



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The biggest news this week is about our KS2 Production – TREASURE ISLAND! It is the first KS2 production we have had at Rudgwick for quite some time and it was most certainly worth the wait. With the support of Years 3, 4 & 5 in the chorus the singing in the performance was amazing and lifted the roof at every show. Our talented Year 6 children took on the lead acting roles and they absolutely brought the story to life. Their effort and dedication to rehearsing over the last few weeks has been admirable as they learnt all of their lines, the most effective way to deliver them, the timing and maintained acting in role throughout the show. These children are 10 and 11 years old and they were able to confidently take to the stage and entertain. It is incredible! There were stunning solo singing performances and the acting was of a very high standard. My thanks goes to all of the staff involved who ensure the children have the opportunity to take part in such a special occasion. And a massive WELL DONE to all of the children but especially Year 6 who were just superb...stars of today and stars of the future!



And the entertainment didn't stop there. Miss Verran's Danceologist club delighted us with their end of year performance. Inspired by their recent visit to the circus they put on a circus themed dance performance that blew our audience away!



Led so well by Miss Verran they came up with their own characters and ideas for their part of the routine and it was another very impressive show from our dancers (ranging from Year 1 up to Year 6), well done to them all.



Elsewhere, Year 1 had the most amazing Percy Day on Wednesday. They started their morning with a flying display courtesy of Huxley's Birds of Prey where they got to see kestrels, peregrine falcons and even a tiny baby owl up close (very, very cute!). They then had the chance to hold two different owls, which was pretty amazing! In the afternoon the class painted pebbles before venturing out on the Downslink for a treasure hunt. The class helped Percy to find all his friends and received a special prize for their efforts! What a day!



Finally this week, I would like to take the opportunity, before the year comes to an end, to thank my AMAZING staff. They have all worked diligently and thoughtfully for your children, supporting them with all of the experiences, challenges and successes that school offers. Our children are very lucky to have them. Thank you to:

Miss Verran and Mrs Dunsby for taking care of EVERYTHING in **the office**;
Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wilson as my **senior leadership** team;
Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight in **Reception class**;
Miss Lee, Mrs Hoyte, Miss Squibb and Mrs Norman in **Year 1**;
Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Rose and Miss Squibb in **Year 2**;
Mrs Mayo working with so many children across **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** for Phonics and NELI support;
Mrs Bateman, Mrs Smith and Mr Ryan in **Year 3**;
Mr Christmas and Mrs Ryan in **Year 4**;
Mr Tucker, Mrs Kurashina and Miss Shepley in **Year 5**;
Mrs Burns and Mrs Gaynor in **Year 6**;
Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Parsons working across the school for **PPA cover**;
Madame Kent teaching **French**;
Mrs Weller and Keith leading **Woodland Learning**;
Mrs Dowd and Mrs Collins, part of our **lunchtime staff** team and Mrs Barker and Miss Gosling from **Chartwells**;
and Mr Woodley managing our **premises** and environment.

What a team!

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week:

Kimmy, Monty, Sophia M, River, Savannah, Jasper and Billy P.



