



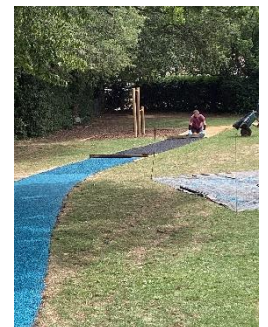
Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 14th July 2023

Summer Term Week 12

Dear Parents and Carers

There has been a lot of activity around school again this week. As I mentioned last week, we have been able to have our Active Mile track resurfaced thanks to fundraising through the PTA supporting our school budget. The children were fascinated (if a little frustrated not to have access to the field for a few days) to see the machinery and technique used to remove our current surface and replace it. We are so pleased to have it in place before the end of term and ready for the year ahead.



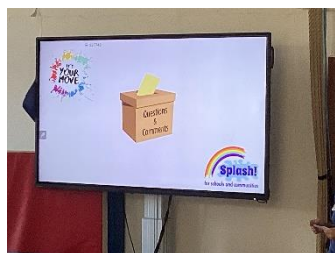
The track will continue to allow the children to be active throughout the school day. We are an active school with many sports and exercise opportunities. Through PE lessons, woodland learning, in-school and locality competitions as well as a variety of clubs, we offer a very active lifestyle for the children, which has recently been recognised with us successfully gaining the School Games Gold Mark. We are very proud of this achievement.



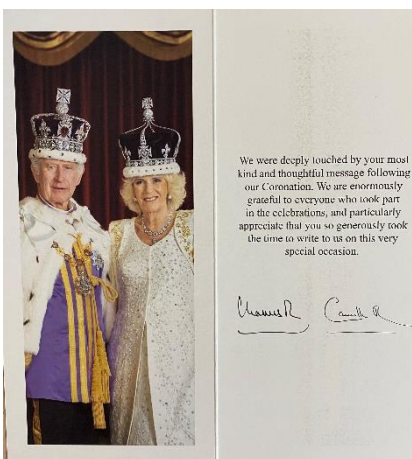
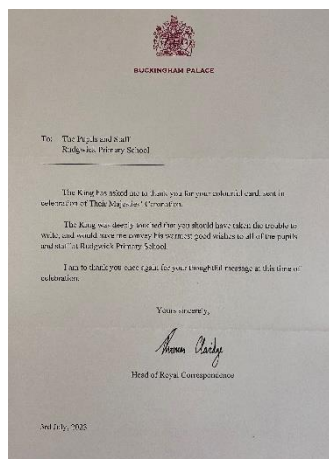
Our Year 4 children have certainly been active this week as they enjoyed their camp residential stay at school. A day of sporting and woodland activities was followed by a 'chippy' tea, games, campfire, toasting marshmallows, campfire songs and sleeping in their tents on the school field. And if they weren't worn out enough after this, they visited the Southwater Water Park the following day. Their behaviour throughout was just perfect and they really threw themselves into all of the activities. Well done to all of you in Year 4 and a big thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Gaynor, Miss Squibb and Mrs Ryan for also braving the elements and camping with the children. Without our dedicated staff such opportunities wouldn't be possible...but they do love to see your children having such a great time.



In Year 6 this week the children have been thinking, with just a week to go, about transition to secondary school. They took part in a series of activities and discussions with Jo Eames from Splash which got them thinking and hopefully feeling more confident about the changes ahead. We know they are definitely ready for it!



In Reception class this week Mrs Worth and all of the children were very excited to receive a very important letter. After the children wrote to King Charles congratulating him on his Coronation they received a letter in response! He thanked them for the lovely card they sent him – very special correspondence.



Finally this week, I would like to share the news that Mrs Wilson, who has been our Acting SENCO since January, will continue this role from September as our Assistant Headteacher responsible for Inclusion. She has already been working with and supporting families over the last few months and I know you will be as pleased as I am to welcome her into the role permanently.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week: River, Savannah, Jasper, and Billy.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

Awards



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

Number Bond 10 Badge

Louis C – YR
Reuben – Y1
William – Y1
Zack – Y1
Talon – Y1
Kimmy – Y1
Ronnie – Y1
Eli – Y1

