



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 21st October 2022

Autumn Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week of the half term has been full of events and I write this week having returned (ever so slightly fatigued) from the Year 5 residential journey to Sayers Croft. The children were amazing and threw themselves into a variety of activities including orienteering (which helped the children to learn where everything was on site), a river walk (resulting in very full wellies), a campfire (with the obligatory marshmallows), challenge course and axe throwing (very carefully managed!) to name but a few as well as a feast of fine food. The children are exhausted, the adults even



more so but everyone had a brilliant time and took away the sort of memories we love them to enjoy at Rudgwick. My thanks go to Mr Tucker, Mrs Kurashina, Mrs Dunsby and Mrs Mellors for their dedication this week to ensuring the children get this great opportunity and a big well done to the children for managing two nights and three very full days, you were great!





We have had other amazing children this week – more of our Year 6 children took on the role of tour guide for our second Open Morning and once again the visiting adults were blown away with the knowledge, pride and communication skills of our children. Thank you and well done for showing our school in the best possible light. Year 1 represented Rudgwick perfectly on their trip to Arundel Castle. Their excitement was clear from the moment they came into school and I don't think the trip let them down.

I would like to thank you for your response to the questionnaire that went out recently about our school vision and values. There were some very positive responses as well as responses that will help us to continue to shape what is important to us all at school to ensure our children have the most positive experience that can. Our Governors and staff will review them and continue to create a vision that reflects what you and your children want from your time at Rudgwick.

Finally this week, I have news that is both sad and exciting. Mrs Mellors, our SENCO (who has also been our Acting Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Edwards has been on maternity leave) will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn Term. This is sad for us but exciting for her as she takes on a new challenge as the Deputy Headteacher & Inclusion Manager at Loxwood Primary School. Loxwood's gain is very much our loss. Mrs Mellors has carried out her role with so much thought and care for the children and families she works with. She has worked tirelessly to ensure children have the support they need to access their learning and enjoy their successes and achievements in school. She works so well with myself and our staff team and is truly valued by all. We will certainly miss her. Fortunately, for an interim period, Mrs Wilson will kindly be stepping into the role as SENCO during the spring and summer terms. Mrs Wilson obviously knows the school, children and nature of SEN support in our school incredibly well and will work closely with Mrs Mellors during the remainder of the autumn term to ensure a strong handover of information. Mrs Wilson will continue to teach Year 4 for part of the week and more information about how the teaching will continue in Year 4 will follow as soon as we return after half term. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Mellors well and we will have the chance to do so before the term is finished.

Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Jack N, Matthew B, Chloe P, Mariana T, Shay G, Lucas S, 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.

