



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 22nd October 2021

Autumn Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of half term, my first here at Rudgwick. I would like to say thank you to all of the staff, Governors, parents/carers and ESPECIALLY the children for making it a true pleasure to be here. With the return to school we have had changes to the previous Covid secure rules and routines, we have seen cases within the school community rise and have had to make alterations to plans such as Harvest Festival and Parent Consultations. You have all been so supportive and understanding as we work within Government guidelines as well as our own Risk Assessments based on our children and our families. The children have embraced the return to school, in their new classes with their new teachers and TAs and have shown me that they have a real understanding of the values that run through our school, curriculum and life at Rudgwick.

Our Year 5 class have had an amazing time at Sayers Croft this week as they fully engaged with the activities and behaved in a way which made the staff very proud of them. Some of the children that were not able to attend or had to leave early were truly missed but you *WILL* get your chance for such experiences in the future. My thanks go to Mr Collinson, Mrs Dunsby and Mrs Mellors for accompanying the children and taking such good care of them (and having fun as well!). You may now go home and sleep!

I do hope you all have a lovely, safe, fun half term and I look forward to seeing you all again after the holiday.

Y4 Multi Skills Event

Children from Year 4 took part in a Multi-skills event at The Weald this week. The pupils that were involved took part in a series of activities that were designed to improve their generic skills and ability, hand eye co-ordination, speed, balance and agility.

They were so focused and involved in what they were doing and we were so happy that the weather held out for us!



Happy Birthday

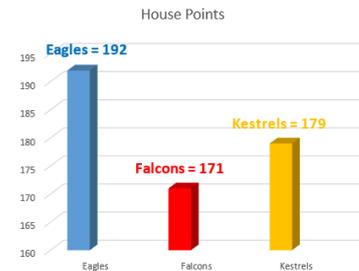


celebrated at home.

Congratulations to Jack N, Matthew B and Chloe P, who all had their birthdays this week. Also, we hope that Shay, Lucas, Ewan, Zack, Scarlett, Elodie K, Arthur H and Mrs Hutchings all have a lovely day on their birthdays, during half term. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you

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

Eagles are our house point winners this week, by a huge margin. Well done them – I'm sure Kestrels and Falcons will sprint ahead, next half term.



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	To all of Africa Class	You have all been amazing this half term and have settled in so well. Well done, everyone!
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Asia (Year 1)	Reece	For showing independence and determination whilst writing his acrostic poem.
	Martha	For being an extremely independent and motivated learner and a superb role model to everyone.
Europe (Year 2)	Amber	For her dedication to being the best learner she can be and putting so much effort into everything she does. Well done!
	Norah	For showing motivation to learn and having the confidence to explore her own ideas. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Jamie and Alfie	For demonstrating motivation and perseverance when writing their Stone Age stories, taking their time to make them the best that they could achieve.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Charlie C	For going above and beyond with his Home Learning
	Harry L	For writing such a heartfelt diary entry this week
North America (Year 5)	Mrs Mellors & Mrs Dunsby	For making Sayers Croft a brilliant experience for the children. Thank you, both.
South America (Year 6)	Ava	For being motivated in all lessons and pushing herself to achieve in all areas.
	William	For being marvellous all half term. He has worked hard, been motivated and a role model to all.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a brilliant first half term! We have had lots of fun and have done lots of wonderful learning. We have now learnt 25 sounds in phonics! Wow, what an achievement! This week we have learnt /r/, /j/, /v/, /y/ and /w/ and have really impressed our teachers with how well we are remembering and recognising them. Mrs Parkin and Mrs Worth have uploaded videos of all of the sounds we have learnt so far, onto Google Classroom, for us to watch over the half term. In maths, we have been focusing on 1:1 correspondence when counting and the term 'altogether' when looking at simple addition. We shared stories of our families during our 'All about me' topic, looking at photos from our Summer holiday diaries. We had a wonderful time in Woodland learning making a wobbly bridge out of ropes and logs and exploring the woodland area. PE was also great fun, practising fundamental movement skills. Thank you grown-ups for all of your support this half term, have a great and well deserved break, Africa class!</p>
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Asia (Year 1)	Wow what a busy 7 weeks of learning we have had! We have had a great first half term settling in and learning all about castles. This week, we have been writing acrostic poems. Firstly we thought of all the vocabulary we knew about castles and created a word bank of ideas to help us with our sentences. In geography, we have looked at different landmarks in Rudgwick and around the world. We are getting very good at our handwriting now and are learning all the rhymes to form our letters. In maths, we started to look at our one and two times tables! In PE, we were controlling and dribbling the ball with our feet and we now know we kick it with the side of our foot. In science, we did an experiment all about waterproof materials and were seeing which material was best for an umbrella! We had great fun in DT, where we made our own castles out of junk modelling. Finally, we finished the week off with PSHCE and learning about our bodies. Thank you for a brilliant half term and have a lovely restful break, well done, Asia class!
Europe (Year 2)	We did it! 7 whole weeks of learning and having fun in Year 2! We have had a great first half term and feel really settled in Year 2 now. This week, we became poets and used all our knowledge of pets to write a poem. First, we spent time reading poems for pleasure and performed these in a pair to the class, then we planned our writing before writing our own. In maths, we have challenged our brain with learning about exchanging ten ones for one ten as we added a 2-digit number and a 1-digit number together. In Science, we moved our learning on from basic needs to what it means to eat a balanced, healthy diet. In music, we continue to impress and are creating a beautiful sound as a class. PE was tough as we explored exercises that helped us identify our core strength! Mrs Hutchings found it so hard! We have had a fantastic half term! Thank you for all the effort and smiles you bring to school, Year 2!
Australasia (Year 3)	This week we had a fantastic time carving pumpkins as part of our woodland learning. There were lots of spooky and scary faces created! In Literacy, we have published our Stone Age stories and the Year 3 team are extremely proud of the effort that the children put into this work. They have created some lovely little books that are going to go into our class book corner to be enjoyed by all. In maths lessons, we have been finishing off our addition focus by adding two 3-digit numbers. As part of our topic learning, we have found out about the discovery of Scara Brae in the Orkney Isles, and used drama to present our learning in the style of a little Newsround sketch. We are all feeling a little worn out now as we approach half term, and hope that you have a happy and restful break to recharge your batteries.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We had a brilliant time at the Weald on Wednesday afternoon at the Key Stage Two Multiskills event. Everyone had a really good go at the different events. It was tiring but great fun! It was lovely to see people cheering each other on and supporting their classmates as well. In English, we learnt more about the different city states of Athens and Sparta. We took part in a debate about which city state was better for its citizens and why. We also found out about the Ancient Greek army in History. In Maths, we were using written addition with exchanging. In

