



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Summer Term Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers

With just two weeks of the year remaining we have had another busy week at Rudgwick. Going back to last Friday and we enjoyed the most amazing Summer Festival. The weather threatened but held out for us and the event went ahead...and what a success it was. We are so grateful to all of the people that worked so incredibly hard before, during and after the event. Everywhere I looked people were having so much fun and there was such a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to everyone for coming along and making it the occasion that it was. And I am very pleased to say that thanks, in part, to the work of the PTA and the contributions of everyone, we will be having our new Active Mile track installed next week. Having it resurfaced will enable more frequent and enjoyable use for the children, who do love to get out there for a walk/jog/run whenever they can.



Also last week we enjoyed, as part of our celebration assembly, a demonstration, from some of the children that learn woodwind instruments, of what they have been learning and just how skilled they are becoming as musicians.



And the musical theme continued this week as Years 1, 2, 3 and 6 performed music concerts to their families. They have enjoyed another term of tuition from Jo Eames from West Sussex Music Services (another opportunity our children have because of the efforts of all of you through our PTA) and it was evident just how the children progress in their knowledge and skills as the expectations increase from year to year. They are all natural performers.



As well as music this week there has been a focus on reading. We were joined in assembly on Monday by the West Sussex Library Service who launched the Summer Reading Challenge. More information about this is included with this week's newsletter. I know our children love reading so I am sure we will get a few of them taking part. Our Year 6 children were all presented with their 'Moving On' books to support their transition to secondary school. Jonny Fossey joined us in our assembly to present the books as a gift from Holy Trinity Church and the Rudgwick Youth Club.



We also welcomed some Year 8 children from The Weald who had been writing their own books and stories for younger children. They spent time with some of our children sharing their creativity with them and I think everyone enjoyed their time together.



## **Birthdays**



Celebrating their birthdays this week:  
Teddy F, James F-J, Arthur H and Kimmy H.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.

## **Awards**



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

### **Number Bond 5 Badge**

Eddy - YR

Teddy T - YR

### **Bronze Times Table Award**

Kaeson -YR

## Book Awards

Cai – Y2

Tristan – Y6

## House Points for the Term

**Kestrels - 270**

**Eagles – 261**

**Falcons - 226**

## Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Louis Connie	For having a mature attitude to his learning.  For always being a kind and positive member of the class.
Asia (Year 1)	Reuben  River	For his effort, participation and engagement in music. What a superstar!  For taking on feedback to improve his presentation and letter formation. Well done River!
Europe (Year 2)	Alice B  Freya	For stepping out of her comfort zone this week and participating so well in the team game of rounders!  For challenging herself when it came to using a word program this week. She used the keyboard so well and showed dedication to make her piece perfect!
Australasia (Year 3)	Australasia Class	For representing the school so beautifully on our recent trip to Pulborough Brooks.

