



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our final half term of the year. The children were looking amazing for their class photos on Tuesday and I am sure you will be looking forward to the opportunity to get your hands on a copy.

This week Years 2 and 3 have started a half term of PE lessons with Sports Stars UK and enjoyed their first Tag Rugby session. Year 4 have been working hard practising for their Multiplication Tables Check and made a super effort on Thursday with the test itself. Mr Meaney, from The Weald, was in school for the first of three sessions with Year 5 teaching them Sports Leader games so they can begin to think about whether they would like that role when they get into Year 6 in September. And Year 6 having been increasing the number of rehearsals in preparation for the KS2 production. All in all, a busy start to the half term.

We also enjoyed an assembly led by one of our Governors, David Buckley, on Thursday which focused on commemorating 80 years since the D-Day landings as well as the role Rudgwick played as the home to Canadian soldiers and the instructions they would have received 80 years ago. We all enjoyed being keen historians, thank you to Mr Buckley for preparing and sharing the assembly.



Information is coming out today about the staffing arrangements for classes from September, so please look out for the letter providing the details.

## **Birthdays**



Celebrating their birthday this week:

Poppy L, Harley, Samuel G, Max G, Evie W, Caleb, Dexter, Teddy T.

We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

Thank you Tilly and Max for sharing your celebration photos. It looks like you had a fantastic time.



If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to [office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk](mailto:office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk)

### Awards



**Silver Times Table Award**  
Sammy – Y6

## Book Awards

Kaeson – KS1

Aizen – KS2

## House Points

**Falcons – 252**      **Kestrels – 234**      **Eagles – 172**

This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **THOUGHTFULNESS**.

## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Sophie	For increased independence and confidence with her learning.
	Ernie	For his quick recall of double number facts.
Asia (Year 1)	Ellis George	For being amazing mathematicians this week, demonstrating their team work and understanding of number and place value.
Europe (Year 2)	Oscar	For being attentive and reflective when learning this week, appreciating the effort that is needed to be able to achieve. Well done Oscar.
	Amelia	For being confident to share ideas and always thinking carefully before she has a go. This helps to ensure she achieves well. Well done Amelia.
Australasia (Year 3)	Eloise	Being a courageous learner who has the maturity to ask questions and request support when they truly need it.
	Leo	Having a healthy attitude towards mistakes and being resilient to pick themselves up again quickly afterwards.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ewan	For demonstrating a super attitude towards his learning and producing some fantastic writing about the Amazon.
	Bonnie	For continuing to work hard in all of her learning and for producing a super leaflet all about Brazil.
North America (Year 5)	Leo	For his perseverance when sketching in art, showing a determination to improve.
	Oscar	For showing curiosity in all that we do by always thoughtful asking questions about his learning.
South America (Year 6)	Billy M	For demonstrating a positive attitude all week. Keep it up!!
	Billy P	For working hard to achieve his best in all lessons. A great attitude!



## We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have begun to look at butterfly life cycles, in anticipation of some caterpillars being delivered to the classroom next week! We have read non-fiction books about butterflies and have created symmetrical butterflies with paint. We have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and have made our own paperchain caterpillars. In Maths we have been learning double number facts and have used Numicon and Ten Frames to help support this. In French we have been learning the names of clothes and we are able to say in what weather conditions we would wear these clothes.
Asia (Year 1)	What a lovely first week back we've had. As part of our Percy topic we have decided to research British wild animals and create fact files about them. This week we have been learning all about fact files, identifying their features and thinking about how the information is presented. In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 100, demonstrating our knowledge in presenting these numbers in various ways using lots of different resources. In PE we have been practising our running and throwing skills in preparation for sports day. In Geography we talked about dangerous weathers and discussed sun safety, creating posters about keeping safe in the sun. Next week the class will be completing their National Phonics Screening Check which we are sure they will all do really well with. These results will be fed back to you at the end of term.
Europe (Year 2)	Welcome back! The final half term is fully underway and we have had a lovely first week back. In PE on Monday, we welcomed Coach Marcus from Sports Stars. He is going to be teaching us rugby skills each week and our first session was so fun! We learnt to do a swing pass and a pop pass. Mrs. Hutchings is learning new skills too! On Tuesday, we started to practise for our sports day and to say we are excited is an under-statement! In Geography, we had the opportunity to use atlases. We are learning to compare a Non-European country to the UK. We are exploring Kenya, in Africa. We used the atlases to locate Kenya and begin to learn about its environment. We kicked off our new learning journey 'Everything Changes' by exploring some inventions that have changed over time. We can't wait to find out more. Bring on the final leg of Year 2!
Australasia (Year 3)	As part of our changing world's unit, we have begun a new writing unit – biography writing. We are writing about David Attenborough. In music we are developing our proficiency on the recorder - learning to switch between notes more readily. In computing we began a computing unit looking at ways to use input devices to trigger events. We are enhancing our locational knowledge in geography making comparisons between Horsham and our focus town – Hebden Bridge. In PE we are playing tag rugby and enjoying the sport very much.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Well, here we go for the final half term of Year 4 and the children have made a cracking start this week. We have continued to read the Explorer by Katherine Rundell and used it to plan our next piece of writing – a journal entry as one of the characters from the book. In maths, we have fully focused our revising and preparing for the multiplication check. The children did an amazing job in completing this – Well done Year 4! In science, the children have been creating Knowledge organisers to share our knowledge of electricity. In PE, children have begun the athletics practice for Sports Day. In Geography, the children compared different types of rainforests

