



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been all about visitors at Rudgwick. Visitors that have helped to bring the curriculum alive, teach our children some vital skills and knowledge and enhanced their learning with new experiences.

Year 1, as previously mentioned, have been carrying out research to help write their non-fiction book about 'people that help us'. They had already been visited by a nurse and have since met 'people that help us' from the police, dentists and gas engineers. They have found out what people do in these roles and how to recognise when they might be needed. It has been a fascinating time for the children and hasn't finished yet as they will enjoy a visit from a vet next week.



We had our regular visitors from Splash for our assembly on Monday. They discussed one of those all-important Rudgwick values of resilience. The children had to think about what resilience looks like and what we need when we are struggling to find it. We established that people, positivity and perseverance serve us well when we need that bit of help to overcome day to day challenges. Zachary, Imogen and Matthew, Shay, Charlotte and Bree all helped to deliver that message about finding the ability to 'bounce back'.



On Tuesday we were joined in the woods by a very special visitor. Tooky, a working horse was brought in by his owner Dan Brown and Jack Trinder's grandad, John Lovett. Every class spent time finding out how horses work within the agricultural world and the benefits they offer compared to machinery. They were able to pat the horse and see it moving logs (with apparent ease) around the woods. It is amazing the job they do and the children loved seeing the horse up close and in action. What an experience!



And it wasn't just Year 1 who had visits from people who help us this week. On Wednesday Reception class, Year 2 and Year 5 were joined by the fire service who spoke to them about fire safety and shared lots of great advice about how to keep safe. They also brought in a fire engine and explained to the children how all the different features work when they are on a call.



Many voices this week contributing to the amazing opportunities our children get in school.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your kind donations today for Comic Relief. The children have had us all laughing this week with the Rudgwick joke competition. Each class voted for their favourite class joke and then an overall winner was voted for. The seven finalists jokes were:

Why did the yellow silly toilet roll, roll down the hill? To go to the toilet. (Sienna – Rec)

Knock, knock. Who's there? Boo. Boo who? There's no need to cry. (Ryan – Y1)

What do you call a dog that's hot? A hot dog. (Ronnie – Y2)

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh. (Seb R – Y3)

I visited my friend at his new house. He told me to make myself at home. So I kicked him out...I hate visitors! (Freddie B – Y4)

In an interview the manager says "where have you been for the last 5 years?" The interviewee (the one that wants to get the job) says "Oh, I've been to Yale". "Wow, that's amazing" says the manager, "you're hired!" "Yay" said the interviewee, "I really wanted this new job." "Wait, what?!" said the manager. (Jack – Y5)

Knock, knock. Who's there? Britney Spears. Britney Spears who?

Knock, knock. Who's there? Oops I did it again (to be sung). (Martha/Kai – Y6)

And the winning joke was... Year 6! Well done, and thank you for the laughs.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week:

Harloe, Jess H, Zavier, Sebastian R, Ryan, Imogen S, kai, Grace, Austin S, Sienna F and Mitzie.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

