



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 11th March 2022

Spring Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again this week the children had an amazing opportunity to meet an author and illustrator. Mini Grey, who has written many children's favourites including *Traction Man*, *Toys in Space* and *The Last Wolf*, to name just a few, spent the day with us and led all of our children in engaging, exciting, enthralling workshops. She was brilliant with the children and, I am quite sure, has given them further encouragement and motivation to be the best readers, writers and illustrators they can be.



As you know, we were recently asking for volunteers to join our Governing Body and become a parent Governor. There were 2 positions available and only one has been filled, by Fiona Bull, who will continue as a Parent Governor for another 4 years. This does mean however that we still have a vacancy for a second parent Governor! If you are interested in the role but would like to know more, please feel free to contact David Buckley, the Chair of Governors / Kate Mayo, the Clerk to the Governors via the school office. We will be doing a second round of applications soon, so watch this space for another opportunity to join the team.

I would like to say thank you so much for your generosity towards this week's cake sale. With the proceeds going towards the *Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal* you have taken the opportunity to make an incredible contribution. We have managed this morning, to raise £300 towards the appeal. As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we will use the proceeds from the cake sale on the 25th March towards this appeal as well.

Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Bene, Freddie W, Harloe and Mrs Smith, who all had their birthdays this week. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home. What amazing balloons, Oscar and Eleanor had, last week.



This term's core value is **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

Well done Eagles for being the house point winners this week! A great effort by all children, the totals this week were HUGE!

Our reading raffle winners are:

R/KS1: Archie B (Y1)

KS2: Hugo S (Y4)

Well done to our times table awards:

Silver: Zachary P

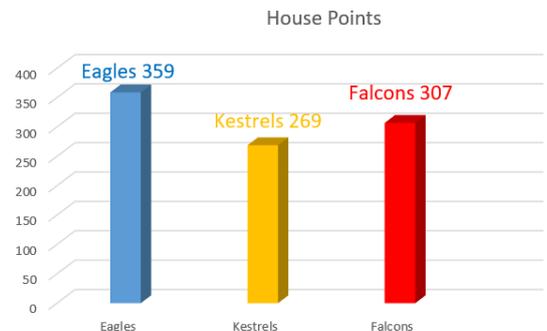
Gold: Martha M

Platinum: Bea

And additive number bond badges to:

10: Joshua H

20: Charlie C, Zachary P, Evie W





Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Ben	For impressing the grown-ups in Africa class, with his knowledge of Greek Mythology. He wowed us all!
	River	For impressing Mrs Mussell with his independent writing skills. Well done, River!
Asia (Year 1)	Freddie	For growing in confidence and showing lots of independence in his work. Well done!
	Caleb	For producing an amazing piece of writing and taking his time with it. Well done!
Europe (Year 2)	Oscar W	For putting so much effort into his writing lately and showing care towards his presentation. Well done!
	Arthur H	For always being so positive towards school, his learning and just life! Keep being you, Arthur!
Australasia (Year 3)	Sienna	For taking her time with her writing and working hard to make it even better. Plus, impressing the adults with her drama skills!
	Henry	For demonstrating super listening skills and really participating in lessons and sharing his ideas.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Zavier P	For being so positive and enthusiastic about our swimming lessons
	Knysna G	For having such a positive attitude to school life
North America (Year 5)	Freddie L	For your focus and enthusiasm in maths.
	Teddy F	For your insightful ideas and thoughtful deductions about characters.

South America (Year 6)	Charlotte	For having a positive attitude to learning and trying hard to maintain this even when things get tricky.
	Isla	For always having such a positive attitude to school life.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>We have had another action packed week in Africa class. We have continued to look at the importance of recycling in our new topic 'Our Wonderful World' and explored the meaning of 'reduce and reuse'. We have read a story called Michael Recycle and wrote facts about him using our phonic knowledge. In French, we began a new topic all about 'family' and we learnt how to say names for mum, dad, brother, sister, aunt, uncle and grandparents. In woodland learning, we navigated our way around a woodland obstacle course: abseiling down hills, jumping through tyres, and walking across a rope bridge. In maths, we have continued our focus on 3D shapes, using them to complete addition numbers sentences. We all really enjoyed our author visit from Mini Grey, listening to her story 'Bad Bunnies' Magic show' and being impressed by her magic tricks!.</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>What a fun filled week we have had! We started the week off with PE with Mrs Davies and have started dance. We have introduced our new topic of 'The Land Before Time', which is all about dinosaurs. We were introduced to our core text of 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'. In science, we all planted our own seed and will be watching them grow and recording their growth in our own seed diaries. In maths, we have been counting in 2s and doing lots of problem solving. We had a great time completing an obstacle course in Woodland Learning! In French, we were learning about our families. Finally, we sequenced the key events of 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' in English. We had a wonderful visit from Mini Grey and all the children were mesmerised by her, it was lovely to listen to her read and all the stories she has written and illustrated.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Our first full week of the spring term has been a busy one! With the introduction of our new learning journey 'Ready, Steady, Sow!' We went out to explore signs of spring to help us show what we already know about plants and growing. We then wrote questions to ask what we wanted to find out. In science, we learnt about germination and what a seed needs to grow and we planted our own seeds! We are very excited! In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes, their sides, vertices, lines of symmetry and orientation. In French, we enjoyed learning about La Famille. In computing, we have begun learning about algorithms and had fun directing our 'robots' around! Our visit from the author Mini Grey was very good and we enjoyed listening to her read and tell us about the many stories she has written.</p>

