



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As the summer term continues and the summer sun shows itself we have been so busy in school this week.

Once again our week began with visitors from *Open the Book* who led our assembly with the help of some super actors in Year 5. We gave a lot of thought in the assembly to how we can see things from other people's point of view and how this can help resolve problems we encounter if we can show a little empathy and understanding.

On Tuesday we had our very exciting Transition Morning. Whilst many of our Year 6 children spent the whole day at The Weald, all classes spent a morning in their new classrooms, with their new teachers and Teaching Assistants. They spent time taking part in activities that allowed them all to get to know each other better and will help them feel prepared and ready for September. I know the staff really enjoyed spending time with their new children.



On Wednesday our successful Year 4 Tri-Golf team, who won the locality event, represented the Central Area in the Summer Sussex School Games tournament at The K2 in Crawley – don't they look great in their Central School t-shirts?! They put in another admirable performance and finished in 6th place out of 9 competing schools. These were schools that all won their respective locality events so the competition was obviously of a high standard. Well done to our team for representing both our school and the central schools area so well.



Then, on Thursday, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wilson accompanied the Singing For Fun group to a singing event at The Weald, The Big Sing. Schools from across the locality came together to perform two songs together, before each school took to the stage on their own to perform a song to the whole group. Singing For Fun were one of the smallest groups attending but they certainly did not let that hold them back and they sang their hearts out with great confidence and were superb ambassadors for the school. A big thank you to all of the parents and family members who gave up their time to get the children to and from the Weald to enable them to take part in this opportunity – they really did us all proud!



And on to today when I hope you all enjoy what should be another fantastic Rudgwick Summer Festival. I know the PTA have been working hard again to put together the event so I am sure it will be another great afternoon/evening.

Finally this week, I would like to draw your attention to the link below which is a 45 minute Parent Webinar about online safety and how to support and protect your children's use of the internet, gaming and social media. This is available to view until April 2025 as part of our Digital Safety School Package and is well worth watching.

<https://vimeo.com/928370575/52dcae3270?share=copy>

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week is Connie.

We hope you have a lovely day celebrating.

Thank you Ahaan for sharing your photo with us enjoying your birthday celebrations.

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



Awards



Silver Times Table Award

Harry – Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Dylan – Y4

Abbie – Y4

Platinum Times Table Award

Jasper – Y4

Madison – Y4

Book Awards

Cody – YR (KS1)

Issie – Y3 (KS2)

House Points

Kestrels – 280

Eagles – 241

Falcons – 232

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

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Libby Juniper	For her confidence in spelling red words in her writing. For her increased confidence in blending and sight reading words.
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Asia (Year 1)	Evie	For being so kind and supportive to her classmates this week, helping others without even being asked!
	Louis	For really excelling with his reading this term and inspiring others with his book recommendations.
Europe (Year 2)	Frazer	For being helpful to the adults and considerate to others this week. Thank you.
	Ned	For his effort in writing this week. He has been a lot more focused and completing tasks in the time given. Well done.
Australasia (Year 3)	Orla Seb H	These two have been determined to master maths challenges. Even when they had to try, try, try again because the learning was not coming easy, they did not give up. They used their own skills first, discussed the problems with others and then had the courage to ask for help.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sophie	For a superb attitude to all her learning, she always puts in 100% effort to all tasks and has shown great perseverance with her maths learning.
	Benny	For a superb effort in all learning tasks in both maths problem solving, planning his story writing and an excellent tie dye piece.
North America (Year 5)	Max G	For demonstrating excellent leadership qualities and organising a safe, fun activity for Year 2.
	Bethany	
South America (Year 6)	Dexter	For having a fantastic attitude during rehearsals and responding positively to feedback.
	James K	For being a flexible, focussed and positive cast member during all rehearsals and prop making sessions.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What an exciting week we have had in Africa class! On Tuesday we spent the morning in Year 1 and met our new teachers. We loved exploring our new classroom and resources. In PE this week we have started to learn the basic rules of 'Rounders' and the roles of a fielder and a batter. We are already very good at working as a team when fielding. In Maths this week we have begun to review our learning from the past year, including one more and one less and how to subitise. We have also been writing and illustrating our own versions of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have all worked so hard on them this week, Mrs Worth is so proud of our sentence writing skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Well, it's certainly been a warm one this week! Despite the heat we have had a wonderfully productive week in Asia class. On Tuesday the children loved visiting Year 2 for the morning, meeting Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Rose and getting to know the classroom in preparation for September (Where

