



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 6th October 2023

Winter Term Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers

This week all of the children at Rudgwick took part in our Autumn Scramble. The event was arranged by our fabulous PTA and with the help of a number of parents for the morning, each class had five minutes to complete as many laps as possible, taking on a variety of obstacles. The energy levels, determination, drive and (most importantly) enjoyment was evident to see and everyone has made an amazing effort to earn their sponsorship money. We are so very grateful to those that helped to arrange the event, from producing the forms and certificates to tallying up all of the runners' completed laps and even providing a demonstration of the course! Well done to the children, it wasn't easy and I imagine they must have slept well on Tuesday night! We are looking forward to finding out just how much we have been able to raise for the school. Thank you to those parents that helped to organise the event.



Thank you also to the parents in Reception class for attending our phonics meeting this week. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading and that starts with our youngest children developing their phonic knowledge. It is so helpful to know that parents have a good understanding of how we teach phonics and how best to support their children.

We also had a visit this week from our friends at Splash, who started our week off with our assembly. The theme of their assembly was the idea of forgiveness and they were helped to deliver their message by some of our children.



And finally, the children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a production of Oliver Twist this week. The Magic of Theatre Company produced a primary school version of the Charles

Dickens classic novel. This was a great opportunity to introduce some of our children to such well known and renowned literature and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week: Martha C, Sophie K, Henry C, Frazer, Beatrix G and James K.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

Thank you Henry for sharing a photo of you on your birthday at The Natural History Museum. It looks like you are having a wonderful time!

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



Awards



Gold Times Tables – Arthur Y4

House Points for the Term

Falcons – 289

Eagles – 248

Kestrels - 183

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

Star Awards

Reception Class Star Awards



Year 1 – 6 Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Evie Charlotte	For always being focused on her learning. For being a focused and respectful learner.
Asia (Year 1)	Eva P	For being an all-round smiling superstar. Especially in Music this week, working so hard to keep her team in time with the beat.

	Austin	For slotting in to life and Rudgwick so seamlessly with such a positive, can do attitude.
Europe (Year 2)	Ronnie	For always being focused and ready to learn, inspiring others with your good manners and kindness. Thank you!
	William	For showing excellent listening skills each and every day, to help you achieve the best that you can in class. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Nelly	Always putting 100% effort into her work. She always approaches learning with a can-do attitude and gives her best.
	Aidan M	In maths, Aidan always gives his best efforts and delivers his best work. He is super supportive and encouraging towards others in maths lessons.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Amber	For an amazing attitude to her learning and producing a brilliant diary account full of fabulous and exciting vocabulary.
	Arthur	For demonstrating a great resilience and perseverance in responding to feedback in his diary writing.
North America (Year 5)	Isla	For being extremely thorough when answering problems in maths and showing great accuracy.
	Imogen	For giving her best when learning and being an excellent listener.
South America (Year 6)	Billy P	For having a great attitude to learning and being resilient in maths.
	Martha	For working hard in all lessons and completing her work to a high standard.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	In Africa class this week we have learnt four more phonics sounds and are now starting to help Fred the phonics frog to blend these sounds into words. In Maths we have been comparing items in the classroom by size, mass and capacity. We are able to describe objects as big, small, heavy, light, full, empty and half-full. During our Learner Explorer sessions we have enjoyed exploring these maths concepts with scales, pasta, jugs and water. We have also begun to think about the similarities and differences we have from each other in the class. We read the book 'Elmer' by David McKee to help us discover how our differences make us unique and special. This week we also changed into our full PE kit for the first time and we really impressed Mrs Worth with how well we can all do this. The autumn scramble was great fun and Mr Ryan said we did so well and he loved seeing all our excited and happy faces.
Asia (Year 1)	In Year 1 this week we have been sharing a new story – Whatever Next. We made predictions after looking at the front cover carefully for clues and then reading the blurb. We then role-played the story in small groups and

