



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 29th November

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we surprised the children with a pantomime of Jack and The Beanstalk. Children and staff loved spending the start of the morning being entertained and joining in with the performance and it certainly feels like Christmas has begun now!



This week, many of the classes performed their termly music concert to parents, to show them how far they have come when playing a musical instrument and their progress in and ability to read and follow music. The children showed they are able to clap a rhythm, sing in rounds, play different notes on their instruments, as well as keep in time – truly amazing! Year 1, 2 and 3 demonstrated their skills on the Djembe Drums, whilst Year 6 played the keyboard.



Mr Meaney from the Weald has spent the last four weeks with Year 6 developing their hockey skills. They have learnt the key skills of dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting and had fun completing the different challenges that he set each week. As this week was the culmination of their learning, they put all their skills into practise by playing some small matches. He was really impressed with their spatial awareness and the accurate application of the skills learnt. We definitely have some talented hockey players in Year 6!



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Teddy, Cody, Teddy S and Isla S.

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

House Points

The winning house this week was Falcons with a whopping **470** house points!

Awards

Number Bonds to 10

Niah – Y2

Bronze Times Table

Harry – Y2



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**

Book Awards

KS1 – Sophia M

KS2 – Zoe M

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Isaac Finn	For always being ready to learn and a respectful role-model to others. For his growing confidence and independence with letter writing.
Asia (Year 1)	Finch Sophia	For wowing us with his phonic knowledge and focus during reading this week! For dedication to her writing and using her sounds when challenging herself to write unfamiliar words!
Europe (Year 2)	Niah Eddy	For her concentration, focus and independence in her learning. Also, her efforts in her homework are fabulous! Well done! For trying so hard in his writing this week and trying to be more focused and independent. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Frazer Sidney	For doing some brilliant writing this week For super work in Science and Maths!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Daisy Zaine	For showing great effort and perseverance in all of her learning. For super confidence in his maths learning and always being ready for a challenge activity to extend his understanding.
North America (Year 5)	Amber Theo	For giving careful thought to her writing and developing an exciting narrative. For being a great team member in computing whilst working towards creating a storyboard.

South America (Year 6)	Max F	For being really enthusiastic during our hockey sessions with Mr Meaney.
	Harley	For being a really conscientious learner and always asking questions to ensure she understands.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week we have been super busy practising for our Christmas Nativity. We have now learnt all of the songs and Makaton signs and are well on the way to being perfect performers. We have listened to The Christmas story and we are beginning to become familiar with its characters and meaning to Christians. In Maths this week we have been focusing on the numbers 4 and 5 and have learnt how to use a part-whole model to discover number bonds (1+3=4, 2+2=4 etc.). In French we have continued to practise numbers to 5, fruits and colours. On Friday we were very excited to attend the school Christmas Panto. It was such a lot of fun and a great way to start our whole school Christmas celebrations.
Asia (Year 1)	This week Christmas Nativity rehearsals are in full swing and the children are working their socks off to put on a fabulous performance for you all! In English we are coming to the end of our instructions on how to fly our magic box and the children have produced such fantastic instructions! We are looking forward to seeing how amazing they are after they are fully published. In Maths this week we have begun to write our own number stories and the children are loving it, we can't wait to see how they progress! In computing we were learning how to save a document using a laptop, which we are going to try and open in our next lesson! Well done year 1 another superb week!
Europe (Year 2)	As we sneak towards Christmas, our rehearsal are in full swing and we are working hard to put on a memorable show for you all! We have already performed this week, as part of our music learning and what a performance it was! In English, we have been using the skills of writing about real events and creating a fact file to show what we have learnt about Matthew Henson, the first black explorer to reach the North Pole. We tried hard to include the suffixes we have explored -ing, -ed, -er and -est. In maths, we have practised our knowledge of the 10x table and in RE we enjoyed listening about the First Christmas and why Christmas is important to Christians. To end the week, we had a mini Christmas celebration by watching the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk and then at the end of the day, decorating our classroom for Christmas.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have worked very hard in Australasia this week. We have been practising our songs for our Key Stage Two carol concert. You are all in for a treat! In maths we have been working on a written method, with a focus on exchanging. We have added verbs and nouns to make our writing more exciting. We have published our stories and taken lots of care and effort into making them look amazing. In Science, we have been using mirrors as a reflective surface. We used them to do mirror writing and we even went for a walk around the playground using only a mirror!

	The highlight of the week was the amazing panto today...Jack and The Beanstalk! We loved it!
Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been another busy week in Year 4 again with lots of learning taking place. In maths, we have been learning about the different metric measures of length and how to convert between them as well as getting the chance to do some practical measuring alongside. In English, the children have planned and prepared their portal stories based on our book 'Leon and the place between.' In science, the children have continued to learn about solids, liquids and gases which linked in nicely to our Geography them of water and learning about the Water cycle. We concluded our history study on the Ancient Greeks by comparing things that they left behind as a legacy. In music, the children enjoyed performing another tune on the glockenspiels and in PE working on their partner sequences in gymnastics using a range of movement.
North America (Year 5)	This week has felt truly autumnal with heavy downpours and dropping temperatures however spirits remained high in North America. We finished editing our narratives and published them showcasing our best handwriting. In maths we looked at the inverse relationship between multiplication and division, whilst having another recap of our formal methods. In computing the children worked collaboratively to create a storyboard as a plan for a video we will film giving a tour of our woodland area. They wrote a script for different areas of the woodland and thought about which filming techniques to use. The children recapped telling the time in French as well as learning how to say quarter past and in art, the children planned a final composition inspired by an artist called Chesley Bonestell.
South America (Year 6)	The term is whizzing by and we are really picking up the pace in Year 6. In maths, we have looked at fractions. We investigated equivalent fractions and then used this to help up understand simplification and also how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we have been reading Rose Blanche which is a fabulous picture book set in Germany during WW2. We will be using this as a stimulus for our next piece of writing. In art, we have been analysing the work of Leonid Afremov and we will be using his style as inspiration for our lighthouse paintings and in computing we have been planning the layouts for our webpages based on WW1 or WW2. A special mention also about the music concert on Wednesday. The children were very professional and performed beautifully.

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas Lunch

Ordering cut-off date:

5th December

There will be Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Mini Sausages, Stuffing and Gravy, and for dessert a Festive Cupcake.

You can book directly on [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com) or call Chartwells 01243 836130

Upcoming Events

Next Week

Tues 3rd Dec – PTA Wreath Workshop

Fri 6th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair & Mufti Day

Autumn Term – 2

Tues 10th Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11th Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1

Fri 13th Dec – PTA Secrets Room – Present Buying

Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec - KS2 Carol Concert

Thurs 19th Dec – Dance Club Christmas Performance



Billingshurst Lions Club - Father Christmas Touring Rudgwick

On Thursday 5th December from 5:30pm-7:30pm Father Christmas will be touring Rudgwick. To track Santa on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingshurstLions

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.

H. L. Edwards

Mrs Hayley Edwards, Deputy Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

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