort zone. This has resulted in him showing lots of greater depth mathematical knowledge. Bravo Noah – we are very proud of you!

# Headteacher Awards

YR Thunberg	<b>Fox and Harry</b> - Super sentence writing. <b>Lily</b> - Writing an interesting, complex sentence.
YR Rashford	<b>Amelia</b> - Excellent 'ch' writing. <b>Cara</b> - Fabulous silly sentence writing.
Y1 Kahlo	<b>Josh</b> - Being a Writing Wizard. <b>Isobel</b> - A super persuasive letter.
Y2 Attenborough	<b>Ayham</b> – Super sketches of flowers and plants. <b>Chester</b> - An impressive piece of writing. <b>Grayson</b> - For being a Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Amelia</b> - Amazing description of a witch in writing. <b>Aoife</b> - Amazing description of a witch in writing.
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Jacob</b> - A wonderful poem based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' text.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Archie</b> - Handwriting Hero!
Y5 Darwin	<b>Andrea</b> - Super guided reading! <b>Chelsea</b> - Impressive 'area' learning in maths. <b>Rania</b> - A first class character study.
Y5 Seacole:	<b>Riley</b> - An excellent piece of artwork. <b>Liam</b> - A super piece of science writing on the lifecycle of an insect.

## Stars of the Week

- Breakfast Club** - KS1 – Augustas in Rashford for always showing lovely manners and being a calming influence.  
KS2 – Mikey and Jayden in Yousafzai for great teamwork and always happy to help.
- After School Club** – KS1 – Leo in Obama for always being so helpful.  
KS2 – Arthur is Seacole for being such a good role model.

## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

**Tommy** from Kahlo for playing football so nicely.

**Lottie** in Seacole for creating some brilliant origami!

## Amazing Seth

A big thank you to the amazing Seth in Year 5! For his 10th birthday in 2 months time he has decided to do a 10k walk in aid of the Martlets and the school PTFA. Any donations gratefully received! Good Luck Seth! You can donate by visiting:

<https://shorturl.at/yGLTV>



# 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:

*'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parent' educational background or income.'*

*The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) & others.*

*Until You Find The Sun: A story about discovering home wherever you go by Maryam Hassan and illustrated by Anna Wilson.*

An uplifting story about finding your way in a new and unfamiliar place, and a reminder to others to be kind, patient and welcoming to those finding their feet.

"I will light your way, until you find the sun again..."

Aminah's life is full of warmth and joy, from days spent in the golden sunshine eating juicy mangoes, to evenings curled up reading adventure stories with her grandfather, Da.

But one day, Aminah's told she'll be leaving with her parents for their very own adventure, one that will take her away from Da and the sunny comforts of the life she's known.

Though change can be scary and her new home is much colder, Aminah soon begins to realise that no matter how far she is from Da, she'll always be able to feel his warmth in her heart . . .

The perfect story to encourage conversations about coping with change and finding ways to stay connected to the ones we love, no matter the distance.

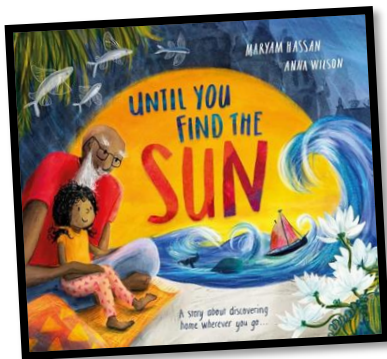
## *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief By A.F. Steadman*

HEROES AND UNICORNS AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE. The first book in the award-winning, international hit fantasy adventure series for children age 9+, and fans of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Eragon and Fireborn.

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn – and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . .

Get ready for unlikely HEROES, elemental MAGIC, sky battles, ancient secrets, nail-biting races and FEROCIOUS UNICORNS, in this EPIC ADVENTURE series that will have your heart soaring.



# The GREEN FESTIVAL at RKPS — 18/05/2024

## School Notices

We are so excited to be hosting 'The Green Festival' on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10-4pm. Bring your friends and family down and enjoy the a variety of events. For a detailed list, please see last week's newsletter via the school website or SchoolPing. These events are subject to change.

## Lost property reminder

Please make sure all uniform, coats and accessories are clearly named. We cannot accept any liability for any branded clothing worn to school. If your child does come home with an item of clothing that is not theirs, please return it to the Class Teacher the next day.

