



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

It's been lovely having the children back in school; the beginning of term is always the time for relationship building, with the children getting to know their teachers and vice versa. It's super observing those positive relationships already being built.

Our school is looking fantastic with our newly landscaped KS1 outside area. This is in no small part thanks to our School Business Manager, Mr Stanley, who has been hard at work all through the summer-many thanks to him.

The weather gods have determined that this academic year should start with 30-degree temperatures: keeping classrooms cool and finding shade has been the name of the game. At least these scorching temperatures have given us the chance to bring the sprinkler out again-our children have loved jumping through it at lunchtimes for a refreshing shower!

A very warm welcome to the number of new families who have joined our school and we of course say hello to our 2023 Reception cohort. Our summer born Reception children have started already: many parents were more nervous than the children! Next week we will welcome the other Reception children, culminating in our traditional Reception PTFA Tea Party next Friday afternoon.

There will be photos of this fun event on our school Instagram and X (Twitter) pages. We use our social media channels to give families a real flavour of the magic that happens in our school and we hope that you enjoy the quality of the photos. Our school now has a Facebook page too where you can see further images of all the fun learning and events which our children experience. Follow us on Facebook to enjoy some more photos of last Saturday's Woodingdean Carnival.

It was an absolute privilege to host the Woodingdean Carnival for the very first time in our school's history. Everyone I spoke to had a fantastic time! In the early hours of Saturday morning, people arrived and it was incredible to watch our empty KS2 Sports Field be transformed into such a wondrous site!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the day so special but mention two Dads in particular who demonstrated superhuman powers! Firstly, thank you to Jessica-Lea's Dad, Guy. From 7pm on Friday evening until 7pm on Saturday, Guy was setting up structures, whizzing back and forth and even found the time to MC! I'd never seen anything like it-thank you Guy! Secondly, a huge thanks to our site manager Mr McGauley who worked a serious 12-hour shift to enable the Carnival to run so smoothly.

I end this week's Newsletter by informing you that the PTFA AGM will take place on Friday September 22nd in school at 1:45pm. Our PTFA are amazing and were integral to the success of Carnival last weekend. They really do need more helpers however so please come along and get involved.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

Euan Hanington

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Headteacher



Woodingdean Carnival at Rudyard!



PE Days

Please take note of your child's PE days and ensure they come to school in the correct PE kit. Thank you for your support in this.

Reception

Thunberg: Wednesday

Rashford: Thursday

Year 1

Kahlo: Monday & Wednesday

Obama: Wednesday & Friday

Year 2

Parks: Thursday & Friday

Attenborough: Monday & Thursday

Year 3

Gandhi: Monday & Tuesday

Pankhurst: Monday & Tuesday

Year 4

Mandela: Monday & Wednesday

Year 5

Seacole: Monday Swimming & normal Thursday

Darwin: Monday Swimming & normal Friday

Year 6

Yousafzai: Monday



All children need to have a PE kit. This is made up of the school navy PE t-shirt, dark shorts or navy joggers and plimsolls/trainers. However, your children are welcome to wear a plain navy t-shirt.



Rudyard is on Facebook!

Why not visit our new Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/RudyardKiplingPrimarySchool>

We will be adding news and photos of school events and activities throughout the year - please give us a 'like' and a 'follow'!



PTFA AGM – 22nd September 2023

Thank you for all your support with the PTFA events this year. We couldn't run events without you.

If you'd like to get involved, please join us at our AGM on 22nd September at 1.45pm.

Helping a little or a lot, in whatever way you can, really makes all the difference. Look forward to seeing you there!

Woodingdean Community Food Hub

- Woodingdean Food Hub has recently moved to Woodingdean Youth Centre, Warren Road.
- We are open every **Friday morning between 10am - 12.00pm**
- The Food Hub sets out to support people from our local community.
- We will ask for a small amount of money each visit for you to choose from a wide range of groceries, household goods and toiletries worth much more. You can then come every week or just occasionally as you need.
- The FoodHub is run by volunteers and we welcome anyone interested in helping.

