



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 22nd November

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week in school, with preparations for Christmas already beginning! The corridors have been filled with the sounds of Christmas, as KS2 have started learning lots of new songs to share with families at the Christmas Carol concert. KS1 have also been busy learning their lines and songs for their nativity, "Everyone loves a baby", the stage has been put up ready to start the acting and Miss Verran has sent a Parent Mail this week giving details about how to get your tickets to come and see the show! It was also lovely seeing all of the donations being brought in this morning, ready for the children's Secrets Room – thank you for your generosity in supporting our wonderful PTA in this event.

Christmas hasn't been the only thing happening this week though – Every Tuesday afternoon Year 1 have invited surprise visitors to read a book to the class at the end of the day. However the identity of the reader is A SECRET and isn't revealed until they walk in to the class, bringing with them a favourite book. This week their secret reader was Mrs Kern who read Hole in the Zoo by Mick and Chloe Inkpen! We wonder who their secret reader will be next week?!



In Year 2, children used their woodland learning session to search for minibeasts in two chosen microhabitats, as part of their learning in science this half term. They recorded what they found using a tally and then used this data to complete a pictogram to show their results. It was a really interesting investigation and helped them to learn that not all minibeasts live in the same microhabitats!



Birthdays

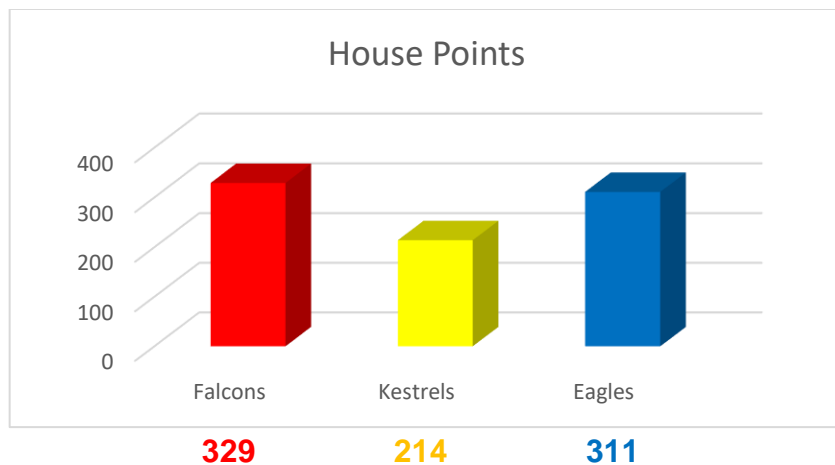


Celebrating their birthday this week: Freddy L, Ronnie, Jasmine M, Leah M.