Number Bond 100 Badge

Louie C – Y4

Book Awards

Zack – Y1
Brynn – Y6

House Points

For the week: **Kestrels – 301 Eagles – 264 Falcons – 243**

For the Term: **Kestrels – 2549 Eagles – 2541 Falcons - 2441**

For the Year: **Eagles – 9389 Kestrels 9213 Falcons - 9112**

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Harvey Bea	For always being ready to learn and giving 100% effort. For her keen interest in nature during Woodland Learning sessions.
Asia (Year 1)	Michael Margot	For his effort, participation and growth mind set in computing. For her well written and creative letter in English and always presenting your work beautifully.
Europe (Year 2)	Leo Martha	For always being such an amazing learner and blowing my mind daily when he shares his knowledge. For being the most dedicated, hard-working and amazing learner ALWAYS!
Australasia (Year 3)	Theo Dylan	For always being keen to share his awesome knowledge and for his contagious love of learning. For always trying his hardest and giving his all, regardless of subject.
Antarctica (Year 4)		The whole of Antarctica class for being utterly amazing and so much fun on the Year 4 camp!
North America (Year 5)	Zachary James K	For showing great focus on his presentation in maths this week to ensure accuracy. For working hard in all lessons and pushing to achieve his best.
South America (Year 6)	Eli Freya	For being an active member of our class and always demonstrating positivity. For always putting in effort with everything she does and being a positive person all year.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have continued to look at plants and how they change over time. We have noticed that our bean stalk has finally sprouted its first bean pod and that our sunflower stalk now has a head. We have been looking closely at the head of sunflowers and oxeye daisies and have painted representations of them. In Maths we have been revisiting the number bonds to 10, using part-whole models, tens frames and natural resources to support our understanding. We have enjoyed another week of the Charanga music program, where we have got to sing many of the songs we have learnt this year (our favourite is called Big Bear Funk).
Asia (Year 1)	We have been busy bees this week and have worked so hard! In English we wrote letters to the main character of our focus text 'The Hootopize' asking him to return the toys he had taken. We also continued our learning on suffixes and added 'er' to words to change the meaning. In maths we have had a focus on volume and capacity as well as mass. We enjoyed a

	game of bench ball in PE, practising our ball skills, throwing and passing to our team mates. In our final computing lesson we created our own sprites, backgrounds and rocket races using our programming skills.
Europe (Year 2)	What a week! We've fitted so much in this week! In English, we started exploring a new text 'Changes' By Anthony Browne. First, we used our imaginations to write a prediction as to what we thought would happen at the end of the book. Then we wrote inference questions, using the knowledge we have gained from the book and worked with a partner to answer them – this was tricky! In maths, we learnt to read temperature and how we can measure and compare volume. In PE, we played team games where the focus was on listening to each other and working together. In history, we compared toys from the past and now and in art, we used close observations to create sketches of the illustrations from our shared text.
Australasia (Year 3)	This week we have been exploring the poetry book The Lost Words, which is based on the nature related words recently removed from the English Dictionary. We read three poems and compared the different writing styles and the affect word choice has on the reader. We also identified onomatopoeic words and practised reading these out loud. We then decided to write our own poems based on things we find in nature in the acrostic style of The Lost Words so created word banks in preparation for next week. In Woodland learning we had a lovely last session perfecting our dens, creating clay figures, making godseyes and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. We have thoroughly enjoyed our sessions with Mrs Weller and Keith, thank you for such a fabulous experience. In maths we have been exploring the calendar and working out the answers to time related problems. In PE we wowed Miss Lee, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Smith with our tennis skills where we returned passes over the net. We are hoping to set up a mini tournament next week – watch out Wimbledon.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Well the penultimate week of term in Year 4 will have undoubtedly resulted in some very tired children after the week kicked off with our camp. As Mr Ryan highlighted, the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout the range of activities over the course of the two days and we were immensely proud of them all. When we returned to the classroom on Wednesday, everyone confidently put pen to paper to write their account of their school camp experience. It gave us quite an insight into what the pupils particularly enjoyed but also what they were perhaps initially reluctant about, then managed to overcome and enjoy! As we continued our Programming Unit in Computing, we looked at a model project within Scratch which used repetition. We then designed our own games based on this, producing designs and algorithms for sprites in the game. Well done on a particularly eventful week Antarctica Class!
North America (Year 5)	The penultimate week in North America has felt as busy as the rest of them and the children have been amazing. In maths, we have recapped on plotting coordinates as well as how to describe translations and reflections of shape. In English, we recapped what relative clauses are and how to include those in our writing. The children wrote a setting description of a key character's warren that had been uninhabited for decades. In PE, we put our tag rugby skills into practice during gameplay scenarios. The children thoroughly enjoyed it before evaluating what they found difficult and what they might improve on in our finals sessions next week. We explored the link between the structure of the Earth and the location of

	volcanoes and earthquakes in geography, identifying the relationships with tectonic plates.
South America (Year 6)	This week we have been continuing with our art projects. We redesigned our masks to begin with and then thought about how we would create the effects we wanted and attach components successfully. We have also been finishing our carving ready for printing next week. In maths we have been learning about money and how to manage a budget and finances. In science we had our final lesson on the human body and learnt about how certain lifestyle choices can have an effect on our bodies. We have also been learning about programming in computing and been coding micro:bits, which has been really fun! On Wednesday, we had a great transition workshop with Jo Eames (from Splash) who guided us through the changes that are to come and made us feel more at ease with moving on.

The Family Grapevine

Please find below a link to the digital Crawley & Horsham Family Grapevine summer 2023 magazine with information for parents of places to go over the summer holiday, local events taking place, local holiday schemes and competitions to win family days out.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/crawley-horsham/magazines/summer-2023/>

Upcoming Events

18th July – Book Awards – Y3 at 9:10am, Y4 at 11:00am and Y2 at 2:10pm

19th July – Book Awards - YR at 9:10am, Y1 at 11:00am, Y2 at 2:10pm

21st July – Book Awards - Y6 at 9:10am followed by their leavers' assembly.

21st July – 3pm Leavers Arch in the playground

21st July – End of Summer Term

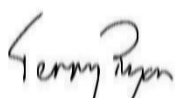
4th Sept – First day of Autumn Term

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/>

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.



West Sussex Early Childhood Quality Award

