



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 4th November 2022

Autumn Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term and the run up to Christmas!! I hope you all had a lovely half term break and I can see that the children have returned ready for all of their new learning challenges. It was great to see so many of you attend Parent Consultations with your children's class teachers this week. I know both the children and the staff value your attendance and having the opportunity to share the successes of their transition into a new year group and discuss ways to support their learning experiences in school and at home.

In our assembly at the beginning of the week we looked at our values for this half term, which continues to be our main value of 'Inspire' as well as our half termly values of 'Responsibility' and 'Ambition'. Your children have a strong sense of the responsibilities they have both in school and at home, giving many good examples (including keeping their bedrooms tidy – you can hold them to that!). They know it is their responsibility to follow school rules, take care of each other and their resources and to work hard in their lessons – all very encouraging to hear. They also shared some interesting and thoughtful ambitions for what they would like to achieve in the coming weeks in school.

Yesterday I met with the dedicated PTA Committee for their AGM. I would like to extend my thanks to all those that contribute so valuably to the PTA and therefore to the school. The money raised over the last year, during a time where we were still experiencing Covid restrictions was astounding and has made such a difference to the curriculum we offer and the resources we have. They have been a great team of parents and carers and I recommend getting involved with them as a group. Unfortunately, the core group of parents



is small in number and in order to continue to make a difference to the school

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU! To have more people available to help and support with events (even if you could commit to just one event during the school year) would make a positive difference and would mean we can continue to enjoy Christmas events, cake sales, summer scrambles, summer fairs, pizza sales and so much more. Do please consider how you can get involved. Thank you, finally, to Diane Fievez who will be stepping down as Chair of the PTA, your contribution as Chair in my first year has been truly appreciated.

Through our community relationship with the Billingshurst Lions we are very lucky to receive Christmas Hampers from them in the run up to the festive season. They are intended to be given to families to help with some Christmas essentials at a time when expenses are on the rise and everyone is experiencing increased demands on their living budgets. If you think your family would benefit from this do please get in touch with us, confidentially, and we will be able to ensure you receive this well intended gift.

Please feel free to call the school office to speak to either Miss Verran, Mrs Dunsby or myself or speak to me on the playground before or after school. Alternatively, email the school office to let us know. It would help, in terms of preparing the hampers, to know by Friday 18th November. We can then arrange a suitable time that works for you for collection.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Arthur H, Jacob L and Alex B who all have their birthdays this week.

Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home.

Zack and Ewan had a great time celebrating with their friends. They had an outdoor party, making pizza over an open fire and building dens!



Alex celebrated at Sayers Croft with a challenge course and caving followed by smores, hot chocolate and a campfire with friends!



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

House points

Falcons 238

Eagles 218

Kestrels 210

Awards

10's – Rosie Y5

Africa (Year R)	Evie	For being a positive role model in class.
	Teddy T	For working so hard to write his name independently.
Asia (Year 1)	Jonie and Sidney	For demonstrating a growth-mindset and positive attitude during maths.
Europe (Year 2)	Alice B	For always showing such dedication to her learning, especially writing.
	Jasmine	For always following the rules and expectations of our school and being a great role model.
Australasia (Year 3)	Joshua T	For having such a positive attitude to their learning.
	Etta S	
Antarctica (Year 4)	Bethany F	For challenging herself to write an amazing Greek myth
	Ivy G	For having an amazing attitude to her learning and being really focused and determined to achieve
North America (Year 5)	Whole class	For representing Rudgwick Primary School fantastically at Sayers Croft and displaying our values in all the activities we did across our time there.
South America (Year 6)	Eli	For having ambition in all lessons and pushing himself.
	Arthur	For always taking responsibility for his learning and looking for ways to improve.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	The beginning of this second half Autumn term has really got off to a bang! We have been carving pumpkins, making conker ghosts, painting poppies and creating glitter fireworks pictures. There has been so much to learn about in our 'Let's Celebrate' topic already! In Maths this week we have been thinking about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and how they are made and formed. We have all taken part in our first science experiment, by discovering what materials are waterproof and can help keep Incy Wincy Spider dry in his waterspout. We recorded our own results on a whiteboard and I am sure if you ask us at home we can tell you what materials were the best. Well done Africa class on starting this half term with such positive attitudes.
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<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>It's the second half of Autumn term and Asia class have returned full of energy and ready to go! We kicked started the week off with a new topic called 'Fire! Fire! And have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. We are reading a story about the Great fire told from the perspective a flea called Vlad who lives on a rat called Boxton! All very exciting stuff. In English we have been writing character descriptions using adjectives and in History we have been comparing past and present day. We had a really fun time in Music using the Djembe drums and in maths we have been writing addition number sentences and showing our knowledge using the part-part-whole model. In PE we have had our first Gymnastics session which we all really enjoyed. We played games to help us practise moving our bodies at different speeds as well as point our toes and travel using different parts of our bodies. Thank you for a lovely first week back Asia class!</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>A lovely week to kick off our second Autumn term. We celebrated Halloween in Year 2 with spooky spellings, haunted word searches, 2D Halloween shape art and pumpkin bingo! It was so much fun! We then introduced our new learning journey 'Why don't polar bears freeze' in which we will be learning about polar lands and the animals that live there, as well as explorers. We talked about all the things we already know and wrote questions to show what we want to find out. In maths, we added to the next 10 and then learnt to cross 10 when adding. In PE, we have moved onto invasion games and concepts and learnt about how finding space is so important when playing team games. In science, we learnt about what makes things alive, dead or never been alive and as always in music, we had great fun on the Djembe drums and even sung in a round!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>This week we have begun writing our own Stone Age adventure stories, in the style of Sophie Kirtley. We have created maps of our Stone Age world to include in our books, thinking carefully about what we might find in a Stone Age world. In Maths we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 in order to bridge tens numbers to 100. In PE we have been exploring the 5 movements of dance to create our own movement pieces in the style of a Neolithic hunter.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been looking at the various ways to subtract numbers and making decisions about the most efficient way to complete equations. We have finally finished and published our Greek myths and they are super! We have started to read the poem "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright, ready to write our own versions next week. In R.E., we examined where Islam was founded and who founded the Muslim faith. In Art, we looked at the work of Roy Lichtenstein and we have started to create self-portraits based on his pop art style. We also learnt about cyberbullying and what to do if someone makes unkind comments to you online. A super week, Antarctica class!</p>

