



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

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It has been raining incessantly this week but, as usual in school, the sun has been shining!

One of the favourite parts of my role is eating with the children in the lunch halls each day. It provides me with a further opportunity to get to know every child that little bit better and experience school life through the child's eyes. I'm always impressed when I'm asked a question too, it's an advanced conversational skill and many of our pupils are already very good at it!

The table manners I observe are already impressive for most, the children are a credit to their families as they practise the tricky skills of turn taking and talking with others.

A key priority in our school is providing our learners with as many speaking opportunities as possible, encouraging the children to lead the learning in the classroom: we call it a 'culture of oracy'. Last week and this, I have observed myriad strong examples of it across the school-it has been a pleasure to see.

I will never stop loving the art of teaching and next week look forward to teaching in Year Three and also Reception-I'll be stretching out my back in preparation for the latter, ready to bend and get down to child level! In Year 3, we will be planning and holding a debate: a fantastic speaking and listening opportunity.

One of my week's highlights was meeting with our new School Council earlier this week. We talked about ideas for playtimes and (most importantly) ate chocolate biscuits!

A further highlight was walking in on Reception Thunberg class when Moses' mum was reading the whole class a story-it was story telling of the very highest order! Thank you to all those Reception parents and carers who are finding the time to come into class to read a book to our children-they love it!

It's a 'spotty day' for Children in Need today as we raise money for those less fortunate.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Flaxington

Headteacher

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Spotty Dress Up Day!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Sven

Super Sven! Sven impresses me every day with his wonderful readiness to learning! Sven always tries his best, thus producing top quality work. Sven has produced some fabulous work this week, and I love seeing him applying his new phonics learning independently! Learning aside, Sven you are such a calm, happy and caring member of our class and we are very lucky to have you! I know you will continue to fly, keep being you superstar!

YR1



Wren

Wren always shows super readiness to learn. Her perfect posture is legendary, and a great example to the other children of how we are at Rudyard. I am constantly impressed by her phenomenal work where Wren has clearly put all her effort into. She always pushes herself further than the main bit of learning to do even more. This wonderful attitude to keep challenging herself is and will continue to pay off. Well done Wren you superstar!

Lottie



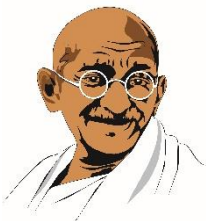
Lottie – your attitude to your learning is incredible! Your remembering of all the skills and techniques in Maths and your writing has impressed me so much! You produce fantastic Maths learning and lovely language and beautiful presentation in your writing. You are an absolute superstar, and you should feel super proud of yourself. Well done!

YR2



Isabelle

Isabelle has blown the adults in Parks Class away with her readiness this week. Isabelle's readiness has allowed her to write a wonderful story about Lila and the Secret of Rain and think carefully about her adverbial sentence openers to move the story along. My favourite part of Isabelle's story is 'Finally, she got to the top of the chalky mountain...' Seeing Isabelle feeling proud of her excellent work is a wonderful sight. This is excellent Isabelle! Keep up the readiness!



Nate

Nate LOVES learning. He not only produces wonderful pieces of learning in school, but also challenges himself to complete tasks outside of school. Mr Wynne has been thrilled to see Nate's progression from the start of the year to now – he's a sponge. He soaks up all the knowledge he's been taught and applies it each day, in every lesson – what a superstar!

YR3



Dexter

Dazzling Dexter is a joy to have in Pankhurst class. He is always ready to learn, always puts his thinking thumb up to answer questions and shows me the 5R's every day. He constantly amazes me with all the facts he knows. What a great role model you are Dexter!

YR4

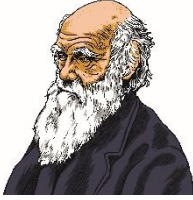


Sanvi

Sensational Sanvi has been an ever-growing fountain of knowledge this week as she continues to strive to success in Year 4. Her creative writing had all the qualities of an author as she captivated her audience through a rollercoaster of events for our main character Varjak Paw. Above everything, Sanvi is kind-hearted, friendly and has a great sense of humour, even forcing a smile from Mr Jones. Well done Sanvi, keep it up!

Oliver

YR5



Oliver is known for loving a challenge; especially in maths and often wows Miss Smith with his confidence. However, this little maths whizz has impressed Miss Smith with his English this week. Showing great perseverance, Oliver wrote a lovely 'Bon voyage card' to his sailor in our book. Hopefully, Oliver's spark for writing has been ignited. Keep it up!

