



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a lively playground at the end of the day today as our 'book swap' week came to an end with all of the children using their book tokens to choose a new book for themselves. Thank you to everyone for bringing in a book, this was recycling at its best as every child was able to go home with a new book to enjoy reading. I hope they get stuck into them this weekend and are pleased with their choices. It is just another example of how important reading and books are to the children of Rudgwick. Thank you to our Librarians, Head Boy and Head Girl for managing and organising this week's terrific text treat.



On the theme of recycling, our friends from SPLASH joined us in our assembly on Monday to talk about the issues of recycling, responsibility and caring for our planet. The children responded accurately to a series of true and false statements about the problems related to litter and thought about the small role each of them can play to make a big difference to our environment. Thank you to Louis, Felicity, Maddie and Zack for helping the SPLASH team to deliver this vital message.



There have been exciting things happening both in and out of school this week. Our Reception class took part in their first EVER school trip as they visited Horsham Museum on Wednesday. Despite the rain, their excitement was certainly not dampened and they enjoyed being historians for the day.



In addition, on Tuesday we experienced the annual Year 2 Pirate Day. Not only were the children greeted at the start of the school day by a pirate captain that looked suspiciously like Mrs. Hutchings, but throughout the day, they embraced all things pirate-like! They played games, completed puzzles and gave themselves a pirate name. Even their French session with Buccaneer Madame Kent was pirate-inspired! After sharing a pirate story in French, they made origami boats or bateau. To end their pirate adventures, they took to the woods to complete a maths-related treasure hunt! After solving all the challenges, they were rewarded with their very own pirate treasure - a gold/silver coin, a sweet, a hot-chocolate &

smares! What a lucky bunch of pirates they arrrrrgh! Mrs Hutchings tells me it was a fabulous finish to this much-loved learning journey!



We didn't even let the rain 'stop play' with our cricket lessons this week as Year 1 and Year 3 took to the hall for their final session with Fred, the cricket coach that has spent the last six weeks helping the children develop their batting, bowling and fielding skills. There was a range of activities taking place, which included some spectacular diving catches (with the help of our gym mats).



A busy way to finish our last week of the half term. I hope you all have a lovely half term week and that the sun shows a little more of itself. We'll look forward to seeing everyone again Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June for our final half term of the year, when we have Year 4 camp, sports day, KS2 production, Book Awards, Summer Festival and Year 6 leavers' assembly (to name just a few things).

### Ofsted - The Big Listen – we want to hear your views!

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

[survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen)

You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

## **Birthdays**

Celebrating their birthday this week and over half term:  
Noah H, Isabell J, Eloise, Madison W, Henry B, Tilly, Niah,  
Reece, Charlie and Lily B.



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](mailto:office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk)

## **Awards**



### **Number Bonds to 10 Badge**

Bertie – Y2

Tilly – Y1

Isla – Y1

### **Bronze Times Table Award**

Etta – Y4

### **Silver Times Table Award**

Abbie – Y4

### Gold Times Table Award

Madison – Y4

Jasper – Y4

### Platinum Times Table Award

Leo – Y3

Bree – Y3

Barnaby – Y3

Norah – Y4

### Book Awards

Libby – YR

Alice B – Y3

### House Points

**Falcons – 335**

**Kestrels – 320**

**Eagles – 318**

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

### Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Neave  Olivia	For demonstrating a mature and inquisitive mind during our trip to Horsham Museum.  For her independence with sentence writing about her favourite part of the museum trip.
Asia (Year 1)	Savannah  Frankie	For excellent cricket skills this half term, listening carefully to the instructions and joining in with lots of enthusiasm.  For a wonderful attitude to learning, independently having a go at all tasks and demonstrating a 'can do' approach to her work.
Europe (Year 2)	Kimmy  River	For having such a can-do attitude to learning. Nothing is too much for her and she always, always gives her all. Thank you, Kimmy!  For his verbal contributions in all areas of learning this week. He offered clear ideas, well thought-out responses and added to the learning of the class. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Aizen  Izzy	Making insightful and constructive contributions to pupil discussions throughout history. Aizen was focused and on task throughout his partner work and showed leadership.  Izzy was enthusiastic, skilled and knowledgeable and food technology and created an excellent bake.

