



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

There have been some very exciting moments this week at school that have helped to bring our curriculum and learning alive at Rudgwick. Year 6 enjoyed some visitors from the Rikkyo School. Some of the students from our neighbouring school shared a project they have been working on in their Computing lessons, in which they have designed a model to solve a problem, in this case to clear litter. It was a very innovative idea and our children enjoyed seeing their presentation. Year 6 then had the chance to share the games that they have been programming using *Scratch* with our visitors and much fun and 'games' was enjoyed by all.



As part of their 'People who help us' topic, Year 1 had a nurse visit them on Thursday afternoon. They learnt about the important role that nurses play in hospitals and the community and had the chance to ask some of the questions that they had written and prepared. They were lucky enough to have a go 'playing' with various medical supplies included bandages and syringes. The class are working on creating a non-fiction book about people who help us and will have several more visitors coming in over the next few weeks. Finally this week, on Tuesday evening, members of the Year 6 book club attended the



Weald Book Awards. This was a wonderful evening, where they got to see their work displayed, and listen to the visiting authors talk about their books. The pupils were amazing and we received an award in every category. We even won a trophy for the much-coveted best trailer award. At the end of the evening the children were able to get their books signed and have photographs taken. Mrs Hoyte is incredibly proud of how hard they have worked in book club and all of the interesting discussions and debates that have taken place. It was great to see this hard work rewarded on Tuesday with an inspiring celebration of all things reading and writing.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week:
Bree, Evelyn, Juniper, Eleanor and Oscar.

Happy Birthday! We hope you have
a lovely time celebrating.

If you would like to share a birthday
photo, please email it to us at
office@rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk

Thank you Evie for sharing your
colourful birthday photo, celebrating turning 5!



Awards



Number Bonds to 5 Badge

Alice K – Y3
Albermarle – YR
Olivia – YR
Anna – YR
Lucie – YR
James – YR

Number Bonds to 10 Badge

Caleb – Y3
Sebastian H – Y3

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Bea – Y1
Martha – Y3

Bronze Times Table Award

Liam – Y1
Austin – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Joshua – Y3
Leo – Y3
Oliver – Y4

Book Awards

George H – Y1
Harley J – Y5

House Points

Eagles – 325 Kestrels – 311 Falcons – 288

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CONFIDENCE**.

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Ernest Juniper	For his attention to detail when creating a piece of art inspired by Monet. For always setting herself challenges and demonstrating high expectations for herself.
Asia (Year 1)	Riria Savannah	For showing great perseverance in maths this week, working really hard to challenge herself.

		For really developing her independence this term, working really hard to achieve especially during writing tasks – well done, Savannah!
Europe (Year 2)	Michael	For working hard with Mrs Mayo to achieve his sounds and showing he can recall them. Well done!
	Jacob	For impressing me so much with his ability to recognise some fractions and how a shape has been divided into equal parts. Well done Jacob!
Australasia (Year 3)	Emily	Being a hard worker no matter what the subject.
	Aidan M	Great efforts to be a role model for Rudgwick school values.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ahaan	For always being positive, always being ready to learn and always giving his best.
	Jasper	For always working hard, always asking for and listening to advice in his learning. He is a pleasure to teach.
North America (Year 5)	Poppy A	For her effort in writing an exciting fight scene, using descriptive language effectively and thinking carefully about pace.
	Sofia	For excelling in our opening gymnastics session and aiming for perfection.
South America (Year 6)	Paige	For having a good growth mindset and more belief in herself.
	Connor	For always being a positive member of the class who puts in 100% effort all the time.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been reading a book about a green-caped crusader called Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel. Michael Recycle helps to look after planet Earth by reducing, reusing and recycling. We have written thank you letters to Michael to thank him for everything he does. In Maths this week we have been learning about length and height. We have ordered ourselves from the shortest to the tallest and have measured objects around the classroom using Unifix cubes and our own feet! We have also been amazing artists this week by creating our own paintings inspired by the work of Claude Monet.
Asia (Year 1)	It's been another great week in Asia Class. We have been writing the first page of our People Who Help Us books, thinking about who help us in our lives. In Maths we have been exploring standard and non-standard units of measure for height and length, using comparative language. On Thursday we were very lucky to be visited by a real life nurse. We asked questions