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

House points

Kestrels 360

Falcons 282

Eagles 265

Star Awards



Africa Class Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Jessica	For being able to confidently come into school and for her creative skills.
	Kaeson	For always being a positive role model.
Asia (Year 1)	Eleanor and Fleur	For the effort they have both put into sentence writing, remembering the golden rules and becoming more independent in their written work.
Europe (Year 2)	Issie	For concentrating so well and putting in lots of effort to all that she does. Well done!
	Cai	For always engaging with the learning and giving it meaning by linking it to his life experiences.
Australasia (Year 3)	Bonnie M	For enthusiastic participation in Music.
	Jack S-Y	For blowing Mrs Lee and Mrs Parsons away with his descriptive writing.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Harley J	For working really well in English and showing a lot of independence
	Hanna T	For producing some fabulous Art work this week
North America (Year 5)		
South America (Year 6)	Brynn	For being enthusiastic in all lessons, especially woodland learning and history.
	Holly Ti	For working really hard in all lessons and always looking for ways to improve.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What an achievement Africa class, you have completed your first ever half term in school!! You have all settled in so well and have shown yourselves to be confident, resilient and happy in all we have done. This final week, we have been focusing further on patterns. In PE we noticed repeating patterns during hopscotch and we have been able to make our own patterns using paint, blocks and paperchains. On our final day we have learnt about the festival, Diwali. We have made our own Rangoli patterns using coloured rice. Well done again Africa class for such an amazing start to your time in reception class.
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Asia (Year 1)	We have had an exciting final week of half term! The highlight being our class trip to Arundel Castle! The children returned absolutely exhausted but full of exciting facts and highlights from their great day out. In English we enjoyed looking at all of the pictures from the castle. We recounted the trip and wrote a sentence about their favourite part of the day. In history/art we learnt all about what a coat of arms is and then designed our own. In science/ DT we continue to think about materials and their properties and all designed and made a castle out of recyclable materials. In maths we have been ordering numbers and using the terms greater than and less than. In music we practised looking at symbols to follow a beat to the count of four, pausing for one of the beats then repeating the sequence. We used our hands, feet and Djembe drums. For our Black History Month topic we talked about the 'Windrush' and Mary Seacole. What a fantastic final week. Have a great half term everyone!
Europe (Year 2)	A lovely final week in Year 2; a week where we became poets! Drawing upon our knowledge and experiences of pets, we shared and enjoyed pet poems, plan our ideas to write a poem, using adjectives and had a go at putting these into a poem. It was fun to see our ideas come together but it was a lot harder than we thought it would be! In maths, we have been looking and related facts and if we know $8+2=10$, then we know $80+20=100$. We also explored the law of commutativity and the four calculations we can make from a fact family. In science we looked at keeping healthy and what a healthy diet looks like. In music, we really impressed Mrs Eames with our 8-beat patterns and in RE we looked what The Bible is and why it is special to Christians; as well as finding out our parts in the school Christmas performance! Have a wonderful half term, rest and recover ready for Autumn Term 2!
Australasia (Year 3)	What a lovely week we've had. In woodland learning we made Stone Age mallets and did some fruit printing. In English we've been exploring using descriptive language and writing predictions in the style of Sophie Kirtley. As part of Black History Month we have been sharing stories in the classroom. In Maths we have been exploring venn diagrams, sorting the characteristics of Charlie and Harby and discussing the ones they shared. A big thank you to Mrs Weller for helping us with our woodland learning this term.
Antarctica (Year 4)	This week we have been writing Greek myths-this is a chance for us to show off all we have learnt about our topic! We have finished the first draft, ready for us to draft and improve them after half-term. We also sketched Greek gods and learnt about the most important gods who lived on Mount Olympus. In Maths, we have been using bar models and deciding whether to use a written or mental method to solve calculations. For Black History Month, we have learned about the Windrush generation and the contributions they made to British society. In French, we revised everything we have learnt about animals and how to use adjectives to describe animals. Have a brilliant half term everyone!

North America (Year 5)	Sayers Croft Residential.
South America (Year 6)	It has been a fantastic final week to this half term. We have been learning about life in the trenches and how battles were fought during WW1. We took our learning outside into the woods and re-enacted scenes in our own trench that we have been digging in our woodland learning sessions. In English, we have been writing a letter in role as our main character Olive, and been trying to crack the coded letter that was found. In maths, we have been focusing on factors and multiples. It has been tricky to remember the difference between the two and using this to solve problems, but the children have demonstrated great resilience in this area of maths. In PE, we put our skills to the test in a great game called 'Defend the Kingdom' and in science we have been thinking about different types of scientific enquiry and thought of our own questions linked to our topic of light. Have a great half term! 😊

Chartwells

Please be aware that on Monday 31st of October and Tuesday 1st November we will be providing the back to school menu of jacket potato and various fillings.

Wednesday 2nd November the week 1 menu will resume.

Upcoming events:

1st Nov – Parents' Evening

2nd Nov – Parents' Evening

18th Nov– The Great Spotacular, BBC Children in Need.

28th Nov – Individual School Photos

7th Dec – Flu Vaccinations

16th Dec – Last day of term

PTA News

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe it's already the end of the first half term. A quick reminder for the first week back, we will have our PTA Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 3rd November at 3:30pm** at the school. It's a great opportunity to meet the wider PTA team, hear about our fundraising success and plans for the year to come.

If you'd like to attend please RSVP via email rpspta@hotmail.com

Calling All Wizards!!

It's your final chance to enter! If you play our school lottery before 29th October, you could be in with the chance of winning a Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher and a Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket! Support our school now for your chance to win this amazing prize. **How do you enter?** It's simple just buy one or more lottery tickets before 29th October 2022. Each ticket gives you a chance to win. So more tickets mean more chances to win! To buy

tickets please follow this

link: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

A huge thank you to our recent lottery winner, who very kindly donated her winnings to the school!

EasyFundraising

Thank you to all of you who've been continuing to use EasyFundraising! If you're new to the concept, it's a really simple way to help raise money for Rudgwick Primary School by just shopping as you would normally online. Please use the unique link below to find our more information and sign up: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudgwickps/>

Hope you have a wonderful half term!

Diane, Victoria, Anna

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Rudgwick Primary Cake Raffle



Thank you, to all of you that purchased tickets for our cake raffle this week. Our cupcakes were made by Miss Verran.

The raffle winner was Tilly.

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 and a wonderful half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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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