



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a HUGE thank you to the PTA and to every one of you that give so generously to the events they arrange. Because of the money you spend at these events they have been able to support the school, the curriculum and the experiences the children enjoy in so many ways. Just a few examples of use of PTA fund raising include specialist music lessons across the school, swimming lessons, author visits, Safer Internet Day workshops, the Christmas panto, reading raffle books and of course, last summer, the running track. Without your efforts we would struggle to provide some of the amazing opportunities the children participate in and so for that my staff and I wish to say thank you, we really do appreciate it.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who visited the Firebird Brewery during April. We were selected to receive a donation - a proportion of the bar takings during April (Thursday evenings only). So, your task was to find time during April on a Thursday evening to pop down to the brewery and enjoy some light refreshments in order to boost the volume of donations. You certainly rose to the challenge and we have received a fantastic £170.00.

We also appreciate the effort the children have been putting in to a variety of things this week. Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Brighton's Sea Life Centre where they found out about the oceans and seas and the vast array of sea creatures within. They represented the school with enthusiasm and interest and Mrs Hutchings and all of the accompanying adults were very impressed with their attitude and behaviour.



Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Quad Kids athletics tournament at The Weald on Monday. Each of the children participated in four events, two track and two field against children from a number of local schools. They worked tirelessly as a team, supporting each other's efforts and although we didn't have an overall podium finish as a school, our best successes were in the field events where the boys finished fourth and the girls finished joint first out of seven competing schools. Well done to Poppy A, George C, Sienna, Oscar, Zoe, Immy, Dexter and Zachary.



And finally, this week has been SATs week for our incredible children in Year 6. They have taken the tests in their stride, put in every bit of effort they could and given the best account of all they have learned over the last few years at Rudgwick. They (and you) should be immensely proud of their attitude to and effort in the tests and their dedication to learning. Mrs Burns and all of the staff are very proud of them, they have been amazing...and have thoroughly enjoyed the bacon and sausage sarnies at their SATs breakfasts this week. Thank you to all the parents that kindly gave up their time in the mornings to help prepare, serve and tidy up after the breakfasts.



Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week:

Annabelle, Molly D, Reuben, Louis C, Noah M, Joshua T, Dylan W.

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

Ryan – Y1
Niah – Y1
Dylan – Y1
Noah – Y1
Evie – Y1
George – Y1
Teddy T – Y1
Alice K – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Madison – Y4
Oscar – Y4
Jasper - Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Sophie - Y4

Book Awards

Libby – KS1
Nelly – KS2

House Points

Kestrels – 302 **Eagles – 289** **Falcons – 237**

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

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Samuel	For his perseverance with his fire lighting in woodland learning.
	Nancy	For her growing confidence in phonics lessons and during reading activities.
Asia (Year 1)	Dylan	For such super work with his English and Reading this term and for such a great attitude to his learning.
	Harvey	For demonstrating great sportsmanship and being a kind and supportive friend to others during cricket this week.
Europe (Year 2)	William	For his consistent effort to achieve in all aspects of the curriculum. He is his biggest critic but is always up for a challenge! Well done!
	Eleanor	For all her hard work and determination in her learning this week. She is now confident to look for improvements and can see how she can make her work better. Well done Eleanor!