Antarctica (Year 4)	Sofia	For excellent scientific skills and using a range of materials to test whether they conduct electricity or not
	Ivy	For making amazing progress with her reading-super!
North America (Year 5)	Zachary	For demonstrating great technique whilst learning new skills for tag rugby.
	Albie	For always taking on challenges in any form they take and doing so with a smile on his face.
South America (Year 6)	Holly Ti	For always being a thoughtful member of the class who always pushes herself to achieve her best.
	William	For always putting in effort to ensure his work is the best it can be.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	It has been another busy week in Africa class. On Monday we were visited by Rudgwick pre-school, who came to join us for a story read by Mr Ryan. On that same morning we were also visited by a Year 8 English class from The Weald, who had written their own children's story books. We listened to all of the stories and shared our thoughts on their books. On Thursday we had a visit from a local dentist called Hannah. She told us about the role of a dentist and we even got to dress up like her and we practiced brushing in circles on large sets of teeth! On Friday we made our own caterpillar pizzas, which we enjoyed eating in the afternoon.
Asia (Year 1)	We are nearly at the end of the school year but we continue to work very hard and pack lots into our week. In English we have been focussing on our key text 'Toy's in Space'. We have written a description of the main character the Hoctopize, using lots of adjectives. We also made some posters to help the Hoctopize find his lost cuddles. In maths we have been working on our understanding of positional language and giving directions. We really enjoyed PE this week and continued consolidating our ball skills learning how to throw over and under arm and also had a go at knocking down some wickets! In computing we created backgrounds in scratch and programmed rockets to have a race. In science we had a look at the 5 senses and practised using them.
Europe (Year 2)	A shorter week for Year 2, but just as busy! On Monday, we enjoyed a lovely visit from Year 8 students from The Weald. They shared picture books they had written, designed and made with us. In DT, we all made the parachutes we had designed, using the materials we had selected and tried different ways to join them to create a stable structure. It was great fun testing them to see if they actually flew! We evaluated our product, thinking about what worked well, what didn't work well and what we could improve for next time. In PE, we played the team game of rounders' and had a great time! We loved performing for you in our music concert, thank you so much for coming along and celebrating our achievements.
Australasia (Year 3)	What an amazing start to the week we had with our trip to Pulborough Brooks. We brushed up on our skills of identifying common types of British birds before learning how to use binoculars correctly. Then we went bird spotting, visiting the hide and narrowly missing catching a glimpse of a white tailed eagle. We then played some games before sopping for a brief

	<p>spot of lunch, then it was off to the ponds for some dipping! We caught some amazing creatures including a water measurer and a few very rare great crested newts. All the adults were so impressed with the children's engagement, enthusiasm and focus during the day – we couldn't have been more proud of each and every one of them! Well done Year 3! Back at school we used our report writing skills to write recounts of our trip, remembering to use paragraphs to present our ideas. In RSHE we discussed changes and created posters with strategies to help us cope with changes, both expected and unexpected, in our lives, especially focusing on our imminent move to Year 4.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>As we rattle through a busy summer term, we've been spending this week consolidating some of our Maths curriculum, as well as finishing off our recent narratives based on The Explorer. We began this week's Science lesson by identifying whether different circuits were complete, and how we would fix them if they were incomplete, for example the bulb might need securing properly or both ends of one wire might have been connected to one side of the bulb. We learnt to distinguish between conductors and insulators and then investigated which materials are conductors and which are insulators. We enjoyed playing rounders in PE this week and demonstrated how well we were able to work as a team, particularly when we were fielding! Our knowledge of Scratch and our skills with this programme continue to improve as we modified an infinite loop, identifying which parts of the loop could be changed.</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>Our main focus in this short week has been answering an enquiry question in geography. We thought about how we might collect data in order to answer a question linked to modes of transport in our local community. This resulted in conducting a traffic survey and a rare outing beyond the school gates for which the children were very excited. Upon completing the survey, we presented our data in a bar graph before using this to find conclusions and answer our enquiry question. In PE, the children became familiar with the 'tagging' rules of tag rugby and played a game called Foxes and Farmers to practice the various skills involved. In maths, we recapped using coordinates linked to different axis and we discussed what Christians believe about the afterlife in RE.</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>A short but great week in South America class. We have been writing our leavers assembly and editing and improving the script ready to start rehearsing. In science we have been learning about different substances and the impacts they have on the human body and in RSHE we have been continuing with our transition passports and thinking about our time at primary school and looking forward to secondary. In art we have been creating our masks based on different traditions and also been carving out our printing blocks ready to print onto fabric next week. A big thank you to those who could made the music concert on Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off all they have been learning. It has been a great 10 weeks with Mrs Eames and it was rounded off with a brilliant display of skill.</p>

## **Upcoming Events**

10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Camp

18th July – Book awards – Y3 - 9:10 – 10:10am  
Y4 – 11:00 - 12:00pm  
Y5 – 2:10 – 3:10pm

19th July – Book awards – YR – 9:10 – 10:10am  
Y1 – 11:00 – 12:00pm  
Y2 – 2:10 – 3:10pm

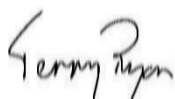
21st July – End of Summer Term

**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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