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

House Points



Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**

Book Awards

KS1 – Ella-Mae YR

KS2 – Theo Y5

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Rose	For the effort she puts in every day to improve her letter formation.
	Mary	For setting herself and achieving high standards when forming letters.
Asia (Year 1)	Sophie	For wowing us with her amazing knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.
	Charlotte	For working so hard with her reading this week and being a superstar with her sounds.
Europe (Year 2)	Frankie	For working so hard in her writing sessions this week and being really independent! Well done.
	Liam	For taking the next step in his writing presentation and using lead-ins consistently this week. Keep it up!
Australasia (Year 3)	Kimmy	Great effort with Timetable Rockstars and Numbots. Kimmy has made sure to practice for a couple of minutes almost every other day.
	Mika	Working hard with her maths and ensuring she represents her calculations carefully.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ben	Excellent effort and confidence in using the short written method for multiplying 3 digit numbers.
	Sebby	For using some great descriptive vocabulary in his writing and showing great perseverance
North America (Year 5)	Oliver	For showing excellent control in gymnastics when demonstrating a straddle jump.
	Bonnie	For showing persistence when using counters to demonstrate exchanging for short division.
South America (Year 6)	Ivy	For always trying her best and pushing herself to succeed.
	Shay	For being a really focussed learner this week.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been listening to Stickman by Julia Donaldson. This story has helped us start to think about the change of season, from Autumn towards Winter. This story was perfectly timed for the flurry of snow we received at playtime on Thursday! We have also made our own stick men, which we are very proud of. In Maths we have been looking at circles and triangles and how we can identify and describe them. In PE we have learning how to negotiate space whilst moving energetically. We have also been practising for our Christmas production and have really impressed everyone with how well we can learn the lyrics and the Makaton signs, we can't wait to show you in a couple of weeks.
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Asia (Year 1)	This week we have been continuing our adventure in our magic box and writing instructions for flying. We have been learning all about bossy verbs and how to use them at the beginning of our sentences when writing instructions. In Maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and going on shape hunts around the school. In PE we enjoyed our lesson with Coach Ben, learning about pencil jumps and different ways of travelling. On Wednesday we had our last drumming practise before our big concert next week – prepare to be wowed! We have also been spending lots of time learning our Christmas production songs. Only 2 weeks to go!!!
Europe (Year 2)	What a week full of fun we have had in Year 2 this week! In English, we have explored the use of the suffix -ing and -ed and used them to write some polar themed sentences. In maths, we started our exploration into multiplication by learning to recognise equal groups and looking at the two- and five-times table. In science, we gathered data in the woods and recorded our findings in a pictogram to help us answer the question ‘Do all minibeasts like living in the same microhabitat?’ Christmas Nativity rehearsals are creeping in too and we are loving it!
Australasia (Year 3)	We learnt so much this week! We learnt how to calculate using the column addition method (no exchanges yet). We learnt how writers add adverbs and action to add feeling and clarity to dialogue and explored what we mean by the ‘subject’ of a sentence. This was to help us write accurately and support us to improve sentence construction. In geography we looked at why people chose to settle in certain places and we reflected on what features we would look for if we were creating a Bronze age settlement from scratch. In RSHE we looked at healthy families and in art we explored different types of charcoal pencils/vines and different grips. We wanted to know which grip gives the greatest amount of control. In PE we explored dribbling and we also learnt a little about street dance and ‘tutting’.
Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been a busy week in Year 4 as always. We have continued with multiplication with a focus on using the formal written method. In English, we have enjoyed reading the story of Leon and the place in between and developing our predicting and vocabulary skills. We have produced some excellent descriptive writing using expanded noun and adverbial phrases. In history, we have explored and designed Greek vases and in computing we have tried to record our first discussions using the audio app. In PE, we have continued to develop our use of space and movement in basketball and create fluent sequences in gymnastics. In music, we are learning to play and perform a tune on the glockenspiel. In RSHE, we have had good discussions about relationships and who our important people in our lives are and how we connect with them.
North America (Year 5)	We started the week with a great gymnastics session with Coach Ben, perfecting our balances, rolls and jumps as well as introducing a straddle. In English, we’ve thought about improving details and description to our narratives as well as writing an effective resolution. We moved onto our final operation in maths, division, thinking carefully about the process of exchanging whilst using the short division method. In art, the children had an opportunity to sketch the foreground of an unknown planet and in computing, we practised using different filming techniques on iPads linked to our new unit on video production.

South America (Year 6)	Another busy week in South America. In maths, we have learnt about how to solve calculations, with multiple operations, in the correct order by using BIDMAS. In English, we have finished writing our persuasive pieces and edited and improved them and in science we have learnt about circuits and been drawing them using symbols. The children also had to design a traffic light system to control the flow of children to and from the playground at break and lunchtime. In PE, we continued to develop our hockey skills with Mr Meaney and played some small indoor games and in history we have been ordering events, on a timeline, from early on in WW2. Also this week the children have started looking at comparisons between different countries in geography.
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KS2 - Break Time Snacks

Please would it be possible to only send in fresh fruit or vegetables for your child's break time snack. Other items like yogurt, fruit winders and cheese can be included in their packed lunches, but not eaten at break time.

Winter Coats

As the weather gets colder, please can we remind you to send your child in with a winter coat every day and a hat, scarf and gloves if possible. This allows the children to still enjoy having breaks outside even in the colder months.

Upcoming Events

Next Week

Fri 29th Nov – Mufti Day – Donations for Christmas Hamper Items

Autumn Term – 2

Tues 3rd Dec – PTA Wreath Workshop

Fri 6th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair & Mufti Day

Tues 10th Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11th Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1

Fri 13th Dec – PTA Secrets Room – Present Buying

Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec - KS2 Carol Concert

Thurs 19th Dec – Dance Club Christmas Performance



Billingshurst Lions Club - Father Christmas Touring Rudgwick

On Thursday 5th December from 5:30pm-7:30pm Father Christmas will be touring Rudgwick. To track Santa on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingshurstLions

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.

H. L. Edwards

Mrs Hayley Edwards, Deputy Headteacher

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

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