



Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery Newsletter


"Where learning is an adventure!"

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Headteacher Reports...

For the two years since the disruptions caused by Covid, our end of KS2 outcomes have been among the strongest of all Brighton and Hove primary schools.

In reading, nearly half of our children leave our school working at the higher standard, or 'greater depth' as it is known in educational circles. Our greater depth reading result is 42%, 13% higher than the National number, impressive by all accounts. This is not by chance. It is the result of the creation of a long-established culture of reading at RKPS where our children learn to love books as soon as they arrive with us.

Yesterday was a fine example of this as we celebrated National Poetry Day across the school. I had the pleasure of being invited to watch our 2 and 3 year old Nursery poets perform a wonderful Neil Armstrong poem where they zoomed to the moon before moonwalking in space! Year 4 Mandela read out their excellent 'Refuge' poems and the day ended by some of our oldest Year 6 poets sharing their poems with poets in Year 1 and Year 2. The whole school was awash with poetry!

We are proud to have created such a dynamic reading culture here at RKPS: teachers are forever thinking of fresh and new ways of helping our children fall in love with literature. Yesterday afternoon, I watched Leon's mum read Reception Thunberg class 'The Turnip' picture book in Polish-the children absolutely loved it!

Thank you to all our parents and carers who find the time to come in and listen to children read: you are a key part of this reading culture. If you think you could add to our small army of reading volunteers, please let your child's teacher know or contact the school office.

I am delighted that we will be welcoming the return of the book fair next Tuesday to coincide with our first Parent Consultation event. Courtesy of our friends at the Book Nook, there will be some fantastic new titles available to buy. There will be a great variety of other books to buy too, all at prices for everyone to leave home with a new book to enjoy!

Our teachers are busy preparing for next week's Parent and Carer Consultations where they will be able to tell you what your child is already doing well and-just as importantly-what they can do to become even better still.

Thank you to those parents who are being mindful of not parking on the zig-zag lines at the front of the school. Your consideration creates a safer environment for everyone, including our children.

Wishing all families, a wonderful sunny weekend

Euan Hanington

Euan Hanington
Headteacher



National Poetry Day!



Parents / Carers Consultations

Parent consultation evenings are now live on Schoolping. If you haven't done so already, please book an appointment with your child's teacher.



Flu Vaccination

All information regarding the Flu Vaccination along with Parent consent form will be available on Schoolping next week. The vaccination team will be in School on **Thursday 16th November**.



Equalities



This week in PSHE, Year 2 started learning about feeling good, feeling safe. We learnt that all children have the right to feel safe- in this country and across the world. We then explored what it means to feel safe and how with every right comes a responsibility. If we all have the right to feel safe, then it is our responsibility to also help other people to feel safe. We related this back to how Rosa Parks stood up for equality because she felt all people should have the right to sit on any seat, no matter their skin colour. Because Rosa Parks believed this and she wanted people to feel safe wherever they sat, she made it her responsibility to protest until change took place.

Rosa Parks is one, out of many, Black History Heroes and Year 2 are very thankful to her for standing up for equal rights.



*Spooky Dress up Day!
Friday 20th October*

*Please bring a £1 donation in
on the day if you would like
your child to take part.*

Please no blood, gore or horror





Special Mentions

Kaho – Neal has shown fantastic readiness for learning this week! His attitude is superb, and he puts in lots of energy and excitement into everything he does. It is an absolute pleasure to have him in the class setting such an amazing example. Neal is always kind and considerate. I've lost count of the number of times he has helped someone in the class this week. Keep it up Neal!

Obama – Henry has really impressed Miss Stokes with his resilience this week! He has been taking on board feedback, and working hard to remember to always have a go, as well as remembering to ask an adult if he needs help. Henry, you especially impressed adults in Obama this week with your phonics learning, really working on stretching the word to hear the sounds. Well done super star, keep up the hard work!

Attenborough – Chester, what a superstar you are! Your resilience at becoming increasingly independent, and how you take on board guidance given to further improve and stretch your learning, is amazing and you should be very proud of yourself. Your resilience also shines through during social situations, and you are a true example with your patience and sensitivity of others' needs. Thank you!

Parks – Charlotte is the epitome of readiness. She always makes sure she comes to school with her hard-working attitude, ready to tackle any challenges thrown her way. The wonderful thing about Charlotte is, even though she knows that some challenges are really quite tricky, that never sets her back- she's always ready to do her best to have a go. Charlotte, I cannot wait to see what you achieve in Year 2 with your excellent attitude and readiness.