<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>Our incredible trip to Sayers Croft now feels like a distant memory as we start this half term! Back in the classroom, we have recapped the work we started on column addition and subtraction in maths, and moved on to consider negative numbers and counting through zero. The children have really enjoyed finishing their final compositions in art, combining foreground, background and creating their own planet for the middle ground. We have conducted some research on Katherine Johnson, ready to write a biography on her incredible life and achievements next week. We have a focus on hockey for PE this term, and finding shelter from the weather in the hall, the children have already impressed me with their close control of the ball in their first lesson. North America are competing in the 8billionideas competition this year and spent some time in their groups coming up with a 'World Changing Idea'.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>In maths, we have been looking at multiplication and using known facts to solve calculations and learning the formal written methods of short and long multiplication. In English we have continued reading our book and been studying poems all about evacuation. We then used these as inspiration to write our own. In science, we investigated refraction and saw some amazing things happen when looking through water. We have also rounded off our learning of WW1 in history, and are ready to move onto WW2 this half term. We know the outcome of the war and the consequences for Germany. The children have started their new computing topic and been learning about refining their searches on the internet. This was then put straight into practise in RE when learning about what Jewish people believe and their relationship with God.</p>

Upcoming events:

- 18th Nov - The Great Spotacular, BBC Children in Need.
- 1st Dec – Individual school photo's
- 5th Dec – Closing date for ordering Year 6 leavers hoodie.
- 6th Dec – Flu Vaccination Day in School.
- 10th Dec – The Lions, Christmas Carolling in Rudgwick from 5pm.
- 16th Dec – Last day of term.

PTA News

Dear Parents & Carers,

As many of you will know, in the first two terms of school historically we've been able to host lots of wonderful events, namely a Halloween disco, cinema nights, half term trails, pizza nights and many more. Sadly, this year as we have not had any volunteer support, we haven't been able to plan these events for the children.

It is also with great regret that I confirm that we won't be having a Christmas Fair 2022. None of these events are possible without lots of parents and carers dedicating their time to plan, organise and run.

Looking to the new year, we have a list of events we'd love to organise and again ask for your support in planning these. If you could spare time to work the with PTA and school, please email on rpspta@hotmail.com for more information.

Many thanks,

Victoria & Anna

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Wellies and Coats



Please could you make sure that your child has wellies in school, and also brings a coat in each day. This allows them to enjoy their outdoor break times in most weather conditions.

Job Vacancy

Rudgwick Primary School is seeking a new Premises Officer; the role is for 20 hours per week. If you or someone you know, would be interested, please see this link for more details or contact the school office. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

Rudgwick Primary Cake Raffle

Thank you, to all of you that purchased tickets for our cake raffle this week.

A big thank you to Mrs Dowd, who made our raffle cake.

The raffle winner this week was Imogen C.

Congratulations!



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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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