	has this year gone?!) In English we have continued creating our fact pages about our woodland animals, thinking carefully about our layout and writing up our paragraphs about their diets. In Maths we have been exploring money, identifying coin values and using this knowledge to make different amounts. In Art we have been designing our own clay tiles, inspired by our knowledge of Van Gough's Sunflowers. We are looking forward to making our tiles next week.
Europe (Year 2)	A very hot week for us all, so we have tried hard to keep cool and take things a little more slowly! The highlights of the week, were definitely meeting our new teacher Mrs. Bateman and experiencing a morning in Year 3. On Thursday, in PE, we got taught by Year 5, who have been working with Mr Meaney to plan and lead sports activities. But the one that tops the lot is finally getting to make our DT project – ICE_CREAM! Using all our gained knowledge and planned designs, we created several recipes based on a simple vanilla ice cream and added lots of yummy extras, like strawberries, caramel and Oreos! We can't wait to taste them next week!
Australasia (Year 3)	We explored complex sentences in English and enjoyed a virtual author visit from Liz Flanagan, the author of our new class novel, 'Wildsmith'. We enjoyed our transition day to year 4, began contributing to the end of year production rehearsals and developed our understanding of the fundamental skills in athletics (jumping, throwing and running). In maths we are exploring the concept of angles and turns in maths. We applied our learning to an angle hunting around the classroom. It has been a busy and fulfilling week with lots to take children's minds off the low-stake testing that we have also been carrying out to monitor progress rates are keeping steady.
Antarctica (Year 4)	As always another fully packed week of learning in Year 4 with all of the children continuing to put in a huge effort and focus with all tasks set and their end of year assessments. Some of the children have had opportunities to represent our school outside with the Tri Golf and Big Sing events taking place. They also had the opportunity to meet Mr Tucker in Year 5 for a morning of getting to know what life will be like in Year 5. In English the children have been planning and drafting their story endings for the Explorer story and have some superb ideas. In maths, the children have continued to learn about time and apply their knowledge in problem solving activities. The highlight of the week was in their final art project in tie dying fabrics when they opened up their material to see the full effect of their designs which look fabulous!
North America (Year 5)	A superb week all round in North America, albeit tough to stay cool. The children got to put their preparation into practice and lead activities for Year 2, under the stewardship of Mr Meaney. The children delivered fun and engaging activities, whilst being wonderfully supportive to the younger children. We found some shade for our final samba band practice this week before our performance. The 3 pieces we've been learning have really come together and we're looking forward to showing off what we've learnt next week. We celebrated diversity on Wednesday with a focus on the LGBTQ+ community, thinking about what being proud means and why being inclusive and celebrating difference is important. The children also got an experience of what Year 6 has to offer during transition morning and were excited to share the many aspects of what being the oldest in the school has waiting for them.
South America (Year 6)	This week has whizzed by! We spent time finishing our maths games this week and have started playing them to test them out. In science we have started learning about the blood vessels and the role of blood in the

	<p>circulatory system. On Wednesday, we had diversity day and thought about how we are proud to be who we are and the importance of celebrating difference. The rest of the week has been all things production! Props are under construction and the children have been great at following instructions and seeing the director's vision through to fruition. The rehearsals for the production have really picked up in pace this week. We have been refining scenes, starting to introduce props and also shared it with the rest of KS2 who will become the chorus. We can't wait to share it with you in just over a week's time!</p>
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Upcoming Events – 2024

Next Week

Sun 30th June – Dance Club trip to Happy's Circus

Wed 3rd July – Music Concerts

Year 2 - 9:45am, Year 1 – 10:30am, Year 3 – 11:15am Year 5 – 1:45pm

Thurs 4th July – Y4 Camp

Summer Term

Tues 9th July – KS2 Production – 2:00pm

Wed 10th July – Y1 Percy Park Keeper Day

Wed 10th July – KS2 Production – 2:00pm

Wed 10th July – KS2 Production – 5:30pm

Thurs 11th July – Dance Clubs Circus Extravaganza Performance – 4:30pm

Tues 16th July – Book Awards – Y3 - 9:10am, Y4 - 11:00am, Y5 - 2:10pm

Wed 17th July – Book Awards – YR – 9:10am, Y1 – 11:00am, Y2 – 2:10pm

Fri 19th – Y6 Book Awards & Leavers Assembly – 9:10am

Mon 22nd July – Inset Day

Tues 23rd July - Inset Day

Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

Autumn Term

Mon 2nd Sept – Autumn Term begins

Mon 2nd Sept – Inset Day

Tues 24th Sept – Individual School Photos

Wed 2nd Oct – Flu immunisation Clinic

Wed 16th Oct – Fri 18th Oct – Y5 Residential

Mon 28th Oct – 1st November – Half Term

Fri 20th Dec – End of Autumn Term

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.

Terry Ryan

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.

