



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 9th February 2024

Spring Term Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers

We started this week with the exciting news that our Gymnastics team, who were competing on Sunday, have brought more success to Rudgwick Primary School. In the regional entry our girls managed both a 1st (Bree and Knysna) and 2nd (Norah and Molly) place finish. And our boys (Kai and William) finished first in the national entry and have qualified for the national finals later this year in Stoke. It is great to see the gymnastics legacy continuing in such a successful way and that AT Gym Club is going strong. Well done to the whole team and we can't wait to find out how the boys get on in April. We are very proud of you all.



Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, a special celebration that takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. All of the children took part in a variety of activities which focused on this year's theme of '*Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online*'. And the children in Years 1 – 5 also took part in a drama workshop led by *One Day Creative*. The younger children enjoyed the '*Cyber Heroes*' workshop, which focused on online gaming and created their very own special 'cyber hero' identities. The older children took part in the '*Game Over*' workshop, creating their own avatar and exploring themes such as online bullying, age-related content, in-app purchases and the impact of excessive screen time. The children were fully engaged in the workshops, having fun and reflecting on some very important messages.



Woodland Learning has continued to enthuse our children this term for the great outdoors. This week the children, as well as enjoying their usual exploration of our woodland area, made a very tasty vegetable soup (thank you Year 1 for letting me try some!).



A busy week got even busier on Wednesday when author, David Fuller, joined us in school. David spent time visiting the children in Years 3, 4 and 5, telling them all about his life as an author, the work that it takes to plan, write and publish a book and about how difficult he found it to be a writer when he was in primary school. The children were fascinated, listening intently and asking David some very interesting questions. David loved spending the day with us and thought the children a great audience and who knows, there could be some authors of the future sitting among them!



We took part in a locality Basketball tournament this week as well. The tournament, held at The Weald, was for Year 5 and 6 children but with our Year 6 children away on residential, it was left to a team of Year 5 children to fly the flag for Rudgwick. Competing against mostly Year 6 children from other schools they did remarkably well, finishing in a very respectable joint 3rd place. What stood out to me was not where they finished, but their attitude to the event. They threw themselves into the competition and enjoyed every second of it. They even made their own decisions about who would be a substitute for each game. They were amazing and I felt very proud of them. Well done to Alex, Lewis, George C, Max G, Jasmine and Harley.



And finally this week, Year 6 enjoyed their residential journey to Hindleap Warren. I visited them for the day on Thursday and even with fatigue setting in from all they had been doing during the week, their enthusiasm and enjoyment did not waver. They were listening to instructions and taking on the challenges of the different activities with such positivity. Well done to them all, I am sure they are well ready for their half term (and parents, get the washing machine ready!). I am also quite sure that Mrs Burns, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gaynor are also looking forward to their half term. Thank you to our wonderful staff who made sure the children enjoyed this lovely opportunity.



Wow, what a last week it has been! I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 20th February (don't forget, we have an Inset day on Monday 19th).

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week:

Jess – Y1 and Joanna Y6.

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 5 Badge

Charlotte – YR

Sienna – YR

Cody – YR

Emily – YR

Juniper – YR

Neave – YR

Ernie – YR

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Sophie – Y5

Emily – Y3

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Jasper – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Zaine – Y3

Joshua – Y3

Ben – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Dylan – Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Freddie W – Y4

Platinum Times Table Award

Ahaan – Y4

Joshua – Y4

Book Awards

KS1 – Liam

KS2 – Joshua T

House Points

Eagles – 234 **Falcons –283** **Kestrels – 289**

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **Independence/Collaboration**.

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Emily William G	For creating and completing challenges during her choosing time. For demonstrating skill and focus during Coach Jay's football session.
Asia (Year 1)	Bea Isla	For making amazing progress with their phonics this term – Well done girls!
Europe (Year 2)	Oscar Rebecca	For showing great independence to write his own ideas to show his understanding in science this week. Well done! For always being positive and putting in so much effort into her learning. Thank you!

	<p>ourselves from cyber-bullying. On Thursday, the local library came to see us to talk more about this years Picture Books to Shout about and how we can use the library for lots of lovely things. Have a restful half term and see you all back on the Tuesday 20th February!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>We have already reached the midpoint in the school year. It feels like the time has flown by really quickly. This week, we have been writing non-chronological reports about dinosaur anatomy and developing our understanding of fronted adverbials. In maths, we have been adding amounts of money and sharpening our recall of timestables. In art, we have been adding the paintwork to our dragon eyes and enjoying drama and games to help us to ensure our time online is safe as well as fun. In science we have explored friction and in geography we used a variety of maps to better understand what makes the country we live in distinctive.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>Wow! Well done all in Year 4, as another half term packed full of new learning has flown by and we have reached the mid-point of the year. In maths, we have continued our learning with fractions by finding a fraction of a given amount and then using this knowledge to solve word challenges. In the children had the opportunity to meet an author and listened brilliantly as he shared his writing approach to his books with them. They also have continued reading Varjak Paw and presented their persuasive letters. In Science, the children have worked on developing their questioning skills linked with sound. A wonderful time was had in Woodland Learning where the children enjoyed making and tasting vegetable soup. It was Safer Internet Day this week and the children enjoyed a workshop thinking about being safe with online gaming. Have a lovely Half Term!</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>Another half term done and a week full of variety for North America. It was Safer Internet Day, for which children thoroughly enjoyed a workshop linked to approaching online gaming in a healthy and responsible way. In class, we discussed persuasion techniques used by apps and devices as well as positive and negative views on AI. David Fuller, a young-fiction author, came to Rudgwick and spoke to the class about his writing journey, read extracts of his different books and gave top tips for aspiring authors. The children asked some superb questions during the Q&A and can hopefully apply some of David's wisdom to their own practice. Beyond our visitors, the children painted their sculptures inspired by Alberto Giacometti which look fantastic. In maths, we considered how to use our understanding of equivalent fractions to order fractions with different denominators and in science, the children enjoyed testing their parachutes during an investigation into air resistance.</p>

Upcoming Events

Mon 12th Feb – Half Term

Mon 19th Feb – Inset Day

Thurs 7th March – World Book Day

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

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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