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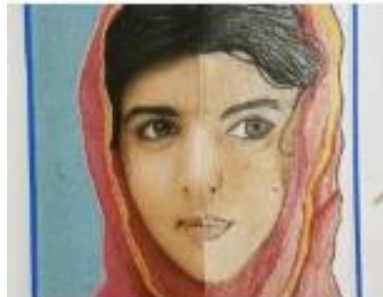


Malala Yousafzai: 'Our books and our pens are the most powerful weapons'

Year 6 found out about the inspirational Malala Yousafzai!

As we know education is vital in promoting growth and development and is essential in ensuring equality. Our Year 6 class is named after Malala Yousafzai, who really champions equality in education . Malala was a girl who loved to learn but was told that girls would no longer be allowed to go to school. She wrote a blog that brought attention to what was happening in her beautiful corner of Pakistan and realised that words could bring about change. Malala is the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize and has become well known in the international community for her diary about life under Taliban rule.

Year 6 have learnt all about her story, listening and reading many books and creating their own portrait of her. Check them out! Year 6 parents, be sure to ask your children questions about Malala!



Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 is **31st October 2023**.

We recommend parents apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application.



OPEN EVENING 2023

THURSDAY 14 SEPT 5 - 8PM

info@priorye-sussex.sch.uk

PRIORY SCHOOL LEWES

RKPS Communication Flowchart



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

5

- 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

Head Teacher Awards!

Louie in Kahlo – Incredible effort in his handwriting across all subjects.

Dylan in Kahlo – Wonderful Science learning outside.

Isla in Obama - Excellent handwriting in English.

Ruben in Parks for writing a great note to Anna Hibiscus' Grandmother telling her what he believes makes a smaller family so great.

Archie and Charlie in Gandhi - Excellent PSHE learning, working as a team.

Dempsey in Mandela - A superb Nelson Mandela poster, full of creativity.

Henry in Mandela - Excellent history learning.

Gracie in Darwin - Super animal illustrations and super English writing!

Chase in Darwin for yet another piece of sublime writing.

Thea in Seacole - Excellent Fact File about Mary Seacole and super illustration.

Jaiden in Yousafzai for his exceptional 'Secrets of Dooby' book.

Jazzmine, Malaika, Oliver, William J, William M, Noah and Jacob in Yousafzai – Year 6 quality book review piece.

Malaika, Jazzmine, Zoe and Liam in Yousafzai - Superbly creative 'All About Me' artwork using great adjectives.





Special Mentions



Kaho - Isobel has made a flying start to Year 1! It is a huge change coming from Reception and it can be challenging to adapt to the new school year. However, she has shown tremendous resilience and is managing the new routines exceptionally well. Isobel is a huge asset to Kahlo class and a pleasure to teach!

Attenborough – Tommie-Lee – what a great start in Year 2! He is joining in with assembly and being a good role model in the class line. He has shown great reflectiveness with his goals and how he can approach the challenges he faces. Well done, Tommie-Lee – keep being a reflective superstar!

Parks – Harry - Where do I begin with Harry? Harry is a kind and respectful role model in Parks class who consistently demonstrates the 5Rs. Everyone needs a Harry in their class! This week I have been particularly impressed by his great readiness. I can't count how many times I have found myself praising him for being ready. Harry, this is such an excellent start to Year 2, and it will see you go on to achieve so many amazing things. Keep it up!



Gandhi – Jaxon - Despite only being in Year 3 for a week, Jaxon has shown wonderful remembering day in, day out. He has been given many jobs to do already and completes them efficiently and without being reminded. What a joy it has been to have him settle in so quickly to life in Year 3. Keep it up buddy!

Matheus - Change can be a very tricky thing to deal with. Matheus, however, has wowed me with his resilience. He has tackled every task with determination and even on one occasion he has needed to revisit a task to perfect it, Matheus has done this without any complaint – what a joy he is to have in our class!

