



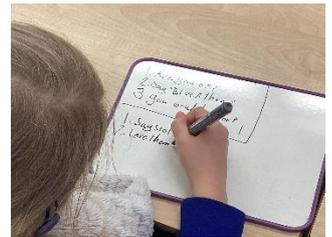
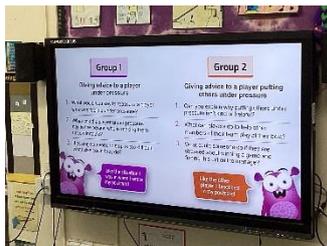
# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Spring Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Rudgwick. The children have been taking part in activities, through *Children's Mental Health Week* and through *Safer Internet Day*, which have really focused on how to keep themselves safe and well. Further down in this newsletter you will see some of what they have been doing as part of Mental Health Week. During SID they explored the idea of respect and relationships online and I have seen and heard a great understanding from the children and the sort of advice they would give to help themselves and others to feel safe whilst making use of all the wonderful opportunities the internet gives us. From Reception and Year 1 children advising to "tell a grown up" if they are worried to Year 4 recommending what to do if someone upsets you whilst gaming we have children in our school that know how to stay safe online.



As well as all of this our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes were visited this week by the School's Library Service Librarians to talk about the *West Sussex Picture Books to Shout About* awards. Our visitors fed back that the children were very enthusiastic about this year's nominated books, as well as books and reading in general. They were very impressed with the children's knowledge of the stories. As ever, we know our children love reading!



## Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Brynn and Joanna, who both had their birthdays this week. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home.

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Resilience** and **Collaboration**.

Well done Falcons for being the house point winners this week – well done everyone!

Our reading raffle winners are:

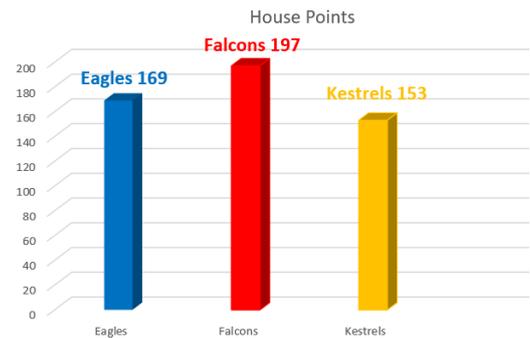
**R/KS1:** Ben B (R)

**KS2:** Max T (5)

Well done to our times table awards:

**Silver:** Dexter G

**Platinum:** Harry L



## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Michael and Jacob	For always having a positive attitude to their learning and trying their best.
Asia (Year 1)	Martha	For always being such a polite, kind and caring member of the class, and always following the rules.
	Alice K	For working so hard on her phonics and numbers.
Europe (Year 2)	Alex	For always following the school rules and making sure he works hard.
	Bonnie	For showing such belief in herself and a dedication to achieve as a learner.
Australasia (Year 3)	George M	For making sensible choices and managing his distractions to do the right thing.
	Immy	For responding to adult feedback on how to improve her work with a positive attitude.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Evie D	For working collaboratively and being a real team player
	Billy P	For being a superb talk partner and supporting his peers
North America (Year 5)	George A	For your enthusiasm, effort and accuracy when completing decimal place times tables during your break times.
	Max B	For your excellent attitude to learning and determination to meet the learning challenges in Year 5.
South America (Year 6)	Leah	For demonstrating resilience in English when writing her narrative.
	Tyler	For always believing in himself and being a resilient learner.

## We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	We have had a very busy week in Africa class this week! We have learned another two split digraphs in phonics oe and ue and have started a new book to continue our 'Far, Far Away' topic. This week, we have been looking at the fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'! We began a science experiment looking at growing a bean in a bag; we are keeping diaries to document and sequence their growth. We had a lovely visit from Billingshurst library that we all really enjoyed. We learned how to use the library, received our library cards and voted for our favourite story from the 'Picture Books to Shout About' competition. We also had a visit from the School Health Assistant. We talked about how to keep safe online during safer internet day. In maths, we have been thinking about halving numbers and writing subtraction number sentences.
Asia (Year 1)	Another busy week in Asia class, this week! We started the week off with using adjectives to describe 'Traction Man'. In Science, we labelled the different parts of real plants and we discussed what we thought they were called and why. On Tuesday, we had Safer Internet Day where we created masks and pretended to be the characters from the story, giving out advice. It was Children's Mental Health week and we produced lots of beautiful work on the goals we would like to reach and achieve. In maths, we have recapped on our learning of subtraction using a number line and tens frame, as well as number fact families and using part-part-whole to represent these. On Thursday, we had a visit from the library and received our library cards and voted for our favourite story. In Geography, we found the United Kingdom on a map of the world and labelled it. Lastly, to finish off our week, we looked at different types of fruit and spoke about healthy eating. We then got to safely prepare the fruit and eat some!
Europe (Year 2)	It was a real pleasure to return to the classroom this week and see all the smiling faces of the children we had missed. We have continued to explore our learning journey and, in English, used our core text to write questions and learn to read and write a rhyme based on characters we have met in the story. In maths, we have moved on to statistics, which the children have really enjoyed and we have learnt about tallying and pictograms. In science, we learnt about the recycling process and how it linked in with our learning of everyday materials. In RE, we compared the rituals between Christians and Muslims and in music, Mrs. Eames was unfortunately absent but we ploughed on and had a great time putting all our skills into practice.
Australasia (Year 3)	This week we have been a bit thin on the ground in Australasia class, but we are powering on through to half term! In Literacy, we have been drafting dragon adventure stories, using the dragon and hero characters that we have designed. In maths, we have revisited our money skills to add pounds and pence. We took part in Safer Internet Day by discussing how we can stay safe online and what we should do if we are worried about anything. We have made clay dragons to demonstrate our DT skills, as we joined tails, wings and various limbs! In Art, we have been finishing our detailed sketches of dragon eyes -

