



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 18th March 2022

Spring Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed our continued journey towards less restrictive Covid measures. We have been able to remove 'bubbles' whilst outside. This has meant that we have returned to playtimes for Rec and KS1 all together and KS2 all together. I think the children have really enjoyed having just a little bit of freedom back. In fact, yesterday morning I heard one sibling say to another, on their way into school, "see you to play at lunch and play time". It is lovely to begin to allow things that we took for granted previously. From Monday 'bubbles' will be removed inside the school (although there is still not a great deal of occasion for this to be particularly noticeable). We will introduce just one whole school assembly together in the hall, on Friday for our lovely 'Star assembly'.

Some of our Governors came into school to meet with and talk to our Young Governors. Our Young Governors had the important job of talking about how they felt about the learning they do in school, the opportunities they have and the behaviour in their lessons. They were incredibly positive and spoke with great confidence and pride. The Governors would like to pass on their thanks to all the children that gave their time and thoughts.



There has been some lovely singing coming from Year 5 today as they prepare for their performance at Chichester Cathedral next week. Emily Bardon, from West Sussex Music, came in to help them rehearse the songs they will be singing – they sound amazing!



Today's cake raffle has been used to raise money for Comic Relief. Once again, the families of Rudgwick Primary School have shown themselves to be generous and thoughtful, raising an impressive £320 for charity. Thank you all so much!



Finally, I had the pleasure of taking some of our Year 5 and 6 children to a football tournament at The Weald this week. I say 'pleasure', though actually we had to suffer quite a significant downpour, on Wednesday afternoon. However, that did not dampen the spirits of our amazing team. Their attitude and approach was brilliant, both during games we were winning and games we were losing. The children supported each other, showed excellent sportsmanship towards the other teams and referees and played in any position asked of them. We won two games and lost four and finished fifth in a league of seven teams. Well done to everyone involved – you wore the Rudgwick shirt with pride!



Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Zavier, Sebastian R, Imogen S, Kai, Sophie A, Freddie L, Austin S, Sienna and Mrs Thwaites, 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. Sophie A had a delicious feast on her birthday, last week.



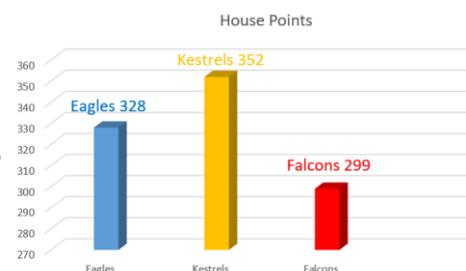
This term's core value is **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

Well done Kestrels for being the house point winners this week – well done everyone, another amazing week!

Our reading raffle winners are:

R/KS1: Eleanor G

KS2: Katie M



Well done to our times table awards:

Bronze: Bethany F, Ivy G

Platinum: Jasmine C

And additive number bond badges to:

10: Ben B, Molly D, Harper J

20: Amber P, Benny G



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Archie	For impressing with Mrs Worth with your resilience, perseverance and effort when writing your name.
	Margot	For the effort, detail, time and care you used when completing your daffodil picture.
Asia (Year 1)	Issie	For independently completing her story writing and for showing a positive 'can do' attitude. Well done!
	Alice B	For always working her hardest and having a positive attitude towards her learning.
Europe (Year 2)	Abbie	For all the effort and care she puts into her learning. Showing a positive, 'can do' attitude and really impressing me.
	Dylan	For believing in his own mind and really taking off with his own ideas, across his learning.
Australasia (Year 3)	Alfie	For making a huge effort to minimise his distractions and complete his work.
	Harley	For throwing herself into our Romans topic with great enthusiasm.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Cora S	For writing a brilliant newspaper article and presenting it beautifully

	Evie D	For impressive volleyball skills and writing a brilliant newspaper article
North America (Year 5)	Tristan H	For your resilience and determination in maths, making mistakes and learning from them.
	Holly Ti	For your excellent focus and leadership in country dancing.
South America (Year 6)	Holly	For being a positive and resilient learner in all lessons.
	Alice	For believing in yourself and always having a positive attitude to learning.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	In maths this week, we have started learning number bonds to 5 and the children are all doing really well! We will be ready for our number bond badges in no time! 'Or Wonderful World' topic has lead us to learning about parts of a flower. We have explored them by drawing and pressing them. We also embraced the Spring season by watching a live video from Plumpton Farm about lambs. We had a wonderful time in French. We continued our 'Family' topic and revisited names for family members before creating our very own family trees. In Woodland Learning, we had fun exploring the woods and making stews and potions in our very own mud kitchen! Yum! In PE, we have continued to consolidate our last two sessions of combining movement to music and had a great time moving to the music.
Asia (Year 1)	What a super week we have had! We have enjoyed learning more about our core text of 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and have retold the story in their own words, we have produced some beautiful writing! In maths, we have continued our counting in twos and started counting in fives. In Geography, we learnt about and labelled the seven continents. In French, we continued learning about our families and wrote our own family trees. We had great fun again in Woodland Learning. This week in music, we played the ukulele and learnt to sing in a round and have been learning to follow and read music. In computing, we have been practising our typing skills on the computer using a game called 'Big Brown Bear'. In RSHE, we learnt about 'The Worrysaurus' and how we can overcome our worries. Finally, in Science, we continued our learning about seeds and made our seed diaries. In PE, we practised our dinosaur dancing.