	<p>shared these with the class – Miss Lee and Mrs Norman were so impressed with the whole class! We then thought about what Mummy Bear and Baby Bear might say to each other at the end of the story and wrote some awesome speech bubbles. We also talked about sequencing, arranging the pictures from our story in to the correct order. In Maths we have been exploring the numbers 11 – 20. We used our one to one correspondence skills to count a number of items and record this number. We then explored how to write and read these numbers in words and wowed Mrs Hoyte with our knowledge. In Music we have been listening to the rhythm of a song and playing instruments along to it.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>In Year 2 this week, we became authors! Using our knowledge of our familiar story – The Great Pet Sale, we had a go at re-telling it by changing the animals that are in the shop. We focused on keeping things simple, so we could really feel successful and practise our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, as well as using sound and word sheets to help us. In maths, we explored adding by regrouping – a tough concept but we are starting to get it and in science, we looked at food chains. In PE – we had a great time with our autumn scramble and used the second session to play some playground games to help build our positive relationships. In RSHE, we have been talking about the importance of treating others how you want to be treated, as well as showing respect to both children and adults.</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>In Australasia, we have been especially engrossed in our English lessons. Our understanding of nouns and verbs is stronger and we are applying what we know to poetry writing. Help us consolidate our understanding by asking us to explain the role of verbs in sentences. In maths, we strengthened our understanding of number facts. We are learning to partition efficiently, so we can bridge 10 with addition calculations. In computing, we continue to look at input and output devices. In woodland learning, we had lots of fun searching for different rock types and making links to our work in science and humanities. In history, we discovered how Palaeolithic people lived, and how we can be so sure of the information we have about a period of time so far in the past. We realised that it is our ancestor's rubbish that has provided all the clues. This was proven when we saw the contents of the class waste bin (<i>before snack time</i>). The contents gave us clues to what had happened in the room that morning.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>Year 4 have continued to work with great enthusiasm and engagement in lessons. In maths, we have focused on adding 4 digit numbers using a written method and solving problems. In English we have used our learning about diaries to draft, edit, improve and publish their versions of Scott's race to the South Pole. I have been really impressed by the quality of their writing this week. In History, we have used our research skills to find out about Ancient Greek life. In Science, we have thought about habitats in particular those local to use and how they are provide positives for animals and plants but also considering the negative impacts on them. In computing, we have understood how websites work and in RSHE we have discussed risks and how to manage them. We have continued to learn about Islam in RE by looking at the Qur'an and its importance. We enjoyed the Autumn Scramble event and playing netball and basketball games in PE. Our art this week will be focused on applying colour mixing skills to present our Antarctica scenes.</p>

North America (Year 5)	In North America this week, we have been exploring one of the four main operations in maths – addition. We learnt about powers of 10 and how we can using our knowledge of place value to count on, before revisiting the formal column addition method. In RSHE, we discussed friendships and what it might look like to have a healthy relationships versus and unhealthy relationship. In English, we discussed the purpose of writing a diary and who the audience might be. We talked about pronouns and identified features of a diary, looking at various examples written by different authors. In science, we focused on our solar system by naming the different planets. We used different fruit to try to understand the relative size of each planet and then went onto the field to think about the distance between each one.
South America (Year 6)	This week has been another busy week in Year 6 and the children continue to push themselves in all areas of the curriculum. We have been writing a descriptive scene in English and the children have been editing and improving their writing and publishing them to go up on display. In maths, we have been learning mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. In history we have been locating the countries that were on both sides of first world war and discussing the different empires we found out about and how they have changed today. In RE, we have continued our topic of Judaism and been learning about the importance of Moses and in PE we have been developing our netball skills further by completing a range of activities including shooting.

Upcoming Events

Tues 10th Oct - Hello Yellow Day (Wear something yellow with your uniform)

Wed 11th Oct – Y4 Multi Skills Event at The Weald

Thurs 12th Oct – Harvest Festival – we aim to start around 9:30am and run for 1-1.5 hours

Tues 17th Oct – Y3 Trip to Butser Farm

Wed 18th Oct – Y5 Residential – Sayers Croft

Wed 18th Oct – WSCC Church Street Road Closure for Approximately 2 days

Fri 20th Oct – Show Racism the Red Card (Wear something red with your uniform)

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct - Half Term

Mon 30th Oct – Inset Day

Fri 3rd Nov – Flu Vaccinations

Mon 6th Nov – Parents Evening

Wed 8th Nov – Parents Evening

Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need (Wear something spotty with your uniform)

Fri 15th 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.

Terry Ryan

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.