	and used this information to write the next page of our People Who Help Us books. In PE we have been exploring movement in gymnastics thinking carefully about movement and jumping. We had another lovely lesson with Mrs Eames, learning how to strum up and down the strings.
Europe (Year 2)	What a week! So much lovely learning going on! In English, we used our core text to write descriptive sentences in a list, using commas and bullet points and wrote from personal experience. We also published our acrostic poems and they look simply wonderful. In maths, we looked at finding thirds, naming fractions, making a whole and counting in halves and quarters. Phew! In science, we had great fun planting our sweet pea seeds and look forward to taking care of them so they grow!
Australasia (Year 3)	Maths: This week we used picture methods, written methods and physical resources to learn the column method of addition and subtraction. We restricted calculations to those where there are no exchanges. English: We sequenced a story from a known text, used the text to extend our vocabulary and began to plan our own retelling of the story. PE: in swimming, the children are making good progress and in gymnastics they are using apparatus to create sequences of balances and developing their appreciation of how to stay safe when using apparatus. In art, we evaluated our dragon eye project and considered the skills they utilised in the project. In Computing the children learned how questions which can only be answered with a 'yes' or a 'no' are an aid to problem solving. Such questions help people sort and sift through possible answers. In RE, the children looked at Jesus as a historical figure ready for their learning about miracle stories in the Bible.
Antarctica (Year 4)	This week in Antarctica we have continued learning about shape in maths with a focus on angles and lines of symmetry. In English, we have focused on letter writing to inform others through our history learning about Henry 8 th and his plans to leave and reform the church. We have also thought about what kind of king he was. In science, we have learnt about the human digestive system and how it works. In RE, we have been learning about the teaching of Jesus through his parables. In music we have continued to improve with our clarinets by playing more notes successfully. In Woodland learning the children enjoyed learning different skills of charcoal sketching and whittling. In PE, we have begun a new dance unit focusing on a key character from our book Varjak Paw.
North America (Year 5)	Another great week in North America despite some of the gloomy weather. The children were showing off their skills in gymnastics to start the week, showing superb focus and really impressing Coach Jay in their opening session. We have been focusing on the link between fractions, percentages and decimals this week in maths, utilising our knowledge of equivalent fractions to support us. In English, the children have written and edited their fight scenes thinking carefully about how different sentence types can affect the pace of their narratives. We enjoyed a sunny session for woodland learning, continuing to improve our whittling skills and drawing with coal as well as researching information about the Vikings in history.
South America (Year 6)	This week in South America class we have been motoring through our learning in maths and have covered volume and finding the mean. In English we have finished reading The Land of Neverbelieve and have started to plan and draft our own areas on the island. I am excited for how these pieces of writing will turn out as the children's ideas are brilliant. In science we have learnt about how animals are adapted to suit their environment and in PE we have started our coaching sessions in gymnastics and also continued with the next decade of the 1990s in dance.

In computing we have started our next unit all about computer systems and networks and in RE we have been looking at how free will and determination are linked to Jesus' death.

Upcoming Events

Thurs 7th March – World Book Day (Wear your PJ's or comfortable clothing)

Fri 15th March – Red Nose Day (Wear something red or Comic Relief merchandise in exchange for donating £1 to Comic Relief)

Tues 19th March – Y4 trip to Hampton Court

Thurs 28th March – Last day of Spring term

Mon 15th April – Start of Summer Term

WC 28th April – Y6 Bikeability

Mon 27th May – Half Term

Mon 22nd July – Inset Day

Tues 23rd July - Inset Day

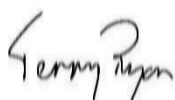
Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

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

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