Gandhi – Nina - It is my absolute pleasure to teach Nina for a plethora of reasons. If I must however focus on one this week, it would be that she always remembers to show incredible listening skills for not only herself, but to ensure she can then help those around her too. She does all of this whilst remaining calm and positive with such a radiant smile. What a joy it is to have Nina in Gandhi class.

Pankhurst – Jacob - We have been so impressed with Jacob's readiness to learn in Y3. He is working so hard and producing great pieces of work. His maths is amazing, and he is completing the challenges each lesson. Keep this up Jacob it is wonderful to see!

Mandela – Eamon - Calm, collective and kind are just a few words to describe this wonderful young talent. Eamon comes to school every morning with a positive hard-working attitude and is always ready to learn. She meticulously listens to instructions to complete any task in front of her with a positive attitude and her independence is blossoming. Keep up the hard work.

Darwin – Isla - Darwin has its very own superstar, and their name is Isla. Isla has been shining since day 1 and every week she gets brighter and brighter. Miss Smith is incredibly proud of Isla's readiness for Year 5 and how she ensures to show that she's always ready to learn. Isla is always hard at work and it has been lovely to see her confidence grow. Keep on shining bright!

Seacole - Ellis is really showing his resilience in Year 5. Some of the work can be very tricky, but he is not letting this faze him, instead he is using numerous different resources to help him succeed, ranging from using his inference skills to looking at working displays around the classroom. This is helping Ellis achieve success every step of the way.

Yousafzai – Joyful Jacob brings joy everywhere he goes, especially with his beaming smile. He comes to school with an incredible attitude and appetite to learn and develop his skills. He always shows the school Values, and I have been most impressed by his teamwork skills where he can work with anyone in the class to produce fantastic quality of work. To feel listened to and counted is such a lovely gift to receive and I get that daily from Jacob, for which I am very grateful! Thank you, Jacob, – keep it up!

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.

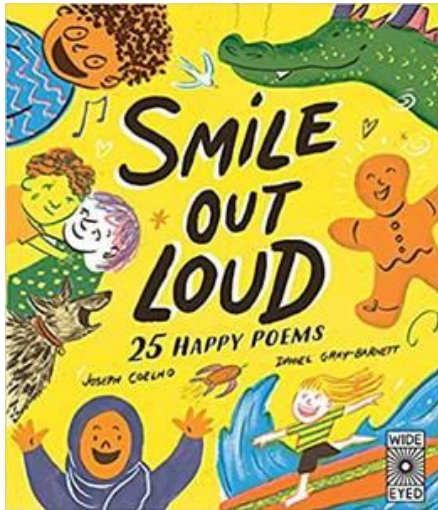
Reading Research Alert:

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



To continue to the celebrations after National Poetry Day here are two brilliant poetry books that the English Team recommend

Smile Out Loud: 25 Happy Poems by Joseph Coelho and illustrated by Daniel Gray-Barnett

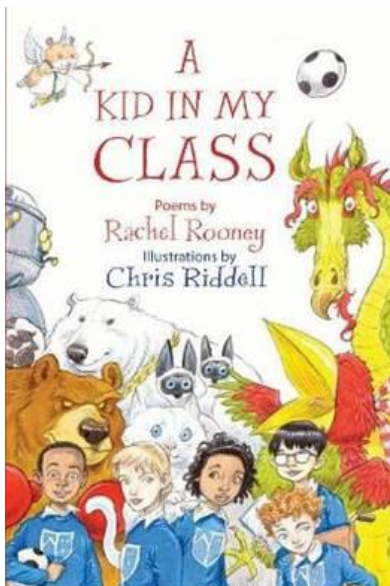


Joseph Coelho has written the brilliant poems in this book to help children spread happiness. Excellent!

Some of the poems are designed to be read in a group, some are perfect for reading aloud or performed, and some are interactive, requiring a child to read the poem in a mirror and pull a variety of silly faces, do a dance or close their eyes and imagine.

Some of the language included in the poems – cadaverous, Jeté, Windsor knot – might need explaining by an adult, but they are examples of good ‘challenge’ words that Coelho’s poems contain to stretch confident readers in a fun way. A lovely, interactive and fun book with super fun illustration by Daniel Gray-Barnett that really conveys the sense of joyful activity the book contains.