We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

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

Awards



Book Awards

Kaeson – KS1

Charlie – KS2

House Points

Term Winners

Kestrels – 3406

Eagles – 2962

Falcons – 2928

2023-2024 Winners

Falcons – 11499

Kestrels – 11151

Eagles – 10417

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

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Lucie	For her smile and enthusiasm when singing in assembly.
	Monty	For working so hard on his word writing skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Harvey Eva P	For pushing themselves out of their comfort zone with our bird handling and really challenging themselves to try new experiences.
Europe (Year 2)	Eli	For showing dedication to his presentation this week and completing some lovely learning that reflected this. Well done Eli.
	Mika	For continually demonstrating a good learning attitude, trying hard every day and believing in herself. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Aiden D Martha	Martha and Aiden have been brilliant ambassadors for reading all year. Aside from reading, these two are superstars every day. They deserve recognition for the efforts they make in an out of class.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Norah	For being an outstanding learner in the class who always listens, always perseveres and always gives her best. It has been a pleasure to see her confidence grow!
	Joshua	For demonstrating an outstanding attitude to learning. He always gives his best and is always confident to share and have a go and take on board feedback.
North America (Year 5)	Alex	For his effort in all subjects and general ambition to achieve his best.
	Martha	For being a conscientious learning partner and always making good choices.
South America (Year 6)	Sam	For his dedication to the production and bringing his character to life.
	Martha	For demonstrating confidence in the different performances she has taken part in this week.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	The week began with a real treat as we got to watch the KS2 show, Treasure Island. We loved it so much that we have been singing the songs all week! This week was also our last week of Woodland Learning in Reception class. To celebrate we toasted marshmallows, ate smores and drank hot chocolate. In Maths we have been using part-whole models, Numicon and ten frames to find all of the number bonds for the numbers 5-10. Mrs Hutchings worked with us this week to make some really amazing paintings of sunflowers, using water-based and acrylic paints. Only 1 week
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	left to go until our Reception year is over; Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight are going to make sure it is a wonderful one to remember.
Asia (Year 1)	It's been such a lovely week. We loved watching the dress rehearsal of Treasure Island on Monday – KS2 and especially Year 6 did so well! And what an amazing Percy Day we had! We had the best fun learning all about the birds of prey, seeing baby owls and even getting the chance to hold an owl. We also painted pebble woodland creatures before going out on our own Percy treasure hunt and finding our treasure – ice pops. In English we have been exploring poetry by reading The Lost Words. We shared listened to lots of different poems before voting on our favourite. We then created our own actions for the poem Adder.
Europe (Year 2)	We have had a really lovely week this week in Year 2. We have spent time reflecting on friendships and how we should treat others, as well as putting all our maths skills to use to complete arithmetic questions involving the four operations. In English, we had fun exploring the book 'Changes' by Anthony Browne. We used it to help us predict outcomes and ask and answer inference questions – we are really getting to grips with this! In Art, we referred back to an artist we learnt about in the Autumn – Henri Matisse – to help us explore our ideas for some digital abstract art next week. In Geography, we learnt about the culture and traditions in Kenya. It was really interesting to see the similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya. Heading into our last week together! May the sun shine for us all!
Australasia (Year 3)	It's been a fabulous week for the children. They thoroughly enjoyed being part of the school production and playing their part in the chorus. Their efforts made a positive difference to the quality of the production as a whole. In class, the children really enjoyed exploring and investigating shapes. They made pull-up nets of a variety of 3D shapes so they better understand the concept of 3D and grasp the new terminology more readily. They also took part in an investigation and learnt the importance of careful and detailed recordings so they can prove their theories and spot patterns more readily. In computing, the children learnt about extensions and the importance of initialising before beginning programming. In English, they began to look at a short story animation. They reflected on how atmospheric decisions by the director can be replicated in writing.
Antarctica (Year 4)	After our exciting Year 4 Camp, the children have returned to the classroom this week and have enjoyed creating and sharing memories of their experiences in their personal review booklets. The children have really enjoyed researching, planning, baking and evaluating ideas for their tropical themed biscuits. The children worked brilliantly during these sessions and produced some excellent results which I hope you got the chance to taste. The big highlight of the week has been the Treasure Island production where the children give their all which I hope you enjoyed if you attended.
North America (Year 5)	We have reached the penultimate week of the year – another one that has flown by. The highlight could be none other than the fantastic KS2 Treasure Island production that the children played a fantastic part in. Beyond those, we had a busy week putting together our final compositions in art, with a link to collage. In computing, we experimented with programming to control LEDs and motors using Crumble kits. The children really enjoyed the practical putting the kits together as well as the problem solving aspect of debugging. In history, the children explored the changes that have taken place in music over the 20 th century, looking at how technology has influenced the way in which people experience music. One week to go!

South America (Year 6)	What a week!! The highlight definitely has to be the performances of our production Treasure Island. The children really pulled it together and were beyond amazing. There has been such a buzz of excitement all week and they are so proud of what they have achieved and so am I. In other news, we shared our maths games with year 5 which was great fun. We have been learning about healthy lifestyles in science and the impact of negative choices on the body. In RSHE we have learnt about healthy relationships and how to keep balance within a relationship and in computing we have finished our unit on micro:bits and been exploring different ways of coding them. We have also started to think about our leaver's assembly this week and started to write and produce elements of it.
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Next Week

Mon 15th July – Dance Club – Morning Assembly – Circus Extravaganza Performance.

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

Summer Term

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

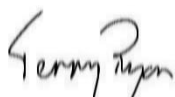
Fri 20th Dec – End of Autumn Term

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.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

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

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