



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we are proud to share that achievement for Rudgwick pupils began last Sunday as two boys from our AT Gym Club went off to the National Finals held in Stoke. Kai (Year 6) and William (Year 2) competed together and enjoyed a 4th place finish (I'm told they were incredibly close to taking 3rd spot). This is an amazing result against some very experienced gymnasts and I know that coaches Mic and Bex were overwhelmingly proud of their efforts as well, as were their dedicated families travelling with them. Well done boys!



In school, our sporting experiences have been enhanced further by Sports Stars UK who are working with Years 4 and 5 this half term as they explore tag rugby in PE. The children have been enjoying working through various drills and starting to think about the rules of the game. **The Sports Stars UK team are also running an after school Tag Rugby club on Mondays and are offering one free taster session if anyone thinks they might be interested in joining.** Please contact the school office if you think your child would like to trial attending the club.



We also have a new cricket club running during the summer term on Mondays and there are still places available for this as well so again, get in touch with the school office if your children would like to join.

We have signed up to a Digital Safety Schools Package from WSCC and as part of this will receive a monthly parent newsletter. This will have useful articles and links to information to help support your children stay safe in a digital world. The first edition accompanies this week's school newsletter.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday's this week:
Alice B, Finch, Alice K, Bethany, Lizzy.

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



Number Bonds to 10 Badge

Zack – Y4

Molly – Y1

Libby -YR

Juniper - YR

Elena – YR

Samuel - YR

Bronze Times Table Award

Alfie – Y5

Gold Times Table Award

Barnaby - Y3

Bree – Y3

Platinum Times Table Award

Freddie B – Y4

Book Awards

Kaeson – Y1

Kai – Y6

House Points

Kestrels – 285

Falcons – 224

Eagles – 217

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

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Libby	For demonstrating curiosity and a keen questioning mind in all areas of learning.
	Sophia	For enthusiasm in French lessons.
Asia (Year 1)	Harry	For taking on feedback with his writing and challenging himself to improve the detail of his written work.
	Ryan	For brilliant progress in his reading and for great focus during his phonics lessons.
Europe (Year 2)	Ben	For taking more responsibility for his learning this week, concentrating better and using his learning time more appropriately.
	Albert	For showing great understanding when working with time in maths this week. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Aiden D Freya S	This week, our work experience student selected our stars. He selected children he felt were great team players and who showed great focus in lessons. Whilst spoilt for choice, Freya and Aiden were ultimately selected. This makes it two in a row for Aiden!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Zack	For working with great focus, effort and enthusiasm in all of his learning this week.
	Etta	For always working hard and being enthusiastic in class, showing that she is ready for learning.
North America (Year 5)	Harry	For his overall enthusiasm for his learning and always giving things a go.
	Max G	For showing perseverance in maths when learning a new method.

South America (Year 6)	Rufus	For being a focused learner and being methodical in his thinking.
	Coen	For working hard in lessons and being a resilient learner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a busy week it has been again! This week we have been reading a book called 'Adoette' by Lydia Monks. The book has helped us to learn about the past and how places can change over time. Mrs Knight told us about how Rudgwick Primary School has changed over time; she used to come here when she was a little girl! Mrs Knight showed us lots of old pictures of her time at school. Mrs Feist (Mrs Knight's Mum) used to be the school lollypop lady and we even got to see her original lollypop sign. In Maths this week, we have been practising counting backwards and forwards to 20. In Woodland learning we made clay faces, animals and pots and in French we learnt the names of fruits whilst making an eating a fruit salad. We have also begun to practise some tennis skills using balloons in PE.</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>It's been another fun and busy week in Year 1. In English we have been exploring another Percy the Park Keeper story, this time The Rescue Party. We used the front cover to make predictions, wrote speech bubbles and even created lists for our own daring rescues. In Maths we have been exploring arrays and creating repeated addition number statements. We loved our second Cricket lesson with Coach Fred where we learnt all about how to score a run and can't wait to play some mini games next week. In French, we learnt the names of fruits and helped Madam Kent to make yummy fruit salad – we even got to try some! At the beginning of the week we carried out a little phonics assessment and we were amazed at the progress all the children have made! Please do continue to read at home with your children, it makes such a difference to their progress.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Another lovely week, with even lovelier learning happening. This week we used our focus text to help us plan and write character descriptions. We thought carefully about what our characters looks like, their hobbies, their job and their personality. In maths, we continued our exploration of time by sequencing events in a day and drawing hands on an analogue clock to show the time. We also explored durations of time. In science, we learnt how certain animals depend on each other in the ocean for survival. During woodland learning, we had to hunt for treasure in the woods and used the time to build ships, walk the plank or use clay to make something pirate-y! It was so much fun! In cricket, we developed our skills by using a cricket bat to hit a large ball whilst playing different group games. In French, we learnt the names of fruits and helped to make a fruit salad! We got to eat it too and it was très bien!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week has been a fun week. We really enjoyed learning how to write in an informal, chatty style ready for diary writing. In maths, we learnt to count in fractions on number lines. In RE, we sequenced miracle stories from the Bible using images and text. In RSHE, we learnt how to see past our differences and build either friendships or respectful relationships out</p>

	of them. In computing, we learnt how to edit text on MS publisher. In PE, we enjoyed our woodland learning session – some of us crafted with clay, others spent time learning how to safely-saw hunks of wood and others spent time identifying different types of tree fungus. In DT, we learnt about the Eat-well wheel and considered what ingredients go into making a variety of baked breakfast goods. We sampled examples of breakfast muffins to get a sense of what we ourselves will soon be making. Let's say sundried tomato and ricotta muffins were not a universal hit!
Antarctica (Year 4)	A very positive week of learning in Year 4 this week as the children continue to work with great enthusiasm. In maths, we have focused on calculating in division where the children have learnt how to divide 3-digit numbers by a single digit where there are remainders. In English, the children have continued to draft, improve and publish their non-fiction writing about life in the rainforest. The children have enjoyed using IT to do this. In Science, we have introduced our new topic of electricity by looking at how mains and battery power works and which products use them. In PE, the children had a lot of fun in their Tag Rugby session with lots of passing games and learning to tag each other using the tag belts. They also enjoyed a second cricket skills session. IN geography, the pupils have continued to learn about the rainforests by learning about the climate and presenting reports.
North America (Year 5)	Another superb week in North America. We made a start on our new class book, The Legend of Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. In maths, we have started looking at multiplying by two-digit numbers, extending our learning from the short multiplication method learnt earlier in the year. The children had a fantastic session of tag rugby with Coach Marcus, getting outside for the first time and learning the rules of tagging using the belts. The children were split into their houses for music this week and recapped the names of all of the instruments used in samba as well as learning a new song. In geography, we learnt why volcanoes occur and in computing, we covered searching a database with a narrower focus.
South America (Year 6)	A great week of learning in South America class this week. We have been working hard to improve a variety of maths skills. We have looked at different reasoning problems, percentages of amounts and dividing fractions by whole numbers. In English, we have started reading Coraline and been analysing how an author weaves dialogue into a story for a purpose. In science, we have planned an investigation about microbes and in PE, we have been thinking about our fielding skills and how to work as a team more effectively. We have also been developing our skills on spreadsheets by learning how to format cells when we have inputted data and in music, we have started to learn a song on the glockenspiels, which has a variety of different parts.

Upcoming Events

Tues 14th May – Y2 trip to The Sealife Centre

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/>

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.

