



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week at Rudgwick we have seen a number of great achievements as well as enjoying more visitors to school.

Year 3 took part in their final swimming lesson of the term and every one of them have made very good progress since the beginning of January. They have pushed themselves to swim more confidently, more consistently and achieve further distances. Not only that, but the swimming instructors have commented on just how much they have enjoyed working with our children on Tuesday mornings. Well done to everyone in Year 3 and thank you to the PTA who continue to ensure that we can fund this essential part of the PE curriculum.

Year 3 have been busy this week as they, Year 1 and Year 2 shared their termly music concert to show what they have been learning with Mrs Eames. This term they have been playing the ukulele and they entertained their adoring audiences with all they have learned, from holding the instrument correctly to composing their own music. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and enjoy the performances and thank you again to the PTA and all of you for supporting us to fund another key part of the curriculum.



On Wednesday I took a squad of Year 6 footballers to The Weald for a locality tournament. We competed against five other schools in a league and of the six competing teams we finished...TOP OF THE LEAGUE! From our five games we won three and drew two, scoring five goals and not conceding at all, winning the tournament in style. We had (in my opinion) the goal of the tournament, the save of the tournament and generally the standard of football from all of the team was of a very high standard. We are very proud of their efforts and success – well done to Dexter, Kai, Duncan, Billy M, Albie, Zachary, James K and Cora!



Our visitors this week have included our friends from *Open the Book* who were helped to share our Monday assembly by Jack, Max F and Hannah from Year 5.



We were also joined by author Maz Evans who spent time with our KS2 classes sharing her experiences as a writer, the challenges writers can face and where her inspiration comes from for writing such successful books. There was also a chance to get books signed, which was very exciting.



And finally, back to those achievements. Today we hosted our annual Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase, where our singers, dancers and musicians were able to come together to deliver a show of such high calibre where they could wow their audience with their talents, which are growing by the week. Well done to each and every child that took part, the rehearsals really paid off. And well done to the adults that lead our performing arts in school, once again the experiences we enjoy at Rudgwick are amazing. A great end to the week!

## **Birthdays**

Celebrating their birthday this week:  
Maisie, Rufus and Paige. 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](mailto:office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk)



## **Awards**





**Number Bonds to 10 Badge**

Eloise – Y3

**Number Bonds to 20 Badge**

Austin – Y3

**Number Bonds to 100 Badge**

Aizen – Y3

Martha – Y3

Ben – Y3

Jasmine – Y3

Aiden D – Y3

**Bronze Times Table Award**

Eloise – Y3

Seb R – Y3

Seb h – Y3

Reece – Y3

Billy M – Y6

**Silver Times Table Award**

Bree – Y3

Freya – Y3

Aiden D – Y3

## Gold Times Table Award

Ben – Y3

### House Points

Eagles – 312

Kestrels – 289

Falcons – 258

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

### Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Samuel	For his quick thinking and confidence in Maths activities.
	Sienna	For her growing confidence in phonics lessons, where she is often heard reading words by sight.
Asia (Year 1)	Frankie	For having such a positive week, really challenging herself with her learning and giving everything a good go!
	Eva B	For showing great skill and care in creating her art work in the style of Andy Warhol.
Europe (Year 2)	River	For always being so focused on his learning and retaining so much knowledge to help him in all he does. Well done.
	Jonie	For always trying so hard and listening to the feedback she is given, so she can be even better! Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Archie	Being a respectful member of the class. Listening to the contributions of others and responding thoughtfully to them.
	Halle	Exhibiting great perseverance with all the challenges presented to her in class such as attempting her length swim or mathematical problems.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Amber	For always being focused and getting on with her task. She has produced some excellent art work this week.
	Theo	For working with great enthusiasm in our Tudor learning when producing his comic strip.
North America (Year 5)	Lewis	For showing perseverance in lessons if things are tricky and wanting to do his best.
	Imogen	For showing excellent control in gymnastics and being safe doing so.
South America (Year 6)	Joanna	For being a resilient and reflective learner and working hard to produce her amazing writing the last couple of weeks.