Europe (Year 2)	This week has seen more exploration into our core text – The Curious Garden and we have used it to learn to write an acrostic poem, a list that includes bullet points and commas and writing from personal experience to describe our own gardens. In maths, we have moved on to explore 3D shapes and learning the vocabulary edges, faces and vertices. In science, we are super excited to see our seeds have started to grow! We love coming in everyday to see if they have changed. We learnt about the life cycle of a seed and recorded our understanding of this. Music is one of Year 2's talents and Mrs. Eames is always so impressed by our skills. This week, we drummed and sang in a round! In RE, we talked about Lent and thought about something we could give up and in PE we practised our basketball skills and gymnastics.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have been looking at measuring and length in maths – using a ruler to measure accurately and understanding equivalent units. In Literacy, we have been learning about play scripts – how to read and perform them, and how to create them. We have had a go at drafting our own scenes to match our class text - 'A Roman Diary'. In PE, we are learning some traditional country dancing skills and, in Science, we have been experimenting with different surfaces to understand the role of friction. We have been telling some cracking jokes as part of our Red Nose Day activities – ask us to tell one to you!
Antarctica (Year 4)	We have finished publishing our newspaper articles on the events of The Battle of Bosworth and they are brilliant, with lots of journalistic language. In Maths, we have been finding the fractions of quantities. We investigated the reasons why King Henry VIII broke with Rome, causing the English Reformation. In R.E., we looked at parables to see how Jesus taught Christians. In Music, we used glockenspiels to accompany a piece of music and in Art, we drew portraits of the main Tudor monarchs. In Science, we identified the main types and functions of teeth. On Friday, we told jokes in assembly for Red Nose Day which was extremely funny!
North America (Year 5)	With less than a week to go until we join other schools for the 'Voices Together' concert at Chichester Cathedral, the children are putting in an amazing effort to learn the five songs we will be singing. They are sounding brilliant and we can't wait for you to see and hear the children perform! In maths, we have been investigating the link between multiplying by 0.1 and 0.01 and dividing by 10 and 100, as well as thinking about multiplying by negative numbers by using a number line. We are continuing to read 'The House on Maple Street' by Stephen King, thinking about the characters and what we think of their actions, and identifying the difference between fact and opinion. In other news, we created our own maps in the woods with Mrs Davies, learnt the Cumberland Square Dance with her in PE and very much enjoyed the great Red Nose Day joke off!

South America (Year 6)	We have moved on in English to studying 'The Land of Neverbelieve'. So far the children have been making predictions about what the different areas of the island may be like and we have been reading about a few of them. In maths, the children have been learning about negative numbers and ordering fractions. We have finished preparing for our art by drawing our images ready for printing, and practising how to print, ready to create our final pieces next week. In music, we have been learning how to sing our song for this term called 'disco fever'. It was great fun to learn a song that is different to what we would normally sing. We learnt about the temperate deciduous forests of the world, in geography and produced some beautiful fact files and in science, we continued looking at inheritance by researching different breeds of dog and looking at their inherited features. The week was rounded off with Red Nose Day; our class joke went down a storm during assembly!
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Community Hub

Families not eligible for Free School Meals, but who are finding the rising cost of living an increasing challenge, are able to access support for food, fuel, clothing, and essentials via the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 – 20:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 – 17:00 weekends and bank holidays. Further information can be found via West Sussex County Council website.

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rudgwick Cake Raffle

An amazing £320 was raised by our very generous families today - this money will go to Comic Relief. Next week, we are doing our second cake raffle for the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

A big thank you to the amazing cake made by Miss Kent and well done to this week's winner, Harper J – we hope you enjoy it.

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>

A huge thank you to our latest lottery winner, who very kindly donated their winnings to the school!

Thank you all for your continued support!

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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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