Antarctica (Year 4)	Freddie W	For showing great focus in both maths learning and in producing a great leaflet for his English.
	Freddie L	For showing better focus and effort with his writing.
North America (Year 5)	Ivy	For show perseverance in maths when learning an informal method for division.
	Sienna	For showing great determination and scoring some fantastic tries in the tag rugby tournament.
South America (Year 6)	Charlie	For having a mature attitude to learning and trying his best in all lessons.
	Evie D	For becoming more independent when evaluating and editing her work.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	Well what a fantastic week we have had! We all had a wonderful time at Horsham Museum, all of the grown-ups were so proud of us. The ladies at the museum said how well behaved we were too! We enjoyed seeing the dragons, armour, crystals, dresses and the bones from the Horshamosaurus Rudgwickensis. We have written sentences about our favourite part of the day, with many of us saying that we loved the mini-bus trip and our lunch! It is clear that we all have some lovely memories from the trip. In Woodland Learning this week we learnt about the artist Richard Long and how he uses mud to create paintings. We made a whole class piece of art inspired by him using mud and our hands. In French we have been learning about the weather. Now it is time for a half-term rest, before we start our final half-term in Reception class!
Asia (Year 1)	Our half term has come to an end with us celebrating our finished Percy stories. We shared our work with Year 2 and enjoyed working on the skill of storytelling and character voices. We are really proud of the writing produced on this task! In maths we have been finding learning about quarters. We have learnt how to find a quarter of a shape and an amount, thinking carefully about making equal groups. We have even tried to solve some tricky word problems to show what excellent mathematicians we are. In Art, we have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and have looked carefully at his 'Sunflowers' painting. We tried to re-create this piece in our sketch books and enjoyed discussing how the piece made us think and feel. Enjoy a lovely half term break, let's hope for some sunshine!
Europe (Year 2)	Well, another half term done just like that! We have had a great final week in Year 2, especially on Tuesday with pirate day! Everyone embraced the day and enjoyed a plethora of pirate-like activities. We also had our last cricket PE session with Coach Fred and we played a fun team game to practise our fielding and striking skills. In music, we used our knowledge of ocean animals to help us create new verses for a song we have been practising called Rockpool Rock. In Art, we worked on finishing our artistic pieces in the style of Patricia Greaves. We used textiles, that we had dyed in the woods to add detail and texture. We evaluated our work thinking

	about what we were happy with and what we could improve. All in all, a very creative week to end summer term 1. Enjoy half term! See you in June!
Australasia (Year 3)	Another half term has flown by. Monday was a day of design – we designed packaging for our innovated muffins, spent time baking our healthier muffins and afterwards completed product analysis (aka tasting our work). Over the rest of the week, we have been publishing our writing, learning about division and how this relates to fractions of amounts, we have been building our forest school skills and honing our fielding abilities in cricket. We have also read teachings from a variety of religions where the golden rule is mentioned and reflected on what the world might look like if everyone followed the golden rule. In History we learnt about the structure of Anglo Saxon society and learnt the terms, heptarchy and artefact.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Year 4 have had a busy final week with lots of different learning going on. In maths, we have been solving word problems linked to money and experiencing the MTC for the first time. In English, children have been busy researching, planning, drafting and producing information leaflets on saving the Amazon or visiting Brazil. We concluded our geography topic by looking at the impact of deforestation and creating posters whilst in science we have concluded our learning on electricity by producing knowledge organisers. We had a final coaching sessions with Fred in cricket where the children played some exciting matches and our final tag rugby session with Marcus finished with a mixed year tournament with Year 5 where the children showcased some excellent skills. Enjoy your half term!
North America (Year 5)	A fantastic final week in North America and I cannot help but feel the children's favourite part was making their soups. The collaboration in their groups was lovely to see as we prepared vegetables, cooked and then tasted our creations. In English, we made predictions about the fate of Podkin as the characters escaped Redwater, as well as refreshing our retrieval skills using a part of the text. In maths, we made links between the informal method for division we have practiced and the short division method we covered earlier in the year. In music, we weren't able get outside due to the terrible weather however we had a fantastic session in the classroom with Mrs Eames, exploring call and response and composing our own. It was our final session of tag rugby with Coach Marcus, who organised a mixed tournament with Year 4. It was awesome to see the skills we have learnt over this term into practice in a game scenario. Have a great half term everybody!
South America (Year 6)	What a final week of the half term. We have been learning about scaling in maths and have used this skill to design our ideal bedrooms and created a scaled drawing of them. In English we have finished our narratives and published them. In science we have thought more about different microbes and been classifying them and researching infections and how microbes play a part in how they develop. In PE, we had the privilege of a visit from Mr Meaney from The Weald who led a fun session developing the children's striking and fielding skills. Finally in history we looked at how the ancient Egyptians used hieroglyphs to communicate and even had a go ourselves by writing our names in a cartouche. Have a wonderful half term everyone and see you in June for our final term together.

## **School lunches after half term**

We will be on a holiday return menu of jacket potatoes only on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, you will now need to re-order for this as Chartwells will have removed any previous orders, the **cut off is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** for the week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## **Upcoming Events**

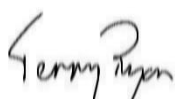
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Inset Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Summer Term  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Flu immunisation Clinic

**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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