



Rudgwick Primary School News

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We reach the end of yet another busy term and I think the children are definitely ready for a rest having worked so hard over the last few weeks.

To continue on the theme of the last couple of weeks with all the many visitors we have enjoyed, yesterday Year 5 and 6 were joined by *Little Life Savers*. This is an organisation which aims to teach members of the public the vital skills of providing effective hands only CPR and focuses on helping young people understand the role they can play if they have an understanding of CPR and the recovery position. The simple and memorable delivery of the teaching of such important skills and knowledge can be invaluable and the children are lucky to have this opportunity, which was funded by the Billingshurst Lions.



There are lots more exciting experiences lined up for after the Easter holidays at Rudgwick as Year 5 will be enjoying music lessons through West Sussex Music Services (they will be learning to play in a samba band), years 4 and 5 will be learning to play Tag Rugby with Sports Stars UK and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be learning to play cricket through the Chance to Shine programme as our PE curriculum is enhanced through specialist delivery. And the term will start with Year 6 learning more essential life skills through Bikeability as they take their bikes onto the road.

Now, I have a task for you all! I have been told by our lovely PTA that we have been approached by the Firebird Brewery to advise that we have been selected to receive a donation - a proportion of the bar takings during April (Thursday evenings only). So, your task is to find time during April on a Thursday evening to pop down to the brewery and enjoy some light refreshments in order to boost the volume of donations. I am sure you can rise to the challenge!

So, before the summer term is upon us my staff and I wish you all a lovely Easter and I hope you and your amazing children enjoy the break and consume just the right amount of chocolate! Happy Easter to you all and we will see you back in school for the summer term on Monday 15th April.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week:
Alfie, Albie, Billy, Evie S, Archie Mc, Seren and celebrating
over the Easter break – Nelly, Harry K-F, Aizen, Zaine,
hanna, Jack T, Kaeson and Zack W.



We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk

Awards



Number Bonds to 5 Badge

Oliver – Y4

Harry - YR

Number Bonds to 10 Badge

Oliver – Y4

Number Bonds to 20 Badge

Eva B – Y1

Freddie B – Y4

Oliver – Y4

Bonnie – Y4

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Oliver – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Martha – Y3

Ronnie – Y2

Silver Times Table Award

Aidan – Y3

Barnaby – Y3

Cai – Y3

Freddie B – Y4

Molly – Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Leo – Y3

Freya – Y3

Aiden – Y3

Platinum Times Table Award

Joshua – Y3

Amber – Y4

Book Awards

Maisie – Y2

Sienna – Y5

House Points

End of week 12: **Kestrels – 319** **Eagles – 277** **Falcons – 210**

End of Term: **Eagles – 3528** **Falcons – 3435** **Kestrels – 3371**

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CONFIDENCE**.

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Oliver Corrine	For his engagement and enthusiasm with 3-D shapes in Maths sessions. For her independence and perseverance with writing well formed sentences.
Asia (Year 1)	Dylan Eddy	For working independently to publish their 'People who help us' books, creating detailed and eye catching front covers.
Europe (Year 2)	Zack	For being more independent in his writing this week and using his sound knowledge to help him write a good comparison.

	Ronnie	For always being so enthusiastic to learn, showing a great attitude to learning and always trying his best.
Australasia (Year 3)	Bree Reece	For thinking hard about the impact she wanted to have on her reader and making careful and deliberate language choices. For taking care to ensure clarity and accuracy in his writing and making a great effort to present his writing to his highest standards.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Bonnie Jess	For showing perseverance and determination to achieve her learning outcomes in all activities this week. For consistently working hard and giving her best in all learning activities.
North America (Year 5)	Jack Immy	For showing excellent focus on writing his newspaper report and enjoying the writing process. For being thoughtful when evaluating how she made her clay tile in art and what she might change next time.
South America (Year 6)	Charlie Zavier	For putting a lot of effort into his work this week. For working hard all week and having a positive attitude.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a lovely last week we have had in Africa class. We have been busy learning how to weave paper to make Easter baskets. We have listened to stories about why we celebrate Easter and have discovered that many animals hatch from eggs at this time of year. We ended the week with a very exciting Easter egg hunt around the school. In Maths this week we have been learning about 3-D shapes and we have been identifying these shapes in objects found around the classroom. In Woodland Learning we were excited to find that bluebells have started to appear, which means there are now 7 different woodland flowers in our woods. Mrs Worth has been amazed with how well we have progressed with our reading this half-term, she says we are reading superstars! Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight wish us all a very Happy Easter.
Asia (Year 1)	What a busy end to the term we've had! We have been working our socks off putting the finishing touches to our people who help us books – creating detailed front covers, page numbers and contents pages. In Computing we have been looking at programming, using the bee bots to explore writing simple code and exploring how to edit a sequence when things don't go quite right. In PE we have been continuing to look at movement and jumping, transitioning from one movement to another. We have also been

