



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 28th January 2022

Spring Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

From 27 January 2022, Government guidance no longer recommends that face coverings should be worn by any pupils, students, staff or adult visitors when moving around premises, such as in corridors and communal areas. Everyone should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of education settings, including on transport to and from education settings. Therefore, you are no longer expected to wear face coverings when outside, on the school premises. You are, of course, very welcome and should feel very comfortable if you wish, to continue wearing them. I would ask that if you come into the reception area that you continue to wear them. Whilst cases remain quite high in school, adults working in and visiting the school will continue to be asked to wear face masks in communal areas. Other Covid secure measures are continuing to be followed as mentioned in last week's newsletter.

I spoke to the children in assembly this week, about our current Rudgwick value of *collaboration* and how important it is to be able to work as part of, and contribute to, a team. As I have been in and out of classes this week I have seen some wonderful examples of our children working collaboratively in order to achieve good outcomes in their learning. This has included Year 2 children composing amazing music with their Djembe drums, Year 4 children working together to design model animals with moving parts in DT and Year 5 children mirroring each other's moves in gymnastics. These are just some examples which illustrate how well your children are working across the whole school to enjoy successes in their learning by supporting each other. It has been lovely to see.

Finally, please can I remind you to let the school know if you have planned for someone other than yourselves or the 'usual people' to pick your children up at the end of the day? The teachers will always apply caution when allowing the children to go with an adult in order to ensure their safety so it helps them to be made aware of any changes to the normal routines. Thank you.

Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Bea, Sharell, Dylan, Norah, Imogen, Jasmine, Freddie E and Emily P, 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.

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. A very close week, keep up the hard work everybody!

Our reading raffle winners are:

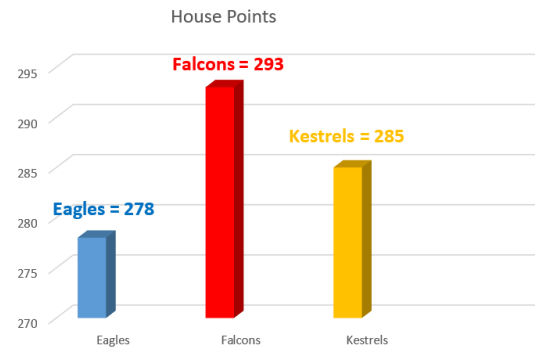
R/KS1: Albert B (YR)
KS2: Martha M (Y4)

Well done to our times table awards:

Bronze: Immy S
Silver: Zoe M
Gold: Beatrice L, Alex B

And additive number bond badges to:

20: Alex B



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Felicity and Sidney	For working really hard and impressing the grown-ups with their progress in reading.
Asia (Year 1)	Harlow	For being a super gymnast and always focused in her learning.
	Eloise	For showing great enthusiasm and for thinking of brilliant questions whilst learning about Florence Nightingale.

Europe (Year 2)	Amber	For always being so focused in her learning and following the school rules. Thank you!
	Seren	For trying so hard in her learning, always listening to instructions and smiling more!
Australasia (Year 3)	Hanna	For working collaboratively with her learning partner in Maths showing a confident understanding of division.
	George C	For showing a mature attitude in English when listening to advice about his writing.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Joanna D	For showing excellent collaborative skills in group work
	Caoimhe J	For being a supportive and kind Learning Partner when peer assessing writing
North America (Year 5)	Harvey L	For your excellent collaboration in creating a thoughtful gymnastics piece, using the skills you have learnt.
	Wills H	For your focus during woodland learning and working so well with others on your project.
South America (Year 6)	Georgia	For being more confident with her learning this week and participating in class discussions.
	William	For his great collaboration in all lessons. A really thoughtful learning partner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week, in Africa class, we have started a new traditional tale for our 'Far, Far Away' topic and have been looking at the Three Little Pigs. We have a new role play area that is very popular! We have built houses using different materials and have enjoyed performing the story for the class. In maths, we have revisited subitising and have been doing simple addition using dice. We have learnt 2 new sounds in phonics this week - /ea/ and /oi/. In French, we continued our topic on animals and enjoyed a guess the animal game. We learnt how to say tail, body and head as well as cat and fish. In PE, we had a great time using all of the wall apparatus.
Asia (Year 1)	Another busy week in Year 1! In PE, we have continued our learning about gymnastics and learnt to do teddy bear rolls. We enjoyed another French lesson with Madame Kent and learnt more about animals. In RSHE, we have been focusing on teamwork and healthy eating. We spoke about celebrations and how they are observed in RE. In maths, we have been comparing objects and numbers using greater than, less than, more than and equals. In History, we have started looking at Florence Nightingale and why she is a significant individual. We had another great music lesson playing the ukulele. We have been focusing on our core text of 'Traction Man' and have had