Amelia



Amelia has stunned Mrs Newbold with her incredible remembering skills recently. She is linking her current learning with things that she has previously learnt and is also making excellent connections within all subjects. It is wonderful to see how engaged Amelia is in her learning.

YR6



Saumya

Smiley Saumya has been a Professor of Maths this half term; specialising in long division. Not only has he independently mastered the concept for himself, he has helped teach other children this tricky mathematical skill. He has made other children feel so capable that they have chosen to do extra maths even during together time! Thanks, Saumya.



Y1 Obama:

Orya – Super science learning about how to grow a sunflower.

Henry – An excellent piece of Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork.

Y2 Parks:

Frankie – For showing impressive focus and ignoring possible distraction.

Harrison - An excellent story about Lila and the Secret of Rain.

Y3 Gandhi:

Nate - Excellent subtraction maths learning!

Holly - A superb booklet all about the stone age, independently produced at home!

Y3 Pankhurst:

Harlow - Always 'head down and busy', Harlow has an excellent attitude to learning-well done.

Y5 Darwin:

Sophie – A vocabulary rich, powerful goodbye letter to a sailor from Shackleton.

Millie – An incredibly emotive letter written to the sailors from The Endurance.

Raniah– A beautifully presented and well-written goodbye letter.

Y5 Seacole

Lilah - A powerful and emotive piece of Shackleton linked writing.

Riley - Year 6 quality writing based on Shackleton.

Y6 Yousafzai

Jessica - A riveting 'Rumble in the Jungle' performance poem.

William - An excellent poem accompanied by the guiro percussion instrument.

Oliver - A superb poem based on the forest at night in Kensuke's Kingdom.

Lottie - An excellent performance poem, full of rich language.

RKPS Reading Recommendations



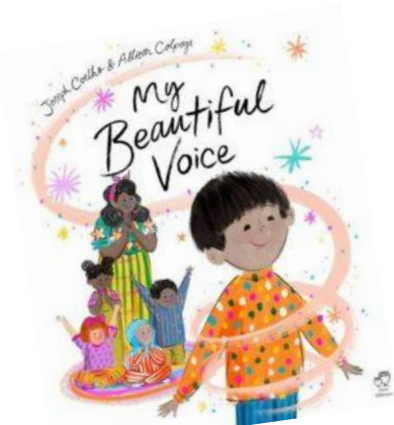
Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.'

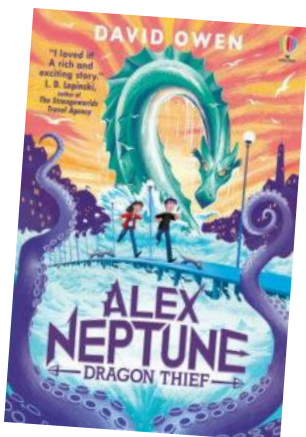
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) & others.

My Beautiful Voice by Joseph Coelho & Allison Colpoys



A moving, lyrical picture book about a shy child unlocking the power of their own voice through poetry, with the helping hand of an extra special teacher, written by poet and playwright Joseph Coelho. This beautifully illustrated, powerful and heart-warming text shows children that everyone's voice can be powerful and beautiful, however small. Follow a child who is so shy she doesn't speak. With the encouragement of an enchanting and magical teacher, she writes a poem. But a poem is meant to be read aloud. She musters all her courage, stands at the front of the class and shows her classmates that she does have a voice. And her voice is beautiful. The perfect way to encourage empathy in young children and show shy children how to feel brave.

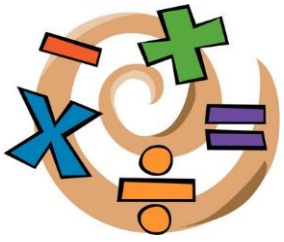
Alex Neptune, Dragon Thief By David Owen & George Ermos



Meet Alex Neptune, the boy with the power of the ocean in his hands – a brand-new hero for fans of Percy Jackson and Dragon Realm!

For as long as Alex Neptune can remember, the ocean has been trying to kill him. So he's not too happy when a bunch of sea creatures drag him to the abandoned aquarium on the hill, where an imprisoned water dragon needs his help. But how can he say no to a magical myth?

Recruiting his tech-genius best friend Zoey, legend-lover Anil, a sharp-shooting octopus, four acrobatic otters and a thieving seagull, Alex plots a heist to break the dragon out. And suddenly discovers the power of the ocean at his fingertips...