<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>This week we have been looking at our key text for this topic – ‘Roman diary – the journal of Iliona, young slave’. We have looked at the main characters and key events to summarise the action so far, and have looked at how to set out a playscript. In Maths, we have been drawing and interpreting pictograms and bar charts. We have started our new topic, in Science, all about forces. We have been learning that pushes and pulls are types of forces that move objects. In History, we have started learning about the Romans. We looked this week at the spread of the Roman Empire and the invasions of Britain. We loved the visit from Mini Grey on Wednesday, we really enjoy her stories!</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>The highlight of our week was the visit from the author Mini Grey on Wednesday. She showed us how she illustrates her books and we even had a go ourselves! In Maths, we are finding the fractions of amounts. In English, we re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth and started to plan a newspaper article about the events of that fateful day. In History, we examined various sources about what Henry VIII was really like - he wasn't just an obese diseased man with lots of wives! In Computing, we edited audio recordings using the program Audacity and in PSRE we discussed the differences between risks, hazards and dangers. In Science, we explained the functions of the digestive system and in R.E., we talked about the importance of Lent to Christians.</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>Another week, another wonderful visitor for Year 5 to meet! On Wednesday, award-winning author and illustrator Mini Grey came to the school to talk about how she creates her illustrations, amongst other things. The children were captivated by Mini and her enthusiasm for what she does. We had a fantastic session out in the woods with Mrs Davies, and then in the hall, learning to dance the Bridge of Athlone. Once again, the children excelled at country dance! In maths, we have been thinking about the relationships between multiplying and dividing (especially with parts of a whole), and fractions. We have started exploring the incomparable ‘The Chronicles of Harris Burdick’ by Chris Van Allsburg in English, finding out about characters and making predictions.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>This week, we have been learning all about percentages in maths. The children have been using known facts to find percentages of amounts and using their reasoning skills to explain their thinking. We have written our online news articles and started to publish them and continued reading Beetle Boy. In science, we have been learning about what characteristics offspring inherit from their parents and been looking at how we can see this in animals. We have continued to learn about biomes in geography and been focussing on the taiga and in history we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings and why it is a significant event in British history. On Wednesday, author and illustrator Mini Grey came to the school to talk about how she creates her wonderful picture books. The children really enjoyed their session with her and hopefully came away with lots of ideas they could use.</p>



Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March 2022

On Friday morning, there will be a bucket at the playground gate for any voluntary donations. All proceeds from Friday's Cake Raffle will be donated to Comic Relief, this week.

On Friday, children can wear anything red or associated with Comic Relief, together with their school uniform. **NO RED NOSES THOUGH PLEASE.** There will not be a bucket for collections but all proceeds from Friday's cake raffle will be collected for it. A donation with the chance of a cake... what could be better?

Rudgwick Youth Club

Rudgwick Youth Club is having a face-lift. The organisers are considering what sessions to offer when it re-opens - everything is on the table from longer opening hours, different activities, less structured time, more structured sessions... They are really keen to hear your opinions about what our young people might want or benefit from at this facility we are so lucky to have. They're holding a meeting at the Youth Club on the Rec at 11.00 on 18th March. Please come along and have your ideas heard. If you can't make it but would like your thoughts raised, please email vicky@vickyniceinteriors.co.uk.

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rudgwick Cake Raffle

Amazing response everyone – thank you so much. Congratulations to Rufus, who won the cake made by Mrs Dowd who jumped in at the last minute to save the day, as our original volunteer succumbed to Covid yesterday. Thank you!

PTA Event Planning – Spring / Summer

We'll be hosting our next PTA event planning meeting on **Wednesday 30th March** from **8pm** at **The Fox** pub. It's an informal get together to start planning next term's exciting events, namely the Jubilee celebrations and Summer Fair. We'd really welcome a helping hand either organising one of the events or being there to assist on the day. Please do join us for a drink, all ideas and offers of support welcome!

Win A £500 Bike Voucher

Spring is in the air, and it's time to think about getting out and about. This half-term you can win a voucher worth £500 to spend on new bicycles! Support our school now for your chance to win this amazing prize. **How do you enter?** It's simple just buy one or more lottery tickets before 23rd April 2022. Each ticket gives you a chance to win. So more tickets mean more opportunities to bag the voucher! To buy tickets please follow this link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

Congratulations to our latest lottery winner:

05/03/2022

Ms Goundry

£17.10

Thank you for your continued support!

Diane, Victoria, Anna
rpspta@hotmail.com

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/>

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.



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