	James K	For always being a positive member of the class and working hard at all times.
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### We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been busy learning about the animals that are born in Spring time. We have discovered that calves, lambs, foals, chicks, kids, ducklings and goslings are often born on farms at this time of year. In Woodland Learning, we spent the session in our school's meadow where we looked for signs of wildlife, including footprints and poo! In Maths we have continued to learn about the numbers bonds that make 10. Mrs Worth had been very impressed with how quick we are at recalling them.
Asia (Year 1)	Well, it's been another busy week in Year 1. On Monday we watched the virtual lambing event at Plumpton College where we learned all about how to be a sheep farmer and even watched a lamb coming in to the world! We had the most AMAZING visit from Connie's mum, who told us all about what it's like to be a vet. She brought lots of veterinary equipment with her for us to play with and we even got the chance to role play vets with toy animals. We would like to say a big thank you to her for such an engaging visit! We have been very busy writing more pages for our people who help us books, publishing our page on gas engineers and creating a page about a vet. In maths we have been exploring time and days of the week, creating timetables of our week and using time related vocabulary to talk about when an event took place. All the children performed so well during their ukulele concert on Wednesday, we are so proud of the skills they have mastered in just 10 weeks!
Europe (Year 2)	As our last <b>full</b> week of the spring term comes to an end, are still fitting so much in! In English, we used our text 'The Tin Forest' to help us draw upon key words and phrases, as well as use inference whilst reading. In maths, we showed Mrs. Hutchings all we knew and how we can apply it and in science, we explored what happens when a plant doesn't get everything that it needs to grow healthy. In Art, we finished our compositions of our own painting inspired by Melissa McCracken – they are simply wonderful! Finally, we got to share the skills we have learnt in ukulele with our families by performing a musical showcase on Wednesday – everyone was brilliant!
Australasia (Year 3)	We have been learning ways to create suspense and drama in our short story writing and took time to make thoughtful and language choices which reflect our story's historical setting. In maths, we used mini tubs of play-doh to explore fractions as equal parts of wholes. We extrapolated rules about denominators based on our observations and noticed patterns with fractions equivalent to 1/2. We came away brimming with excitement after our musical performance to families and left the Maz Evan's workshop enthusiastic to read books from her range of titles. Art was all about planning. We planned our colour choices and gathered together the resources and materials we hope to use in our final piece. The final week of Spring term will be about seeing our efforts across the curriculum come together as final finished pieces.

Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been a busy, exciting and full on week in Year 4 this week with so much going on. All of the children have been amazing in their attitude, approach and focus during our termly assessments – A big well done from Mr Christmas! We also concluded our music work with Mrs Eames with a fantastic performance of learning to play the clarinet to parents. The progress has been immense considering how they sounded in week 1! On Tuesday, we had our trip to Hampton Court where the children were brilliantly engaged and inspired with our tour guide around the palace, observing, listening and asking super questions. The children were praised on many occasions throughout the day by Palace staff. This has allowed them to build up their Tudor knowledge for producing their comic strips about Tudor Life. Finally, Year 4 enjoyed a talk and Q& A session with the author Maz Evans.
North America (Year 5)	A busy penultimate week in North America. We were lucky to enjoy a rearranged visit from author Maz Evans. The children asked her questions and had the opportunity to get their own books signed. In history, we looked at the events that led up to the Battle of Hastings as well as details of the battle itself. Building up to writing a newspaper report on the event, the children identified different features used in newspaper reports, thinking carefully about the purpose and audience of this style of writing. In gymnastics, the children have enjoyed some fantastic sessions with Coach Jay, progressing their skills each week and in art, we worked with clay to produce our own tiles, inspired by the Bewcastle Cross, an Anglo-Saxon monument which reflects the rise of Christianity at that time.
South America (Year 6)	What a week! The children have coped with change so well this week and have really demonstrated the maturity that they now have. In maths we have been learning about angles in triangles and quadrilaterals and the parts of a circle. In English we have continued to read Darwin's Dragons and been finishing our pages for 'The Land of Neverbelieve'; they are truly remarkable! In science we have learnt about evolution and looking at how some specific animals have evolved. In PE we have continued our coaching in gymnastics and RSHE we have thought about how to resolve arguments effectively and negotiate a 'win-win' situation. Our highlight of the week was definitely our visit from Maz Evans. It was great to meet the author behind our class reader, 'Beyond the Odyssey'. She was funny and engaging and it was really interesting to hear the answers to our questions.

### **Upcoming Events**

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer Term

WC 28<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Bikeability

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 trip to The Sealife Centre

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Inset Day

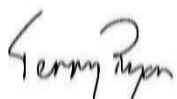
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Summer Term

**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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