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Headteacher Reports:

We are all so proud of our Year 6 scholars who have been busy taking their tests this week.

Their attitude to learning has been first class all year-they have flourished- and it has been fantastic to watch their confidence grow as the year has gone on. As she always does, Miss Vaughan has expertly nurtured and guided our eldest children to a point where they are able to maximise their potential: she really is a brilliant teacher.

Ably supported by Mrs Woolven, our Year 6 children really have enjoyed a successful year and, in the weeks ahead, will have tonnes of fun!

Speaking of fun, tomorrow is the inaugural Green Festival here at Rudyard. There are myriad well-being workshops planned, so do come along if you can: I look forward to seeing you there. Huge thanks go to Izzy's Mum, Kay, for all the organisation she has put into making this exciting event happen.

Finally, a date for the diary: this year's Woodingdean Carnival is taking place on Saturday 6th July. It's always a super community event and this year it is the turn of Woodingdean Primary to host. We look forward to carrying our fantastical 'Merbird' across to WPS and we will keep with our striking purple/blue dress up theme from the Children's Parade-do join us if you can.

Finally, finally, today is the Great Rudyard Bake Off so me and Wilfie the Wolf are looking forward to judging (and hopefully tasting!) some delicious cakes later on today: thanks as always to our PTFA for organising another fun event.

A reminder that next week is a four day week as next Friday is an INSET day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Euan Hanington

Headteacher

Wilfie judging the Great Rudyard Bake Off













Mubasher



What an incredibly hard-working, polite and resilient young boy! Mubasher's smile shines so bright and he always carries a positive attitude. Mubasher tries his best in everything he does and we have been so impressed with the progress he is making. Mubasher never gives up, even when things get hard. With a big 'DOH!' and a 'silly me', he starts again with full determination. It really is wonderful to see. Well done Mubasher – keep it up!

YRR

Amelia



Amelia has grown so much this year, it has been lovely to see. She is becoming a master of her own emotions, catching any big ones and working hard to get them under control. Amelia is always ready to try her best. She doesn't let anything phase her and jumps at the chance of a challenge. Keep on shining, Amelia!

Erica



Super Erica! You have had a wonderful week! Every lesson you are setting an example to the rest of the class with your readiness. Your perfect posture, excellent listening and super answers shared after waiting with you thinking thumb show me you are Year 2 ready. You give everything your best shot with a smile on your face and if you find something hard you simply keep trying and don't give up. A huge well done Erica!

YR1

Leo



Lovely Leo has really wowed us these last few weeks in Obama. His efforts in English writing have been particularly noteworthy. Without any prompting, Leo has not only increased the quantity of his writing but has also demonstrated a genuine eagerness to improve and the care he is taking in his handwriting is also above what would be expected of a Year I child! His determination and initiative are truly admirable, setting a wonderful example for his friends in Obama. With his calm demeanour, kind heart, and infectious enthusiasm, Leo embodies the spirit of readiness in every task he undertakes. Leo, never stop shining, you are a true superstar!

Harrison



Wow, Harrison! What a resilient superstar you are! When faced with tricky moments or something that makes you feel a bit fizzy, you articulate how you are feeling and problemsolve to look for a positive solution. This takes great reflection and strength and demonstrates how Year 3 ready you are! What is also great to see, is your super sense of humour when tackling any challenges to keep you upbeat and aim for that positive outcome. Keep going, buddy!

yR2

Isabelle



Isabelle has been showing excellent readiness. She comes to school prepared and ready to tackle any challenge, as if she has a magical backpack that always has exactly what she needs. We're waiting for the day she pulls a rabbit out of it. Isabelle's readiness has her smashing fractions like a maths superhero, turning halves and quarters into a piece of cake. We love having her cheerful attitude in Parks Class and she is definitely showing she is Year 3 ready! Well done Isabelle, keep up the hard work!



Charlie

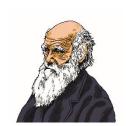
If you're looking for a model student, look no further thaaaaannnnn... CHARLIE! He has made tremendous progress in Year 3 both personally and academically and so it has been a true joy witnessing his journey and seeing him spring into Gandhi class each day. He always greets adults with a smile; is so courteous, letting others go before himself **and** never forgets his 'please' and 'thank yous'. Keep being the wonderful young boy you are!

Harry



Whenever you're having a bad day you just need to remember that coming through the classroom door will be the one and only Harry, guaranteed to spread a smile across your face! This young man is equipped for anything that life throws at him displaying excellent readiness in new and unfamiliar situations! He continues to go from strength-to-strength in Year 4 and as the year reaches its conclusion, Harry is displaying all the characteristics needed for his big transfer move to Year 5! Well done Rambo, you thoroughly deserve this award.

Ronnie



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Ronnie has really grown this term and is showing that he is ready for year 6. Firstly, no one can fault Ronnie for the effort he puts into his work - he is incredibly hard-working, striving to reach his best and is constantly making progress through reflection. Additionally, Ronnie has shown great respect and kindness to his class and friends. Ronnie has been great at including everyone, supporting those who need help and overall, just being kind and polite! Well done Ronnie you're a great role model.