	Science, we were examining how changes to the environment have affected endangered species and what we can do to mitigate this. Thank you for all your hard work this half term-have a fabulous half term break everyone!
North America (Year 5)	Year 5 are having a lovely time at Sayers Croft, this week.
South America (Year 6)	What a great first half term we have had in Year 6. The children have continued to push themselves right to the end. We had a great time making lanterns in woodland learning on Monday and learning how to 'lob' a ball in tennis. Thanks to Mrs Davies for all her hard work and making these sessions so enjoyable. In science, we were investigating refraction. The children were amazed to see an image seem to disappear before their eyes; I wonder if they could show you at home. In maths, we have rounded off our learning on multiples and factors and using our knowledge of prime numbers to find prime factors of numbers and, in English, we have been preparing and performing group poems. We have also been creating some beautiful pieces of art inspired by a South American artist named Beatriz Milhaze. You will see these on the windows after half term. Have a restful break, you all deserve it!!

Harvest Thank You

Good afternoon,

Thank you so much to the staff, parents and pupils for collecting such a lovely amount of food from your Harvest Festival. We hope the children enjoyed bringing in their items and learning about how they will go towards helping those in need.

The collection provided enough food to feed a family of four for 25 days, so will make a big difference to those in hardship. We're expecting the winter period to be extra busy given the pressure on budgets from the rise in food and fuel costs and cut in Universal Credit, so we are really grateful for your efforts..

Please pass on our gratitude to all involved and we look forward to working with you again. I've attached a certificate for you to print and display.

Kind regards

Vicky Trangmar
Foodbank Assistant



PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clothing Collection

Having a clear out over half-term? Our next clothing collection is scheduled for the week after half term, on **Thursday 4th November**. Donations can be dropped in the school car park from 8am. Bags for donations have been sent home in book bags this week,

additionally you can use black sacks/carrier bags. Please click here to see what you can donate <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/what-we-collect.php>.

Recycling Printer Cartridges

We are now 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.

Easyfundraising

As you start to think about your Christmas shopping , please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page

here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudgwickps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2

School Lottery

A huge thank you to this week's school lottery winner who very generously opted to donate their winnings to the school. Your support is hugely appreciated!

Calling All Wizards! This month if you support our lottery you will also be entered into the draw to win a Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher and a Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket. More details can be found in the attached leaflet.

To buy tickets <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing half term break!

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 and a lovely half term.

Terry Ryan

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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