	working really hard on our phonics and reading this week. Please make sure you fit in some reading opportunities over the Easter break – even reading the back of the Easter egg box counts! Have a lovely break and see you in the SUMMER TERM!
Europe (Year 2)	A shorter week than normal, but we have still fitted in lots of learning, as well as lots of fun! In English, we finished reading <i>The Tin Forest</i> and used it to help us write in role as the old man and write comparative sentences using the suffix <i>er/est</i> . In maths, we learnt to read and estimate temperature and in science we reviewed our plant growth of the testing we have been doing. It was really cool to observe the results! We had fun in computing using the J2data program to create pictograms and block charts and in our final PE for the term, we played some awesome team games that helped to encourage teamwork and collaboration. Happy Easter all! Enjoy!
Australasia (Year 3)	A day short, but we still packed a lot into the week. We wrote up our short stories and learnt how to write reflective story endings. We completed our collage work and learnt that the tribes living in Britain when the Romans came to invade had two choices – strike a deal with the Romans or fight. In maths, we considered the size of wholes in relation to parts. We explored creating same size parts with different wholes and different size parts with same size wholes. In gymnastics, we used the vault for the first time. 🦆 We learnt how to run up to the vault and land on it safely with either our feet or our knees. We also came across small ducks hiding out across the school. Strange indeed.
Antarctica (Year 4)	A very busy final week in Year 4 with lots of topics and projects being finished. In maths, we looked at how to collect and present data using bar charts and line graphs. We focused on asking questions about them and what information could be gathered. In English, we have completed our comic strips on Tudor Life. In Science, we looked at the effect different liquids have on our teeth with an investigation using eggs – A lot of fun! The children had their final Woodland Learning session and despite the wet weather enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making smoores by the fire. We completed our Tudor printing with our own version of a Tudor Rose to make a repeating pattern and finally made an animal with a moving part using different joining techniques in DT with great success! Have a super Easter break!
North America (Year 5)	And that's the end of the Spring term! A great final week in North America with yet more guests. Volunteers from the charity Little Lifesavers showed the children what they might do in the event of somebody collapsing or choking and practicing different techniques on mannequins. In English, we finished writing a newspaper report recounting the events of the Battle of Hastings using formal conjunctions, adding quotes and incorporating journalistic phrases. The children evaluated their clay tiles in art, thinking carefully about their successes and what they might do differently when working with clay in the future and in computing we experienced what a computer-based database looks like. We then compared this to the paper-based versions we created last week. Have a fantastic Easter break everyone!
South America (Year 6)	We have made it to the end of the Spring term. The children have been brilliant all term and worked hard right up until the end. We have been finishing <i>Darwin's Dragons</i> in English and finding out what happened with the dragon eggs found in the Galapagos. In PE, we created sequences in gymnastics and performed them to the class. In science, we thought about evolution of humans and suggested an adaptation we would like to see in

the future and we have been investigating foot flexibility by measuring each other's feet. In art, we have been finishing our carving and begun to print our final pieces of paper. Enjoy a well-earned Easter break and I will see you in two weeks!

Upcoming Events

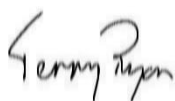
Thurs 28th March – Last day of Spring term
Mon 15th April – Start of Summer Term
WC 15th April – Y6 Bikeability
Tues 14th May – Y2 trip to The Sealife Centre
Mon 27th May – Half Term
Mon 22nd July – Inset Day
Tues 23rd July - Inset Day
Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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/>

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