



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has certainly seen the summer term arrive – the sunshine has brightened up the many learning opportunities the children have enjoyed this week. It has been a particularly busy week for Year 6 as they continue to prepare themselves for SATs in just over a week and begin to think about our end of year production as auditions have been held and roles taken on. They have been focused this week on safe cycling on the roads as they have taken part in Bikeability. The instructors were very complimentary about their attitude, listening skills and effort during these important sessions. Well done to everyone, who passed at level 2.



They also had the opportunity to attend our new lunchtime club on Wednesday with Jonny Fossey from the Rudgwick Youth Club. Jonny was accompanied by Claire Higgins, who the children know from our Open the Book assemblies, and facilitated a lunchtime games club exclusively for Year 6. This club will run each Wednesday until half term and is an opportunity for the children to prepare themselves for attending the Youth Club after half term if they wish. There was a range of activities going on, including a very competitive game of Uno! Remember Year 6, anyone can come along next week.



This is also the term we look forward to Sports Day. Year 1 were getting prepared for it as they enjoyed their PE lesson with Coach Ben from Sports Stars, which if focussed on athletics. I'm sure they'll be ready to compete for their Houses when it comes to the big day.



I hope this glorious weather continues for everyone over the bank holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Lizzy and Sophie H.

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Awards



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

House Points



Number Bonds

5s	10s	20s	100s
		Max – Y2 Mika – Y3	Elena – Y1 Alice – Y4

Times Tables

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Eva B – Y2 Harvey – Y2 Ethan – Y3	Harry – Y2 Zack – Y3 Eloise – Y4 Seb – Y4	Ronnie – Y3 Reece – Y4	Aizen – Y4

Book Awards

KS1	KS2
Laila - YR	Amelia – Y3



Stars of the Week

Africa (Year R)	Scarlett Elena	For coming into school positively and ready to learn. For her independent sentence writing skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Cody Oliver	For persevering with his Percy picture, creating a wonderfully detailed drawing. For writing the most amazing captions for our pictures of Percy the Park Keeper.
Europe (Year 2)	Teddy Evie	For trying to use adventurous language in his writing. For using brilliant expression when reading aloud.
Australasia (Year 3)	Maisie Margot	For having a positive attitude to learning and a really curious mind in history. For having a positive attitude to her learning. Keep it up!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Ben Archie	For making good progress with his written research and building detail in his paragraphs. For showing great confidence in his division methods in maths.
North America (Year 5)	Amber Matthew	For being a valuable learning partner and her increased contributions in maths. For his contributions, enthusiasm and making links during French this week.
South America (Year 6)	Sienna Shay	For being really engaged with her learning and contributing more in lessons. For having a really positive attitude to all learning and being really engaged in every lesson.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have continued to think about ways to look after our planet. With this in mind, In Woodland Learning we helped Mrs Weller clean our school grounds. We used litter pickers to pick up any rubbish we could see and we were surprised how much we found! We are pleased to know we have saved animals from eating any of it. In French we have been learning the words for our facial features and in Maths we have been practising counting backwards and forwards to 20. We have also been writing thank you letters to Michael Recycle, for helping us save planet earth. We have also taken part in our first session of orienteering, Mrs Worth was so impressed with our marker finding skills.
Asia (Year 1)	What a lovely, sunny week we've had. In English we have been exploring another new Percy book, The Rescue Party. We made predictions using the cover and blurb. We wrote speech bubbles, thinking what the characters might be saying. We then went on to write character descriptions of Percy. In Maths we have been exploring doubling and halving amounts, looking at the relationship between them. In Geography we have been learning all about the 7 continents, locating them on a map.
Europe (Year 2)	In Woodland Learning the children were really excited as they had to find golden coins that had been hidden in the woods by a pirate. He is obviously really good at concealing his treasure as there are still some coins that were undiscovered. In Music this half term we are learning to play the recorder. The children really impressed Mrs Eames remembering what they had learnt in year1. In English we have used adventurous adjectives to describe a pirate from the book The Pirate Cruncher written by Peter Harris and designed our own islands. In Maths we have continued to learn about time and sequencing events.
Australasia (Year 3)	What a beautiful week we have had! We had continued our cricket skills and tennis in PE. We have begun our class reader – The Last Bear – in English this week which promises to be a lovely book that the children will enjoy and be able to discuss nature and sustainability. In Maths, we have continued with our work on time – a difficult concept for the children to learn in the digital age but we are getting there! We have looked at Humanism in RE and how to live our best life being kind and helpful to others. A fun time was had by all on Wednesday when we began our recorder lessons in music! The children had remembered a lot from their year 2 work and a lot of them were making a good sound. Here's to the next 9 weeks!
Antarctica (Year 4)	An exciting week in Year 4 with the sun shining on us. In English, the children have continued to research and explore facts about the Amazon Rainforests focusing on climate, animals and plants. In Maths, we have focused on division with using place value to divide by 10 and 100, recognising our division facts and using a written method for short division. In Geography, the children have found out about the different layers of the rainforest and what lives in each layer. In PE, we have continued developing our cricket skills with a focus on bowling and in Art they children enjoyed creating their tile prints. IN RE, we have explored the concept of right and wrong and how we make amends whilst in RSHE with have discussed emotional regulation. The children also enjoyed another Woodland learning session with tree rubbings.

North America (Year 5)	A lovely week in North America and we're all really enjoying this great weather. We are lucky enough to have the amazing Mrs Eames leading our music for the Summer term. We had our first samba band session, familiarising ourselves with the names of the instruments and how to play each one. In maths, we learnt how to convert different units of metric measurements for length, capacity and mass and in English, the children published their newspaper reports on the Battle of Hastings and they all look fantastic. In computing, the children had an opportunity to create new vector drawings, learning how to copy and paste objects using shortcuts as well as how to rotate them. In DT, we evaluated recipes for making soup and thought carefully about what we will need to include in ours when we write them.
South America (Year 6)	What a glorious week in the sunshine. The children really enjoyed taking part in Bikeability and made the most of their sessions. The instructors were so impressed with their behaviour and how respectful they were and told me how much they enjoyed their week with us. Well done to everyone – you have been amazing. In other areas we have been working hard as normal. In maths we have been learning a variety of things including: fractions, percentages, arithmetic and reasoning revision. In English, we have been reading Coraline and started to think about our own short stories, which are going to be the same genre – dark fantasy. In Science, we have planned an investigation into microbes and in history we have started learning about the ancient Egyptians and what life was like for them. In other exciting news, the children found out the parts they will be performing in our production and completed a read through in their roles.

Hats and Sun Cream

As the weather warms up, please can we ask that you send your child/ren in with a hat for outdoor activities, and apply some sun cream before school.

Term Dates

Mon 19th May – Y2 trip to the Sealife Centre, Brighton

Mon 26th May – Half Term

Tues 3rd June – Y3 trip to Butser Farm

Fri 20th June – PTA Summer Festival

Fri 27th June – Sports Day

Wed 2nd July – Y1 trip to Lingfield Wildlife Centre

Thurs 3rd July – Y4 Camp

Thurs 3rd July – Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5

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/>

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

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.

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.