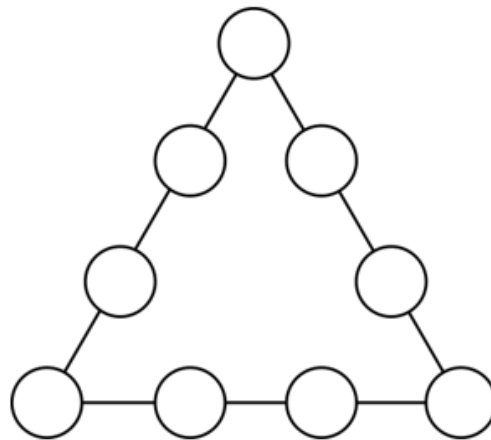
Mr Jones' Maths Challenge of the Week



Here are a few maths challenges to take you into the weekend. Remember to pick one up from the office and grab a prize in Monday's assembly.

KS1

Put the numbers from 1 to 9 in the circles so that the sum of the numbers on each side of a triangle is the same.



KS2

A few brain teasers to take you into the weekend. Have a good think about some of these and read them carefully.

1. Using only addition, add eight 8s to get the number 1,000.
2. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 of them ran away. How many sheep does she have left?
3. A boy is 2 years old. His brother is half as old as him. When the first boy is 100, how old will his brother be?
4. Use the numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the symbols + and = to make a true math equation.
5. If 3 cats can catch 3 bunnies in 3 minutes, how long will it take 100 cats to catch 100 bunnies?





Stars of the Week



After School Club – KS1 - Lily in Thunberg for settling into After School Club so well!
KS2 – Arthur in Seacole for being super helpful all week!

Equalities



Year 4 were incredibly lucky to create some artwork last week based around the legendary, Nelson Mandela. The class were incredibly knowledgeable on this topic as in-depth discussions took place about who he was and what he stood for during his life. The theme around the art was based on his famous quote: **“Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world.”**

As a class, we discussed the meaning of such a powerful quote and how education is not just a necessity, it's a basic human right. Here are some of the wonderful pieces of artwork they created.



Match Report



BRAVE RKPS BOYS FALL TO NARROW DEFEAT IN FIRST LEAGUE MATCH OF THE SEASON

Last Friday, our boys' football team played their first match of the Brighton Boys Citizens League against Balfour Primary at Manor Road Sports Centre. Here is the match report from one of our players (and Year 6 Sports Captain), Bailey:

The first goal was by Balfour, with one of their players shooting from outside the box and getting it in the top corner. The second goal was by Fletcher catching the ball and booting to Woody for Woody to volley into the net to make it 1-1. Then Rudyard took the lead through William J's shot flying into the top corner!

Balfour then scored the equaliser to make it 2-2 and, in the final minute, Balfour made it 3-2. Rudyard put up a great game!

Thanks Bailey! It really was a fantastic team performance from our boys, and we were unlucky not to win. A special word must go to Oliver, who was a revelation in defence, winning every tackle and deservedly being named RKPS's player of the match.



Cross Country



Brighton & Hove School Games Cross Country championships

On Wednesday, Mr Mack and Mr Wynne took 21 of our athletes from Year 5 & 6 to take part in the annual Brighton & Hove School Games Cross Country event at Waterhall playing fields. We were one of over 40 schools taking part, and our runners competed alongside over 1000 children from across the city – it really was a spectacular event!

Despite the glorious sunshine, the underfoot conditions were very tough; each and every one of our runners did themselves proud, and we were thrilled with the top-100 places achieved by many of our runners. Special congratulations go to Barney in Year 5, who placed 14th out of 260 boys, and Sienna who finished 21st out of 240 in her Year 5 girls' race – superb achievements!

The whole squad, though, should feel incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and enjoyed their teammates' successes.

Year 6 were represented by: Jacob, William J, William M, Oliver, Noah, Bailey, Jazzmine and Malaika.

Year 5 were represented by: Teddy, Woody, Fletcher, Barney, Ronnie, Liam, Henry, Ari, Chelsea, Sienna, Olivia, Rebeca and Alex

Anti-Bullying Week

Our wonderful actors and actresses performed a silent dramatisation to demonstrate bullying and non bullying behaviour. Our lovely Isla volunteered to be the victim (perhaps the next Jennifer Anniston of the acting world?!), Miss Stokes narrated the show, and the show was fast forwarded to show an entire week of a group of children at school. We did this twice. The week whereby Isla was picked on every day, represented bullying and the day where it happened only on Tuesday did not represent bullying. We discussed at length how bullying is the persistent unkindness towards someone by either one person or a group of people. We talked about how there are lots of different types of bullying. We also talked about why someone might bully and most importantly perhaps, what we can all do about it. The children were enthusiastic about saying who they can talk to if they think it is happening to them, or they see someone else being bullied. We are an anti-bullying class for sure in Obama!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Times Tables Rockstars 'England Rocks' event this week, certificates will be presented to the top performers in Monday's assembly.