	(tropical and temperate) and in computing children completed their photo editing work by creating a 'fake photo' which they children had a lot of fun doing.
North America (Year 5)	We are back and raring to go for the final half term of the year! We have started to think about our next piece of writing in English, a persuasive text that links to balance in the environment and the importance of the oceans. In maths, we recapped the short division method and looked at how we can approach word problems linked to multiplication and division. In PE, the children thoroughly enjoyed a session with Mr Ryan practicing track and field events for the upcoming Sports Day. The children also had a great time with Mr Meaney, who is running a 3-session Sports Leadership programme, giving the children an understanding of how to set up and run activities for others. In art, we practiced our sketching techniques as a starting point for producing a piece inspired by a poster with the heading 'A new species invades the ocean'.
South America (Year 6)	What a great first week to our final half term together. In maths, we have been learning about pie charts. We have been reading, interpreting them and constructing them from given sets of data. In English our focus has been around water week. We have been researching the issues surrounding water pollution and scarcity and then used this to write a persuasive letter to the government or water companies to get them to do more to improve things. In science, we investigated yeast and took part in a 'yeast race' to see how much dough would rise in different conditions. In history we have continued our topic of the ancient Egyptians and learnt about the Book of the Dead and in computing we started to learn how to code a program and upload it onto a piece of hardware called a micro:bit.

### **Woodwind lessons**

If you would like your child to learn clarinet, flute, saxophone or recorder in September please contact Mrs Osborne for further information; by email – [mo.woodwind@gmail.com](mailto:mo.woodwind@gmail.com) or through her website <https://marianobornewoodwind.mymusicstaff.com> Trial lessons will be taking place on Friday 21st June.

### **Childcare vouchers**

From September, we will no longer be able to accept childcare vouchers in lieu of payment for trips, residential or clubs provided by an outside company/provider.

Vouchers can be used to pay for breakfast club. Any club run by an outside provider, will have to register to accept the vouchers in their own right, we are not able to accept them on their behalf.

### **What can childcare vouchers be used for?**

You can use childcare vouchers to pay for Ofsted-registered or approved childcare facilities or practitioners. The provider needs to be regulated and has to accept childcare vouchers. Childcare providers don't have to accept vouchers as a form of payment, even if they're registered.

Services and places included in the scheme can include childminders, nannies, after-school clubs, breakfast clubs, holiday clubs and wrap-around care.

### **What can childcare vouchers NOT be used for?**

School trips during school hours or related to the school curriculum. Residential trips that take place away from the school's registered premises

### **Upcoming Events**

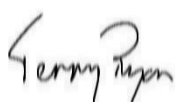
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Trip to County Ground – Hove  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day – KS2 am – KS1 pm  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Morning  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June – Big Sing  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Festival  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Music Concerts  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 Camp  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 2:00pm  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 2:00pm  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production – 5:30pm  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July – Book Awards – Y3 - 9:10am, Y4 - 11:00am, Y5 - 2:10pm  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July – Book Awards – YR – 9:10am, Y1 – 11:00am, Y2 – 2:10pm  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Book Awards & Leavers Assembly – 9:10am  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Inset Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Summer Term  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Flu immunisation Clinic

**We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.**

### **Diary Dates**

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

*Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.*