Miss Vaughan recommends A Kid in my Class by Rachel Rooney and illustrated by Chris Riddell



This brilliant little book is one of Miss Vaughan’s (and now her classes’) favourite poetry book. It is full of clever poems - picking out some of the many personalities that children will find sitting next to them in assemblies, lunch queues and in the playgrounds.

Rachel Rooney’s poems are easy to read with bouncy rhymes and clever forms. They make poetry accessible, relatable and, most importantly, fun. From the first one there in the morning, to the classroom hamster, with all the copycats, jokers, tough kids, drama queens and prefects in-between, children will love spotting the kids in their class and maybe get a glimpse of themselves, too.

As well as witty words, this book is crammed with imaginative illustration from former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell. A master of expressive faces and marvellous monsters, Riddell puts a beautiful pencil portrait with each picture, as well as a stunning inked illustration that reveals more. The pictures will start as many conversations as the poems.

THE BOOK NOOK

**You are invited to our Book Fair
Tuesday 10th October 3:15 - 17:50 (Parents Evening).**

Rudyard Kipling Primary School would like to invite you to The Book Nook Book Fair where you will find an extensive and exhilarating range of latest releases and well-loved classics to get your child excited about reading.

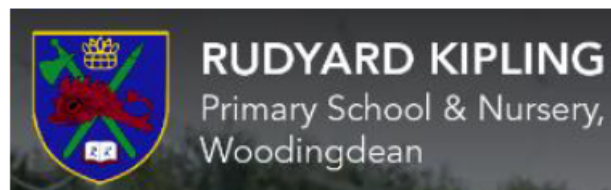
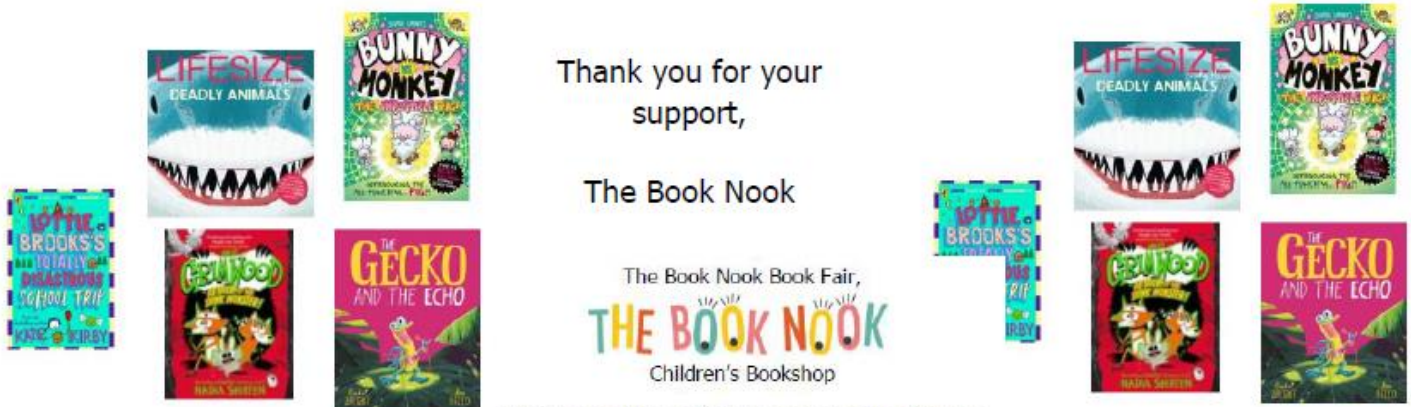
With prices starting at £6.99, there will be books for all interests and reading abilities and we are sure there will be a book for you and your child to enjoy.

All sales go towards FREE books for our school!

When: Tuesday 10th October 3:15 - 17:50

Where: In the KS2 hall

Payment: Cash or card



**You are also invited to the Rudyard Kipling Book Stall
Tuesday 10th October 3:15 - 17:50 (Parents Evening).**



We would like to invite you to our own Book Stall run by our very own (excited) Librarians with our own stock of treasured books. Each book will be 50p – we are sure there will be a book for you and your child to enjoy.

When: Tuesday 10th October 3:15 - 17:50

Where: Foyer (main entrance in the school)

Payment: Cash



Maths Challenges from Mr Jones

Here are a few challenges to get you thinking this week. Remember to pick up a challenge outside the office and have ago to win prizes.