Bader



The only word to describe Bader this week is 'Superstar'. Mrs Newbold asked him to be Hussein's buddy and help show him around the school and generally look after him and Bader has done an absolutely incredible job. He has kept an eye on him, translated where necessary and just generally been a great friend. Well done and thank you Bader.

Kinza



Kinza is incredible. He brings great energy to the classroom and always dazzles with his smile. We loved his "Digging for Victory" poster, which is now proudly on display! During SATs this week, he has shown admirable resilience, especially in the reading test. Truly amazing! There are so many positive words to describe Kinza: enthusiastic, hardworking, kind, and always willing to help others. He is a true asset to our class.

yousafzai Class

Yousafzai class has been working their socks off this week. They have exemplified all our school values, serving as true inspirations and role models for all the children around the school. Their manners and positivity have left all the adults in awe. They are truly awesome!



YR Thunberg **Bobbi** - Amazing independent writing!

YI Obama **Leo** – Writing a super short story in After School Club!

Y2 Attenborough Adam, Amelia and Harli - Expert geography work reading from a map of the classroom.

Y2 Parks Millie - Being a fractions whizz! Y3 Gandhi **Archie** - A brilliant story plan.

Bertie - Excellent English learning.

Y4 Mandela Archie - Excellent decimals learning!

Isobel - A super persuasive letter.

Y5 Darwin Millie, Chelsea and Olivia- Excellent angles learning in maths.

Y5 Seacole **Seth** - Exceptional reading skills on Odysseus text.

Connie and Darcy - Impressive geography/English learning.

Lilah - Excellent angles learning in maths.

Y6 Yousafzai Jayden, Lottie, Zoe and Inaya - Superb PSHE learning about safe and unsafe choices.

Stars of the Week

After School Club - KSI - Riley in Parks for always playing so well with others at After School Club KS2 – Jacob in Darwin for always being such an entertaining member of After School Club.

Lunchtime Sters of the Week

Daisy in **Pankhurst** for patiently untangling all of the skipping ropes in KS2.

Amna in Mandela for patiently untangling all of the skipping ropes in KS2.

Lottie, Harper and Tiffany in Attenborough for becoming our new KS1 Playground Mentors.

Please support our 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





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

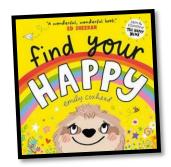
Reading Research Alert:

'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.

Happy Mental Health Awareness Week

Find Your Happy by Emily Coxhead



A young sloth loves feeling happy - it's the most wonderful feeling. But he doesn't feel happy all the time. There are times when he gets angry, sad or scared.

When he has these negative feelings, there are things that he does to help brighten his day. When he's worried, he closes his eyes and takes deep breaths while counting to ten. When he's feeling blue and things aren't going quite right, he finds his mummy for a big snuggly hug to cheer him up.

With the help of his friends, this adorable sloth shows us the techniques he has learned to find his happy while navigating a spectrum of feelings throughout his everyday life.

Finding your happy isn't always as straightforward as it sounds, especially for little ones. This vibrant picture book, featuring cute animals and doodle-like illustrations, is a great introduction to feelings – identifying them and learning how to tackle them.

The Mystery of the Colour Thief by Ewa Jozefkowicz



The colour is draining out of Izzy's world. Her mother is in a coma, following an accident. Her father is struggling to cope. Her best friend has dumped her in favour of "cooler" company. And all the while, a mysterious and menacing figure invades her dreams at night, apparently removing colours from the mural she and her mother lovingly painted together on her bedroom wall.

Then Izzy befriends Toby, a new neighbour. Their trips to a nearby river to visit a family of swans offer some much-needed distraction, and Izzy starts to finds some solace. Can she make sense of the past, manage her present and retrieve the colour she needs to look forward?

The book paints a convincing picture of a harrowing time in a young life. The author's interest in juvenile mental health issues is clear and we see Izzy learning the value of time and talking in processing trauma. This is by no means a gloomy read, offering ample humour, hope and optimism.

Toby (who happens to be a wheelchair user) plays a particularly positive role; their friendship (along with a subplot involving a small cygnet) also offers subtle opportunity to caution the reader against jumping to conclusions about what sort of help might be best offered to those apparently "in need".

Meanwhile, the slow unravelling of the truth behind Izzy's mother's accident keeps the reader absorbed to the end.



The GREEN FESTIVAL at RKPS - 18/05/2024

We are so excited to be hosting 'The Green Festival' tomorrow, Saturday 18th 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.

Thank You Jonathan

Many thanks to Evan's Dad, Jonathan, for generously coming into school and fixing parts of the Nursery outdoor learning space for free. Jonathan workmanship was first class and he did an incredibly thorough job. Thank you Jonathan for your kindness!

PTFA Events



Community Notice Board







And finally...

Class Teacher

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 Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

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 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

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 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

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 If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

 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

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

May 24	
Saturday 18th	Green Festival at RKPS
Friday 24th	INSET DAY
June 24	
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th	Y6 Bread making with Chef John
Wednesday I 2th	Class Photos (Full uniform please).
Wednesday 19th	Withdean Athletics
Monday 24th	RKPS class 'heroes' exhibition at Jubilee Library (24th-28th)
Friday 28th	Y6 Prom – 5-6:30pm
July 24	
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





