This is just the start, we'd like to see as many people logging in each week and gaining as many coins as possible. Each Monday assembly, we will announce the class with the most correct answers and give certificates out too.



Morning Drop Off

In the interest of safety and supervision, please kindly drop your children off via their designated entrance. We are finding younger children coming in through Year 3 and 4 entrance which causes congestions in the corridors. It's important that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers are able to greet their children at the classroom door each morning. Thank you for your support with this.

Reporting Absences

Reporting absences We have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on **each day of absence**. If your child is too unwell to come to school, please telephone the school office on **01273 303328 before 9.00am** to let us know the reason.



PTFA Christmas Events



Tuesday 21st November - Letters from Father Christmas Closing Date

Thursday 30th November - Hollywood head shots. This is for Reception and Years 2&5. They will need their costumes/Xmas jumpers etc for the photos.

Friday 1st December - KS1 Magic show

Friday 1st December - KS2 Magic Show

Tuesday 5th December PTFA Christmas Crafternoon - after school until 4.30pm

The PTFA will also provide refreshments and sell our headshot photos at the plays, as in previous years. Photos will be £5 each.

All information and payment links have been sent out on SchoolPing.

Community Notice Board

WP Woodingdean Players Presents

Jack and the Bean that Talks

A Pantomime for all ages from 3 to 103

Saturday 16th December 6.30pm
Sunday 17th December 3pm and 7pm

Woodingdean Scout Hut, Old Parish Lane,
 Woodingdean, BN2 6DU

Tickets £6.50 each
 Unallocated seating
 Tickets must be bought in advance

Tickets:
www.woodingdeanplayers.co.uk
 or DBC Greengrocers, 1 Warren Road

Bar, Refreshments Raffle

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Winter HAF 2023

SEND Family Fun Day

FREE for the whole family, where there is a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Reception to Year 11 who also receives benefits-related free school meals.

Join us for a day of family festive fun.

Monday 18 December
 10am to 3pm

Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre

*Please note an adult must accompany

Learn more and book here:
www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf

freedomleisure
 we'll show you how

Brighton & Hove City Council

4-11 Year olds

Join us for **PIONEER CHILDCARE** OFSTED REGISTERED

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

Daily choice of Winter Themed Sports, Challenges, Arts & Performance Activities!

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December 2023

FAIRLIGHT PRIMARY & WEST HOVE INFANTS

8.30am - 5.00pm

BOOK TODAY!

£31 per day

Online at pioneerchildcare.co.uk
 For more information call us on 01444 411388
 or email enquiries@pioneerchildcare.co.uk

FREE HAF Places from 8.30am - 2.30pm includes lunch & activities.
 Please book directly with your local authority online.

WE ACCEPT Childcare Vouchers & Tax-Free Childcare

Freshly made Lunch Grab Bags £4.50 per child

FREE HAF funded places available

Winter HAF 2023

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is **FREE** to school-aged children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Winter HAF provides a **FREE** activity club with a meal, with participants able to book up to one place per day over four days.

Book everything from sports, performing arts, coding, playschemes and more online.
www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf

For more programme information go to:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF

Department for Education

Brighton & Hove City Council

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

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

Coats for School!

Please can parents and carers ensure that children arrive at school wearing a coat. The weather is now turning 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

November 2023	
Tuesday 21st	Closing date – Letters from Father Christmas, PAN consultation face to face, 6pm (KS2 hall)
Wednesday 22nd	Reception 2024 Open Morning, 9:30am PAN consultation online, 6pm via Teams details as on recent letter)
Tuesday 28th	Book Nook Book Sale – Author Visit – Jenny Pearson
Thursday 30th	Hollywood Headshots (YR,Y2,Y6)
December 2023	
Friday 1st	KS1 & KS2 Magic Show
Tuesday 5th	PTFA Christmas Crafternoon 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 6th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11th	9:15am KS1 Dress Rehearsal, 2pm KS2 dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th	9:15am KS1 Christmas Production, 5:30pm KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13th	9:15am KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th	9:15am Reception Sing-a-long
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term
January 2024	
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd	Children Return
Monday 15th	Closing date for Reception 24 applications