Pankhurst - Logan has started life in Year 3 in such a positive way. He is so polite, with 'pleases' and 'thank you's spilling from his mouth regularly! There have been so many 'golden' moments from Logan this week we've lost count! Keep it up, Logan.



Mandela - Ready, set, GO! Matilda has hit the ground running showing what it means to be ready for Year 4. Her work has been truly outstanding whether working independently or as part of a group, and she approaches every task with a positive attitude. Mr Jones is very proud to have her in his class and can't wait to see what she produces as the year unfolds

Darwin – Chelsea - What a way to start Year 5! Chelsea has walked into Darwin class with the determination to impress. Chelsea has been showing respect for Miss Smith and her peers, whilst making sure to include our new starters. This attitude towards learning is exactly what will lead her to success! Keep on Shining!

Seacole - Charlie has had such a positive start to the year. He is focused, keen to learn and give everything his best shot. He is always polite and considerate and is a real asset to the class. Keep this up Charlie and you will smash Year 5!

Yousafzai – Jayden C - Curious Chandler has already embodied a Year 6 learner. He has shown positivity and resilience in all lessons. He is always doing his work to the best of his ability and is showing SO much pride :) Bravo Jayden!



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

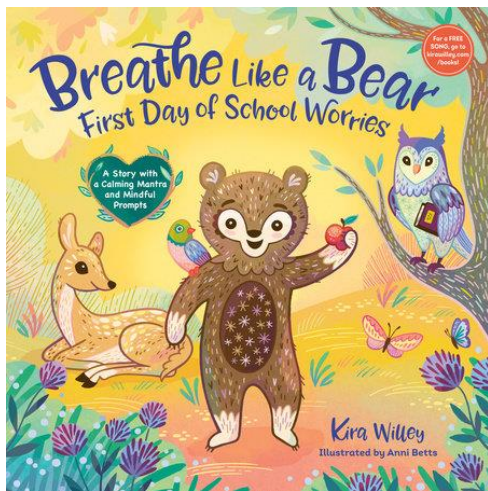
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

Reading Research Alert:

Children who read (or who are read to) at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year.



Tisha and the Blossom by Wendy Meddour and illustrated by Daniel Egneus



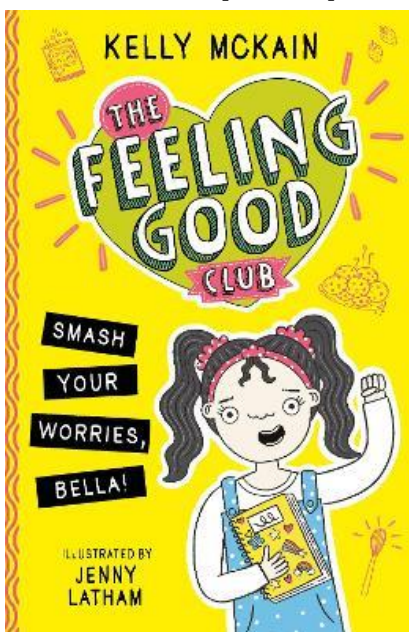
Companion picture book to Breathe like a Bear that helps kids feel calm and ready to meet new classmates!

This adorable picture book shows kids how to handle their first-day-of-school nerves through relaxing breathing practices. Kids can use these breathing techniques whenever they feel stressed or anxious. Cute animal characters and the relatable story make this the perfect read-aloud before returning to the classroom.

Bear can't wait to go to her first day of school. But she and a few of her friends are also feeling a little anxious. Luckily, Owl has the perfect words for them all to say to calm the jitters and help them recognize the similarities we share under the trappings of our uniqueness.

Introducing a mantra for first-day—and any-day—worries, Breathe Like a Bear: First-Day-of-School Worries uses an easy-to-follow breathing exercise, mindful prompts, and a soothing mantra that will help kids navigate their anxiety long after the final page. This prescriptive and teachable picture book is an invaluable tool for every child's early social-emotional education.