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



Awards



Number Bonds to 10 Badge

Savannah – Y1

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Lily – Y1

Platinum Times Table Award

Oliver F – Y4

Book Awards

Sydney - Y2

Billy – Y6

House Points

Falcons – 337

Kestrels – 273

Eagles – 276

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

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Albermarle Cody	For asking respectful questions to the Fire Fighters. For his observations and detailed flower drawings
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Asia (Year 1)	Austin	For demonstrating a confident attitude to life and for willingness to take a risk with things outside his comfort zone.
	Ellis	For endless enthusiasm for his learning and for always challenging himself.
Europe (Year 2)	Mitzie	For her continued effort and independence in gymnastics. She moves with control and precision and is able to land strongly and safely after jumping from equipment.
	Sidney	For being so clear and confident when going through the sounds in phonics, including all the new ones we have learnt. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Freddie	For his great listening and efforts in maths. What a superstar!
	Nelly	For her positive mind set and the confidence she is developing in herself and her abilities in maths especially.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Oliver	For settling well into a new school, contributing well to learning and showing great confidence in the work he produces.
	Molly	For continuing to work hard and show more confidence in her learning.
North America (Year 5)	Martha	For thinking carefully about the purpose of writing when editing her narrative about Beowulf.
	Alfie	For being a great listener and asking relevant questions to the Fire Service.
South America (Year 6)	Hugo	For challenging himself more in maths and really demonstrating his excellent knowledge.
	Bea	For having a positive attitude to learning and focussing in lessons.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What another busy week we have had in Africa class this week! We have had lots of visitors, including a working horse in Woodland Learning and fire fighters and a fire engine! The fire fighters showed us their kits and spoke to us about how to safe around heat sources. We really enjoyed getting to see what is carried on a fire engine. We have also been looking for signs of Spring and we spent a morning outside drawing pictures of Spring flowers. In Maths we have been comparing numbers to 10 with words such as: least, most, same, equal, more and less. We have also had the opportunity to entertain each other with jokes for Red Nose Day. We laughed a lot and we hope that Africa class's favourite joke is voted the favourite across the school too!</p>
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Asia (Year 1)	This week we have been working hard on producing our People Who Help Us book. We had a visit from British Gas who told us all about his job and even gave us a tour of his van! Miss Lee and Mrs Hoyte are so proud of the writing they are producing. We also had a visit from a working horse and we were amazed to see a demonstration of him pulling along some really heavy logs. In Maths we have been exploring volume and capacity, predicting how much liquid fills a container to capacity then testing our predictions. In Art we have been learning all about the works of Andy Warhol and exploring his use of repetition and colour. In Music we have been practising our ukulele skills in preparation for our concert next week.
Europe (Year 2)	We have had such an interesting week in Year 2, with lots of highlights. In English, we finished our shared book The Curious Garden and used the end to write descriptively. We used some lovely adjectives. In maths, we explored finding parts of a quantity, as well as looking at the division calculation this created. In science, we learnt about the life cycle of a seed and organised each stage of a bean life cycle. But, the most exciting part of our week was the visitors we had – on Tuesday, we had a working horse visit us in the woods, where we learned how they can be used in agricultural work, as well as watching him pull a load of wood! On Wednesday the Fire Service came to talk to us about fire safety. We got to see what they keep on the fire engine, as well as hear the siren! Mrs Hutchings also dressed up in a fire jacket and helmet! Friday was Red Nose Day and we celebrated by telling and sharing jokes with each other. What a week!
Australasia (Year 3)	It has been an enriching week for Australasia class – with swimming lessons continuing with earnest and a trips into the woodlands to see working horses in action. Back in the classroom, we have been learning how to write with purpose so we ensure our story openings are impactful and set the scene for later events. In maths, we began looking at perimeter and learnt how perimeters are calculated. We explored the perimeters of our whiteboards, our books and even our desks. In RE, we learnt about the first miracle Jesus is reported to have performed. In art, we learnt about complementary and harmonious colours and applied out learning to noticing their use in the work of our significant artist – Megan Coyle. In French, we learnt to use basic conjunctions so that we can develop sentences and say what landmarks are located in Paris. In music, we developed and practised our compositions. We are looking forward to our ukulele performance.
Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been a hardworking week in Year 4 as always with a highlight being the opportunity to see a working horse in action in our Woodland area. In English, the pupils have been researching what life would have been like for people living in the Tudor Age in readiness for presenting a comic strip next week. In maths, we have been revisiting multiplication with a focus on developing related facts from our timetables and using different informal methods to help us calculate and problem solve. In science, children have been learning about teeth and their different functions they have in the digestive process. With Mrs Wilson, the children have been learning about Lent in RE and in music, the final preparations for a performance playing the clarinet went very well. There was plenty of enjoyment in our joke telling competition in advance of Comic Relief in Friday.
North America (Year 5)	We have enjoyed some variety this week in North America, welcoming some visitors. Earlier in the week the children were shown a demonstration of a working horse in our woodland area and the following day listened to

	a talk by the WSFRS. They spoke about the fire triangle, how often to test smoke alarms at home and the definitions of arson and hoax. In our learning, we've finished editing our narratives and have published them with an illustration. In maths, we have learnt how to find the perimeter of compound shapes and started to think about how we can calculate area using units squared. In history, the children voted for who they thought should take the throne in England following the death of Edward the Confessor before looking at events that followed this decision in the lead up to the Battle of Hastings.
South America (Year 6)	Another busy week in Year 6! We have been learning how to draw and use conversion graphs and also started our learning on angles and how to find missing ones. In English we have finished drafting our writing and begun to edit, improve and think about our layout for publishing. In science, we have planned an experiment to find out about how birds are adapted to survive and in computing we have begun to learn about how search engines work. We really enjoyed going into the woods on Tuesday, even though it was really muddy, to find out about a working horse and also continue to enjoy our PE lessons with coach Jay. We have finished this week with plenty of art as we have been preparing to complete our printed piece. We have decided on a final plan and started to carve our lino blocks ready to print.



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your donations to Comic Relief 2024.
Today we raised £127.30

Upcoming Events

Tues 19th March – Y4 trip to Hampton Court
Thurs 28th March – Last day of Spring term
Mon 15th April – Start of Summer Term
WC 28th April – Y6 Bikeability
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/>

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