



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it's been a short week at school this week but there have been some exciting sporting events to tell you about. Yesterday, a team of Year 4 children represented the school at a locality Tri-Golf tournament. All of the children who started the event as novice golfers (some had never held a club before!) performed superbly throughout the whole event. They faced a number of different challenges to develop their putting and chipping skills to earn as many points as they could over 8 holes. The team earned over 1000 points! Every member of the team achieved well and grew in confidence. Their efforts were rewarded by finishing in 1st place with a winning margin of over 300 points and receiving a gold medal at the end. Mr Christmas was very proud of all of the children who represented Rudgwick brilliantly in their team play, ability to develop their skills, their tactical awareness and above all else their attitude, support and encouragement of one another. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the sunshine! Well done to Norah, Sophie, Alex, Bonnie, Lily, Jack, Joshua, Jasper, Madison and Dylan for representing the school so brilliantly.



In school, our Year 6 Sports Leaders have been running a sports competition at lunchtimes over the last few weeks for all the children in KS2. This week saw the final being played in the 'Four Square' tournament (the children can explain the rules of this game). Some of the children from each class made it through a first round, a semi-final and into today's final. Our overall winner was Albie in Year 6. Well done to you Albie and to everyone that took part. Our Sports Leaders hope you enjoyed taking part in a new game and that you continue to enjoy and play it at playtimes. Well done and thank you also to our Sports Leaders for running the event and offering focused, sporting, fun activities at lunchtimes.



Book Swap

On Friday 24th May we will be holding our first Book Swap event. From Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd May, children who wish to participate are invited to bring one book to school from home that they no longer read, or have outgrown. In exchange for this book, they will receive a Book Swap token. On Friday 24th, after school on the playground, all of the collected books will be out on display and children can swap their token for a 'new' book. Please make sure that donated books are of good quality and that you are happy for this book to have a new owner. Thank you for your support and happy reading!

School Uniform expectations:

Please can I remind everyone that the children should be wearing shoes in school and *not* trainers. If shoes have worn out or are too small and you are waiting for the next chance to purchase a new pair please let the class teacher know.

Also, if the children have Woodland Learning they must bring their Woodland Learning clothes into school with them but still wear their school uniform to school (apart from Reception Class) – they will change for Woodland Learning. It is important that they have long sleeves and trousers to wear in the woodland area for protection of arms and legs. They should also have a pair of wellies in school all the time, particularly for Woodland Learning. If they have lost them or they are too small please could you supply a new pair. Thank you.



As the weather warms up the children will need to bring in a sun hat each day and a light rain coat for days when we have rain showers. Please could you also apply sun screen before school as we aren't able to apply this in school.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week.
William G, Bene G, Martha M, Sofia D.

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 20 Badge

Orla – Y3
Alice – Y3
Harvey – Y1

Number Bonds to 100 Badge

Emily – Y3
Joshua – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Martha – Y3
Aizen – Y3

Platinum Times Table Award

Ben – Y4

Book Awards

Kaeson – Y1

Paige – Y6



House Points

Kestrels – 324

Falcons – 269

Eagles – 226

This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CURIOSITY**.

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Anna Quinn	For a great effort with her sentence writing. For the effort and detail she has put in to making maps.
Asia (Year 1)	Kaeson Liam	For working so hard on his Percy story this week and for publishing with the most beautiful handwriting. For listening to feedback and making changes to his writing in a very grown up way.
Europe (Year 2)	Talon Reuben	For his focus and achievement in music this week, playing the recorder so well and listening to Mrs. Eames. For his focus in computing this week and using the programme with independence and originality. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Ben	Superb editing of his diary entry. Ben worked hard to eradicate all his spelling errors 😊