All unnamed items that are not claimed will be washed and hung on the preloved rail in the Reception area. Please help yourself from there on the condition that you clearly label any items taken!

## School grounds

The P.T.F.A. have recently spent time and money revamping our planted areas. In order to keep these beautiful areas shining at their glorious best. Please could you support the school in making sure your children do not climb, walk or sit on the planters. Thank you.

## Community Notice Board



**MORE GREEN LESS SCREEN FOR CHILDREN**  
Join FREE Family Events in Woodingdean

**THE GREEN FESTIVAL**  
@ RUDYARD KIPLING SCHOOL  
18/5/24 10AM-4PM

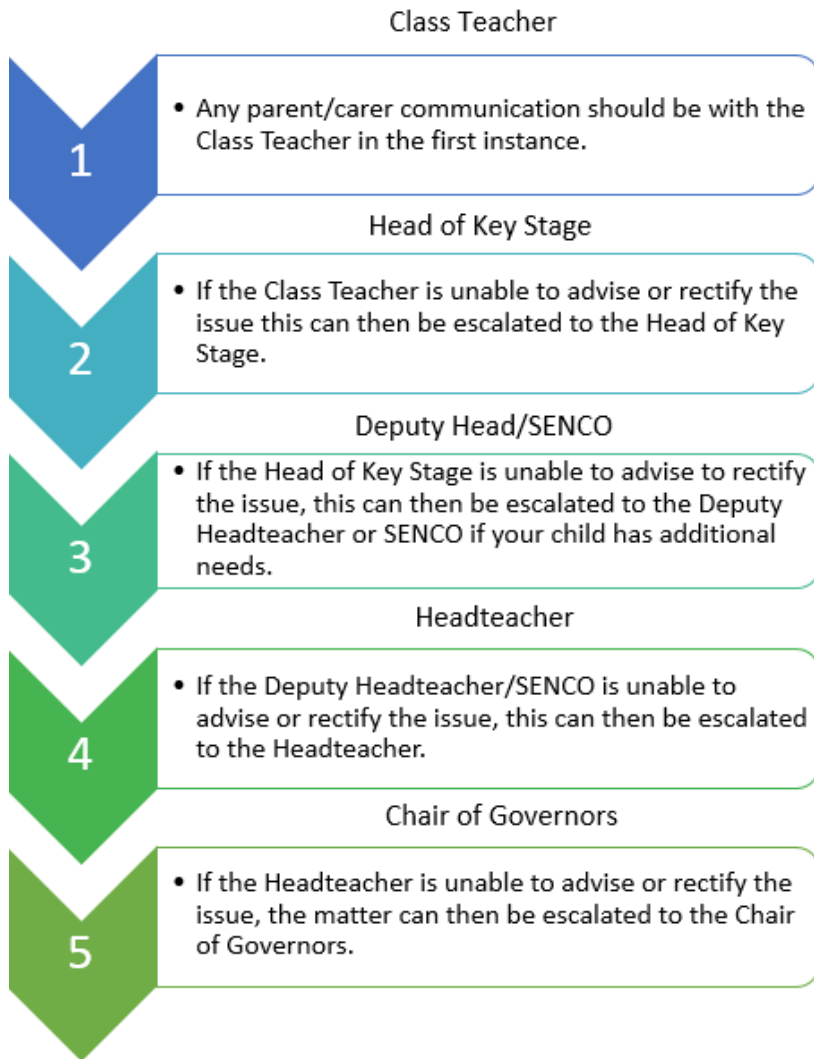
**LITTER PICKING**  
@ HAPPY VALLEY PARK  
22/6/24 10AM-12PM

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

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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

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

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

### Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

## Dates for the Diary

<b>May 24</b>	
Saturday 4th	Children's Parade
Monday 13th	SATs Week
Saturday 18th	Green Festival at RKPS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>June 24</b>	
Monday 3rd	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 4th	Y6 Bread making with Chef John
Wednesday 12th	Class Photos (Full uniform please).
Wednesday 19th	Withdean Athletics
Monday 24th	RKPS class 'heroes' exhibition at Jubilee Library (24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 28th	Y6 Prom – 5-6:30pm
<b>July 24</b>	
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