	<p>they are amazing! It has also been Children's Mental Health Week and, on Friday, we had fun expressing our own personalities by wearing our own clothes.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>We celebrated Safer Internet Day by looking at various scenarios and how we should react to them as we play online games. It provoked lots of discussion and we are really confident at explaining how to be respectful and safe online. It was also Children's Mental Health Week and we thought of emotional goals we would like to achieve and the steps we need to take to achieve them. In Maths, we have started learning about decimal fractions and the difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions. In English, we are drafting letters to send to Miss Fee Lines, recommending that Mesopotamian Blues be awarded "Cat of the Year." We are using lots of persuasive and formal language to convince the judging panel. Friday was great fun as we got to dress up and express our individual personalities!</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>It has been a thought-provoking week in Year 5, as we have celebrated both Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. The children impressed us with their ability to carefully consider advice they can offer about how to ensure people have safe, enjoyable experiences online with friends by being kind and respectful. The class also displayed their capacity for self-reflection by identifying goals for emotional growth that they would like to reach. Hearing the children show such a good understanding of themselves was a lovely thing to be part of. It's also been a busy week in our other subjects, as we have been focusing on planning and publishing in English, solving decimal place multiplicative problems in maths, using different instruments (including glockenspiels) to play music from 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman, and learning travelling skills in gymnastics with Mrs Thompson.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>The children have been working really hard this week to complete their narratives in English. They have excelled themselves and the writing is high quality throughout the class. In maths we have continued our learning on algebra. The children are really getting to grips with finding missing values in equations with 1 and 2 unknowns. We have been working hard on our web pages in computing and they are starting to look really professional. They are all on their Google Classrooms if you would like to take a look. In geography the children have been comparing changes in urban landscapes and in history we have started to look at the Vikings and their impact on Britain. This week has felt very jam packed! We also had lots of discussion on Safer Internet Day about how to stay safe when playing games online and we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week by creating support balloons and expressing our own individual personalities on Friday, which was great fun!</p>

## Children's Mental Health Week

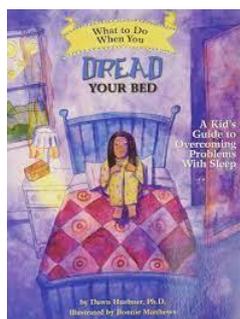


It's Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Growing Together'.

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt. Trying new things can also help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.

In school this week we've been thinking about support balloons and who the children can turn to when they need support, both at school and at home. We have been learning how to be a **STAR** of our emotions – **S**top and take a step back. **T**ake a breath. **A**nd continue to breath and notice our emotions. **R**elax and share how you are feeling. The STAR poster is attached to this newsletter. We have been identifying areas of mental health we would like to improve and looking at the ladder of steps to help us get to our goals.

For any child in need of support, whether that be a little help to get back on track or for those in crisis, the Your Mind Matters website [www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters) has helpful advice, resources and local organisations to help you support your child.



We have had a great recommendation of a book from a parent.

“Wouldn't it be great if you could climb into bed, snuggle under your covers, and fall asleep without any fuss or fear? Without listening for noises or thinking about bad guys? Without an extra drink, or an extra hug, or an extra trip to the bathroom? Bedtime is tough for many kids. If you're a kid who dreads your bed, and are convinced that nothing short of magic will make night-time easier, this book is for you.”

Please do email in if you have any books at home that are working well with your children and we can share them in the newsletter.



## Lost Property

One of our parents has lost a charm from her necklace. If you find it, please do hand it into the office as it is obviously of high sentimental value.

We still have a door key, on a lanyard, that was found on one of the nearby streets. Ask at the office if you think it may be yours.



## **PTA News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Rudgwick Cake Raffle**

A mighty £80.50 was taken today. Thank you all everyone who bought a ticket. Sophie in Year R was a very happy winner this week. Enjoy your cake, Sophie. And a big thank you to Mrs Smith for baking. We have a gap next week, so if you would like to exercise your baking flair and provide some goodies for next week's raffle, please let Mrs Wilford know.

### **Pizza & Cookie Night - Friday 11th March**

We have teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan Margherita pizza (regular or vegan) and warm gooey cookies in your home oven. Each kit contains the ingredients to make one 12" Margherita pizza and each cookie kit makes 5 cookies (3 flavours available). Available to order from later today, your orders will need to be placed via IRIS Parent Mail by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March and collected at school pickup on Friday 11th March. (Please see the attached flyer for product ingredients & allergen information before ordering).

### **Weekly Cake Raffle**

We are looking for some willing helpers to assist at the cake stall selling raffle tickets on a Friday morning for 20 minutes between 8.30am-8.50am. If you're interested please put your name down at the school office and note you'll need to wear a mask.

### **Win A Forest Holiday This Term**

Who needs a holiday? This half-term you can win a Forest Holiday worth £500 in one of 11 locations throughout the UK. 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 Sat 26 February 2022. Each ticket gives you a chance to win. So more tickets mean more chances to win! To buy tickets please follow this link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

Congratulations to our latest lottery winner.

05/02/2022

Mr McDermott

£15.90

### **Recycling Printer Cartridges**

As you may know, we are recycling printer cartridges with [www.recycle4charity.co.uk](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk) You'll find a box set up in the school reception for you to drop your old cartridges to us. They return almost £2 per cartridge to the PTA and this in turn supports the children with their environmental initiatives at school so please don't throw yours away.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diane, Victoria, Anna

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**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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