	Alice B	Alice has been a superstar learner this week. She put herself forward to lead her team in music and is working hard to progress with her maths badges.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Abbie	For growing in confidence to apply herself to her learning and share her answers more in class discussion.
	Oscar	For continuing to work hard with a good focus and show his best efforts to improve his work.
North America (Year 5)	George C	For having superb focus and being a 'switched on' learner this week.
	Max F	For making sensible contributions to class discussion this week and always being motivated to learn.
South America (Year 6)	Tom	For working hard on his narrative and thinking about his audience when making authorial choices.
	Cora	For being a great author and evaluating her writing independently before making changes to improve the quality of her work.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a lovely sunny week we have had, perfect for Woodland Learning on Tuesday. Even the animals were pleased to see the sun during our woodland session as we found many different bugs, a toad and a slowworm! Many of us got to practice lighting small fires with fire strikers. We have been busy making treasure maps and maps of the school ground. We had to ensure that we recorded key features on our maps for people to follow. In Maths we have been discovering how 2D shapes can be used to create pictures of people, trains, boats, butterflies and caterpillars. In PE we have continued to develop our tennis skills, with many of us now being able to successfully bounce and hit a ball with a racket. Mrs Worth has been very impressed with our sentence writing skills; we even have our own books to practice them in.
Asia (Year 1)	It's been another lovely, albeit short, week in Year 1. We have been busy finishing our story maps then drafting, editing and publishing the first two parts of our stories. They look absolutely amazing so far and all the children have worked so hard! In Maths we have been exploring creating equal groups, using concrete resources to share equally. In PE we have been continuing to practise for sports day and also had another fun cricket lesson with Fred where we played some small games. In Music we explored call and response, and worked on stopping and starting together at the same time. We have also been using our ICT skills to create arrows and type titles for our Percy story maps.
Europe (Year 2)	A gloriously sunny week in Year 2 this week! We have loved the warmer weather. In English, we have continued with our pirate adventure stories; composing the middle where we meet a problem and writing how it is resolved. We explored how to keep the momentum of the story up, right until the very end. In maths, we used our learning in length to solve word problems and in science, we made 4-step concertina food chain books to

	show producer, consumer, prey and predator within ocean habitats. In PE, we had great fun playing team games with our cricket coach and in computing, we continued to explore the program Chrome Music Lab and used the song maker section to create our own tunes using notes and tempo. In RE, we explored a Bible story about kindness.
Australasia (Year 3)	Diary writing is complete. We have now moved on to look at persuasive writing and identifying tricks and techniques writers use to convince readers. We have been adding and subtracting with fractions, exploring the whole and using our learning whilst playing board games. In science, we have been collecting data: measuring plant progress having been deprived of necessities for plant health and growth. In geography, we explored changes in land use over time in our focus town: Hebden Bridge and in DT we learnt about food labels and the food traffic light system.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another super effort from all in Year 4 this week. In English, we have been using a range of descriptive vocabulary to create a voice over narration about the life of a sloth in the Amazon Rainforest, channelling our best David Attenborough. We have also completed presenting our non-fiction text about the rainforest by adding images with our computing skills. In maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of decimal and fractions conversations with both tenths, hundredths and halves and quarters. In science, we have explored which materials are insulators and conductors within an electrical circuit. We have continued to develop and improve our skills in cricket with coach Fred. Our geography learning has continued with researching the different plants which grow in the different layers of the rainforest.
North America (Year 5)	A superb, sunny, short week in North America. We got outside for music and learnt new rhythms for Samba in what felt like Brazilian weather. In maths, our focus has been converting units of measurement for length, mass and capacity as well as reinforcing our learning when multiplying and dividing by powers of 10. In English, we have bolstered our plans for our narratives and written the build-up, thinking about how we can increase tension for the reader. We created charts in computing, using records from a database to show answers to particular questions linked to the Titanic's passengers. For RSHE, we discussed how we feel different emotions, how they connect to our thoughts and what impact this can have on our behaviours.
South America (Year 6)	A lovely week in Year 6. We have been looking at reasoning problems involving the four operations and missing number problems in maths. In English, we have been working really hard to write our short stories. They are really coming together and are brilliant pieces of work – I can't wait for them to be finished! In PE, some children took on the role of cricket coaches to help improve the classes bowling skills. It was great to hear all the positive feedback about how well each group's coach performed. In history we learnt about mummification and broke down the process and in RSHE we discussed conflicting feelings and how to empathise with others if they have different feelings to them. Finally, in computing we continued to develop our skills working with spreadsheets and planned a party to a budget.

Upcoming Events

Tues 14th May – Y2 trip to The Sealife Centre

Mon 27th May – Half Term

Fri 14th June – Garden Games Mufti Day – Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a garden game for the Summer Festival.

Thurs 20th June – Sports Day – KS2 will be in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon (the opposite to previous years).

Fri 28th June – Bottle Mufti – Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a bottle of drink for the Summer Festival.

Fri 28th June – Summer Festival

Mon 22nd July – Inset Day

Tues 23rd July - Inset Day

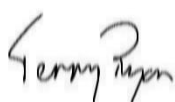
Tues 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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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