	lots of discussions around the book and comparing it to other texts and why we like it. In Computing, we have been learning how to use the programme Scratch by giving it commands. We have been learning more about Kandinsky and have started to create our own versions.
Europe (Year 2)	A peculiar week this week, as we were very thin on the ground. Wishing all who are off a speedy recovery. In English, we continued to explore drafting a familiar story ready to publish them next week. We concentrated on the middle and end this week, learning that the middle is where a problem arises (or a lot of problems, in Goldilocks' case) and the end is where we refer back to the beginning. In maths, we moved on to explore sharing and grouping as part of division. In science, we considered the suitability of materials. In PE, we blew Mrs. Hutchings' socks off with our efforts in dance and the controlled dance pieces we are putting together. In geography, we planned a short pathway using N, S, E, and W. In music, we continued to explore and play in time on the Djembe drums. In computing, we learnt to take a portrait and landscape photo and, in RE, we considered worship and what this means.
Australasia (Year 3)	Our dragon stories are beginning to take shape! This week, we have thought about the setting and creating the hero character. We are very creative and have lots of exciting ideas. We have nearly finished the book 'The Snow Dragon' and have had thoughtful book talk discussions, sharing our opinions. We have moved on to division in maths and have been working with remainders. In Science, we have learnt about our skeleton and how to categorise different animals. We are enjoying our Ukulele lessons and have now learnt how to play 2 songs; this week, we even tried to sing at the same time. We are very good!
Antarctica (Year 4)	We were missing a few people this week but we still soldiered on with our learning. We have been learning to do short division and also dividing using part-whole models. In English, we examined the style of writing that SF Said uses and recreated that in our own descriptions of cityscapes. We then peer assessed our work so it is the best it can possibly be. In Science, we created a news broadcast explaining how sound is created and in Art we made our cityscapes using collage techniques. In RSHE, we talked about the importance of safety and why we have rules to help keep us safe. In Computing, we learnt about adding content to the world wide web and what you need to consider before uploading content. Our swimming lessons are going really well and Vince, our coach driver, complimented us on our lovely manners.

North America (Year 5)	We have been drafting our biographies this week, and getting feedback on them from our talk partners. The focus has been on the key writer's skills that make a biography interesting and engaging. In both science and woodland learning we have been thinking more about forces, in particular air resistance, and we have designed an experiment that we will be completing shortly to see if we can find out which variables have the greatest effect on the amount of air resistance encountered. This week's gymnastics lesson with Mrs Thompson saw the children putting together mirror image routines, using the shapes they have been learning about and different pieces of apparatus. We were all very impressed with the focus the children showed, and the effort that went into their collaborations!
South America (Year 6)	It has been a very strange week this week, as we have been missing a fair few of you; wishing all who are off a speedy recovery. Although it has been peculiar to have such a small class in school, the children have continued to impress with their positive attitude and demonstration of the school values. We have been learning about area of parallelograms and triangles and volume, in maths. The children have been really challenging themselves and their problem solving skills have really improved. In English, we have written our persuasive arguments and edited them to include the counter argument and have continued to read the book and summarised the key events so far. In music, the children have been learning about how many beats in a bar and using this when playing simple rhythms on a glockenspiel. In RSHE, we have been exploring choices and thinking about who or what to consider when making certain decisions.

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rudgwick Cake Raffle

Well done Seb (Y1) who was the very chuffed winner of this week's cake. And a big thank you to Mrs Firshman for baking. If there are any willing bakers out there who would like to provide a Friday bake, please do let the office know. Also, Mrs Gaynor would welcome help selling the ticket in the playground, on a Friday morning, even if you could only commit to one week – every little helps.

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.

22/01/2022

Mrs Hargreaves

£15.30

EasyFundraising

Thank you to all of you who've been continuing to use EasyFundraising! If you're new to the concept, it's a really simple way to help raise money for Rudgwick Primary School by just shopping as you would normally online. Please use the unique link below to find our more information and sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudgwickps/>

Recycling Printer Cartridges

As you may know, we are recycling printer cartridges with 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.

PTA on Facebook

We gained some new members to the PTA Facebook Group page this month. We share fun updates on what we are working on and friendly reminders of what is coming up. Please join us as it is an easy way to stay up to date. If you are already a member of the group and are enjoying our updates please invite other Parents & Carers to join.

Click here for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/691017417718395/>

Events this year

The PTA are currently in planning mode and really hope, subject to COVID regulations, to be able to host some fun events for the children and continue with our fundraising activities too. We'd love some more volunteers so if you fancy joining us, please send us an email on rpspta@hotmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

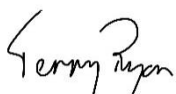
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We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

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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