Australasia (Year 3)	Cai Isabell	Always making knowledgeable and supportive contributions to class learning and discussions. Being 'on fire' in maths. Isabell has been amazing – spotting links and patterns in her learning and confidently applying what she knows to problem solving.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Dylan Amber	For working with great effort and determination in maths with his calculating with decimals. For always being so focused and positive in her approach to learning, being confident with new challenges and always producing an amazing standard of work.
North America (Year 5)	Louie Alfie	For writing a fantastic narrative and demonstrating much greater focus during the drafting stage. For showing increased independence and focus during the drafting process when writing.
South America (Year 6)	Albie Harry	For being fantastic cricket coaches the last couple of weeks and stepping up into leadership roles.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	In woodland learning we used flint and steel strikers to create a flame in a shell. We have looked at the difference between squares, rectangles and triangles and then made a tessellated pattern as a whole class. We are getting ready for our trip to Horsham Museum next week and have made maps independently and learnt a little about what you will find in a museum.
Asia (Year 1)	How have we only got one week left of this half term? We've had a lovely week continuing to write our Percy stories which are looking absolutely amazing. We have been working hard on our proof reading skills, checking for simple errors and really thinking about where full stops should go. In Maths we have been exploring finding half of an amount through grouping and sharing as well as halving objects. In Geography we have been learning about the weather in the UK and thinking about the clothes we wear during different seasons and weather conditions. On Tuesday we had another lovely cricket session with Fred where we worked on our throwing and catching skills.
Europe (Year 2)	What a busy week we have had and we can't believe how fast this half term has gone! In English, we spent time publishing our pirate adventure stories and we are so happy with how they turned out. They really showcase all we have learnt in Year 2. We also practised using the 4 sentences types to write about our awesome class trip to Brighton Sealife Centre! We used commands, questions, statements and exclamations to describe our day. We saw so many of the animals we have been exploring in science this half term and learnt a lot more about ocean habitats in our workshop too! In maths, we looked at mass and measuring in kilograms and grams and in

	<p>history, we researched all about famous pirates and why they were good explorers all that time ago. We've had a great week! Well done Year 2!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>In Australasia class, we have been designing and planning a food product: muffins. Children were tasked with deciding how to innovate muffins to make the product healthier. In history, we deepened our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons; learning about Sutton Hoo and how Anglo-Saxons lived. We were surprised by the Anglo-Saxon origin of the name of this village; that 'wick' is an Anglo-Saxon word that meant farm. We were whittling in forest schools and identifying the many different things that live in our woodlands (such as millipedes and centipedes). In French, we learnt how to introduce ourselves to others. In RSHE we considered what we want and expect for our future selves and in RE we identified big problems that exist in the world around us and a religious teaching that might apply to addressing such big issues. In maths we are looking at division of 2 digit by 1 digit numbers and in English, learning techniques to write persuasively.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>As always it has been another busy week in Year 4 with lots of learning taking place. In maths, we have continued our focus on working with decimals and how to round them to the nearest whole number and tenth. The children have also worked hard on their times tables in preparation for their end of year MTC. In English, the children have been enjoying our new book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and developing their reading and vocabulary skills. In Science, the children explored how different materials work as either a conductor or insulator within an electrical circuit. They have enjoyed researching the animals of the Amazon and what their habitats are and in computing they have explored how to manipulate images using Paint.net. All of the children have really enjoyed our coaching sessions in rugby and cricket with Marcus and Fred and being game level ready!</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>The penultimate week of this term already – where has the time gone? We have been busy as usual in North America, finishing our narratives linked to Podkin One-Ear. The children have worked hard to edit and proof read their writing to ensure they are the best they can be. In maths, the children practised using an informal method for division to improve their understanding of how the short division method works. We became travel agents in computing, using a database in a real-life context to search for flights and sort them based on price, duration and arrival times. We thought about reasons why you might need to be able to sort the records in this way. In DT, the children learnt how to chop safely and considered which technique they would use based on what they were chopping. They were sorted into groups and researched recipes their soups will be based on.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>What a week it has been in Year 6. The children have worked so hard this week in their assessments and maintained a really positive attitude each day – which has been wonderful to see. They have also enjoyed coming in for breakfast each morning, so thank you to any parents who helped, it was real treat! It's not just been about SATs though, this week we have been completing an art project using one point perspective - they have completed a surreal room using this skill. In computing we have continued with our learning about spreadsheets and learnt how to produce different charts on excel. In PE we have been putting our striking and fielding skills into practise by playing different games and in history we have been learning about Tutankhamun and why the discovery of his tomb was such a significant find.</p>

Upcoming Events

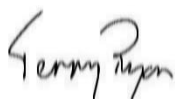
Sun 19th May – Basketball Club trip to The O2 for the British Play-Offs
Wed 22nd May – Africa Class trip to Horsham Museum
Mon 27th May – Half Term
Fri 14th June – Garden games Mufti Day
Thurs 20th June – Sports Day – KS2 am & KS1 pm.
Fri 28th June – Bottle Mufti Day
Fri 28th June – Summer Festival
Sun 30th June – Dance Club trip to Happy's Circus
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.