KS1

Colour my hat, scarf and mittens using 3 different colours



Now using the same 3 colours can you colour in each of my friends' hats, scarves and mittens differently?



KS2

In the table below all the rows and all the columns are supposed to add up to the same value 119. However someone has made a mistake and one of the numbers is wrong.

Find out which number is wrong and what it should be.

62	34	23	
25	13	92	
32	72	15	

WOODINGDEAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
GARDENING CLUB

TALK on
The Wonder of Plants

With
MATTHEW BIGGS
(from Radio 4's Gardeners Question time)



Tuesday, 10th October
7.30-9.00pm
at Woodingdean Community Centre
Warren Road

Non-Members
Entry by Ticket
In Advance £5

Refreshments
Available

Sponsored by:
KTY Landscapes, Java Cafe, Woodies, Woodingdean Fish Bar,
G & N Garage Doors.

Please contact Mrs Mills in The School Office
If you're interested!

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Is your child starting Reception in 2024?

At RKPS, our children excel through their entire journey with us. When they leave, they do so with results which are in the top 10 of all Brighton and Hove Primary Schools.

Start your child's journey now!

Next Open Event: Wednesday 11th October, 9:30am

To reserve your place at this event, please call the school office on (01273) 303328

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**SEND October
Half Term Activities**

Welcoming all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to participate in holiday activities

These sessions are FREE to attend thanks to our partners



October SEND Half Term Activity Timetable

24th 13:00 – 15:00 Moulsecoomb Community Leisure Centre
25th 15:00 – 17:00 Stanley Deason Leisure Centre
27th 14:00 – 16:00 Portslade Sports Centre
Session one will be for 4 – 11 year olds and session two will be for 12 – 21 year olds



Scan the QR code to book on



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Brighton & Hove City Council

Longhill Sports Centre, Brighton
23rd-27th October
08:30-15:30

£18 per day/
£80 for the week

SportsCool Brighton's
Spooktacular half term holiday camp!

Introducing UV dodgeball and laser tag!



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Reminder:

Please Label School Uniform!

All clothes and possessions should be carefully marked with the child's full name. We have a lot of lost property in school and a lot of it is unnamed!



Head Teacher Awards!

Lola in Rashford - Writing letters and knowing all their sounds-super phonics!
Augustus in Rashford for writing in a straight line.
Theo and Dylan in Kahlo - A sensational poem about mud!
Sven in Obama - An amazing poster about sharks!
Carter in Attenborough - For starting the day calmly and for showing super readiness.
Grayson in Attenborough - For making a positive and hardworking start to Year 2.
Adam in Attenborough – A beautiful African landscape.
Ayham in Attenborough – Fantastic progress with his reading – Mrs Borg!
Ameilia in Gandhi - Pinpoint perfect presentation.
Halle in Pankhurst - Super times tables learning.
Logan in Pankhurst – Super Seacole learning!
Maxim and Talia in Mandela - A brilliant and thought-provoking Climate Change poster.
Lexi and Malakai in Mandela for creative brilliant Maths posters.
Beau in Darwin for being a maths magician and challenging herself with her learning.
Teddy in Seacole - A fantastic portfolio of sketches.
Bader in Seacole - A super refuge poem.
Arthur in Seacole A fantastic poem on National Poetry Day!
Mustafa in Seacole A super poem about football.
Ruby in Seacole A brilliant poem about music.
Jaiden in Yousafzai - Thoughtful PSHE learning.



Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club

KS1 – Jack in Obama for being a pleasure to have at Breakfast Club – kind, caring and helpful.
KS2 – Lana in Gandhi for being kind caring and considerate to others and being a helpful happy member of Breakfast Club.

After School Club

KS1 – Darcey in Thunberg for settling so well at After School Club.
KS2 – Mikey in Yousafzai for being kind to others.



October 2023	
Tuesday 10 th	Book Nook Book Fair – 3:15pm – 5:30pm
	Parents Consultations 4pm-6pm
Thursday 12 th	Parents Consultations 3:40pm – 5:30pm
Friday 20 th	Spooky Day!
Monday 23 rd	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 st	Children Return to School
November 2023	
Wednesday 1 st	Photographer – Individual Photos – more info to follow
Thursday 16 th	Flu Vaccination
December 2023	
Friday 15 th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	Children Return to School