The Feeling Good Club: Smash Your Worries, Bella! by Kelly McKain and illustrated by Jenny Latham.



Join Bella, Archie and Shazmin as they help each other to feel good and face their worries.

Bella couldn't be feeling worse about it being Feeling Good Week at school. With her best friend Rosh having moved away she's sad and lonely, and to top it all she has a Big Worry on her mind – the class talk. Then Bella's partnered with Shazmin and Archie and is surprised to see the shoots of a new friendship growing. They even form The Feeling Good Club to share their problems and express their feelings. But when Shazmin and Archie try to help Bella with her Big Worry things go badly wrong. How can Bella show her new friends how she feels?

Stars of the Week

After School Club

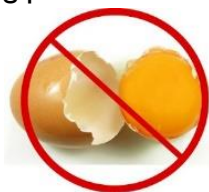
KS1 – Leo in Obama for telling interesting facts on the solar system.

KS2 – Ruby in Seacole for being kind to others and being a good role model.



Egg Aware & Nut Free

We are a Nut Free and Egg Aware school as we have some serious allergies in school, children and staff. Please be mindful when preparing packed lunches. Thank you




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Is your child starting Reception in 2024?
Join us to start your child's learning adventure!

Open events will be held on:

Saturday 30th September, 10am

Wednesday 1st October, 9:30am

Wednesday 15th November, 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd November, 9:30am

Wednesday 3rd January, 9:30am

To reserve your place at one of our open events, please call the school office on (01273) 303328.

We are a high achieving Woodingdean school.



2023 Year 6 SATs results

| | RKPS | National |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|
| Reading | 86% | 73% |
| Writing | 78% | 71% |
| Maths | 80% | 73% |
| Reading, Writing, Maths Combined | 70% | 59% |

These results place us amongst the top performing schools in the whole of Brighton & Hove.

SOCCERFIX KS2 AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB IS BACK!

We are again teaming up with Soccerfix, a football coaching organisation that strives to develop young aspiring footballers, to run an after-school football club, now open to children in Years 3-6. The club will take place on Mondays from 3.15-4.30pm on our school field, and the first session will be on **Monday 11th September 2023**. It will run for 13 weeks until the end of the autumn term.



MARINA STUDIOS JUNIORS

These dance classes are for ages 6-16 aiming to inspire, empower & engage without the usual pressures of dance exams. Students will learn core dance techniques with the opportunity for dance development and performances.

Trial for free at our
DISCOVERY DAY
www.marinastudios.co.uk/msjuniors/
 Sunday 10th September 2023

KPOP - Contemporary - MT Jazz - Commercial

<https://marinastudios.co.uk/whats-on-marinastudios/>

**RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL
KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB**



MONDAY'S


3:15PM-4:30PM





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Primary School & Nursery,
Woodingdean

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 ALL COACHES ARE QUALIFIED AND DBS CHECKED



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TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT OUR SITE & CLICK 'JOIN A CLASS'
Please note; A SAMA membership is required after 2 x trial sessions are completed



School Term Dates 2023-24

Name of school:

| | September 2023 | | | | | October 2023 | | | | | November 2023 | | | | | December 2023 | | | | | |
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| Tuesday | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
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Key

- Bank holidays (see details below)
- School holidays
- INSET day for most pupils
(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)
- First day of term for pupils
- Last day of term

Bank holidays 2023/24

- Christmas Day Monday 25 December 2023
- Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December 2023
- New Year's Day Monday 1 January 2024
- Good Friday Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday Monday 1 April 2024
- Early May Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2024
- Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27 May 2024
- Summer Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024

Number of days (total requirement 195)

- Autumn 1st half 36
- Autumn 2nd half 35
- Spring 1st half 29
- Spring 2nd half 29
- Summer 1st half 29
- Summer 2nd half 37
- TOTAL 195 days**
(includes 5 INSET days)

