



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 28th April 2023

Summer Term Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the first of our two Bank Holidays I would like to remind you that the school will be closed on Monday 1st May and again on Monday 8th May. I hope you all enjoy pleasant weekends and particularly the Coronation weekend. At school we are looking forward to enjoying our Coronation picnic afternoon next Friday where we will be sharing entertainment and snacks with each other and hopefully some of the residents from the Hawkridge Retirement Housing.

Last Friday our Year 6 Hockey team took part in the County Finals, having qualified through our locality competition. The quality of the teams we were competing against was of a very high calibre and despite not getting a victory, what I did see was a Rudgwick team that improved game after game and who approached the event with real dedication, a relentless enthusiasm and superb sportsmanship. Arthur, Luca, Teddy, Flynn, Wills and Elodie were a brilliant team who supported each other and gave nothing but their best throughout, so thank you to them and well done for your efforts.



We do love our sport here at Rudgwick, as was evident this week in a Year 1 PE lesson I saw in which the children were using *all* of the gym equipment to develop their jumping, swinging, balance, climbing and many more movement skills – and they looked like they were having a great time.



Rudgwick Youth Centre will be offering the opportunity for Year 6 children to attend their Youth Club after half term. Below is a message from Jonny Fossey about this opportunity:

Rudgwick Youth Centre (RYC) warmly invites all Year 6 students from Rudgwick Primary to come along to our 'Drop-In' sessions from **Monday 5th June 2023**. These sessions run **3.30pm-5.15pm** on Mondays during term-time, and young people can look forward to: hanging out with friends, free-play in the building or on the field/skate-park/playground, playing group wide-games and sports, buying tuck, free fruit and toast, and generally just having a great time together!

For more information, Jonny and Fiona from RYC will be in the school playground after-school during pick-up time on Tues 16th May, to chat with Y6 parents, give out information sheets and consent forms, and answer any questions you may have. Please note: All young people who attend RYC need to bring a completed consent form by the second time they attend.

Please do contact us if you'd like or are unable to come by on 16th May. Young people can also collect a consent form from the RYC after their first session. You can reach us via email: youth@rudgwickchurch.org.uk

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Alice K, Bethany, Elizabeth N and George A.

We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating!

Awards



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

Number Bonds to 5 Badge

Niah - YR

Evie - YR

Book Awards

Eli – Y1

Arthur – Y3

House Points for the Term

Eagles - 328

Kestrels - 326

Falcons - 326

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Dylan Harvey	For working so hard on his letter formation and sentence writing skills. For always setting a good example to others.
Asia (Year 1)	Reuben Sidney	For his focus and effort in Phonics and maths. For impressing us with his effort, improvement and perseverance in writing.
Europe (Year 2)	Freddie Orlanda	For being so polite, helpful and focussed. Thank you! For excellent listening, consistent learning and great attitude! Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Archie Sophie	For having an amazing, positive attitude to his learning this week! For being such a supportive class member and for always offering a helping hand to others.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sofia Sienna	For demonstrating resilience in overcoming challenges presented in lessons. For being a strategic team player in PE.
North America (Year 5)	Evie W Kai	For showing great effort during PE and demonstrating a great forehand. For responding effectively to feedback to improve his writing.
South America (Year 6)	William Freya	For always pushing himself to achieve his very best. For being a curious learner with a positive attitude.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been learning about the history of Rudgwick village and Rudgwick Primary School. On Monday we had a visit from Mr Roger Nash (Rudgwick Preservation Society) and he told us some amazing facts about Rudgwick in the past. We were told that dinosaurs once lived here and were called the Horshamosaurus Rudgwickensis! We were excited to hear that you can see their bones in Horsham Museum, which is where we will be going on our school trip! He also told us about the old railway station and the old Rudgwick Primary School. Mrs Knight was able to tell us more about this, as she actually went to the old school and was one of the first children to come to the school building we are in today. We could not believe that there used to be a swimming pool in our outside area! It really has been a very interesting week and Mrs Worth says she is very proud of the way we listened to our visitors and asked thoughtful questions.
Asia (Year 1)	This week in Asia class we have continued to explore our focus text 'Meerkat Mail'. In English we have been looking at the features of a postcard and wrote some of our own. In maths we have been working on solving word problems using the part-part-whole model and our knowledge of addition and subtraction. In computing we have enjoyed using the laptops and have been learning how to log in as well as add and remove text. We really enjoyed our second music session with Mrs Eames where we thought about the term 'tempo' and practised breathing techniques to help us play the recorder. In geography we have revisited our learning of maps and have created our own showing where Sonny, the main character from Meerkat Mail visited on his travels, along with a key showing the features of our map. In Art we began looking at some of the work of Vincent Van Gogh and in Science we observed and described the signs of Spring. It has been so lovely to see the colourful spring bulbs that we planted in the Autumn come into flower in our garden!
Europe (Year 2)	Week two of the summer term and we have written character descriptions and created simple fictional maps in English. In maths, we tackled the tricky concept of word problems; exploring all four symbols and how we know what to do to solve them. In science, we were in awe when learning about the ocean habitat and the animals that live there. So many microhabitats in one place! In PE, we continued to develop our fundamental movement skills by playing games where we needed to run and jump. In RSHE, we talked about our emotions and what we can do when we feel a certain way. In RE, we learned about The Bible story of David and Jonathan, which explored the meaning of friendship.
Australasia (Year 3)	This week we've been continuing our journey with water. We've learnt all about the 4 stages of the water cycle and drafted our own water cycle posters ready for publishing next week. In Maths we have been exploring division using a number line, creating our own multiplication cheat sheets to help us solve division problems. We've even gone on to tackling division word problems. In RSHE we've been discussing how to tackle unforeseen circumstances with a positive mindset. In PE we have been practising bouncing balls in tennis and playing a game of hand ball, leaving a bounce between hits.

Antarctica (Year 4)	We kicked off the second week of the Summer Term exploring short multiplication in Maths. We worked our way through a range of word problems to consolidate our understanding of this method. We have used the iPads this week to gather information about Brazil including attractions, food and drink, wildlife and traditions. We then explored the features of a persuasive leaflet in English and began to plan how we will create our own information leaflet about Brazil when we return next week! In Science we created posters to learn about how the digestive system works and included the function of different parts such as the small intestine, stomach and oesophagus. We enjoyed continuing our rainforest dancing in PE and created short movement phrases inspired by rainforest weather patterns.
North America (Year 5)	A fantastically varied week for North America as we approach the end of April. We have continued to work on angles this week in maths, relating them to properties within quadrilaterals. In PE, we had our second session of tennis, recapping and practising our forehand stroke and learning the importance of the ready position. After being introduced to thermal conductors and insulators in science, we conducted an experiment linked to which materials would be best suited to prevent a snowman from melting. Later in the term the children will have an opportunity to make soup. This unit of DT started with children gaining an understanding of where our food comes from and the seasonality of our food.
South America (Year 6)	This week we have been learning about angles in maths and how to find missing angles on a straight line, around a point and in shapes. In English we have started to read Coraline and have been making 'speech sandwiches' to help us with our writing next week. In Science, we finished our feet investigation and started our new topic about micro-organisms and in history we have created freeze frame images to storyboard the Battle of Hastings. We had our second music lesson with Mrs Eames on Wednesday and we learnt how to read music and play along with the notes C, D and E using the correct fingers on our right hand.

Upcoming Events

Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May – Industrial Strike Action Day – Year 5 and 6 will be closed.

Fri 5th May – Whole School Coronation Picnic

Mon 8th May – Bank Holiday

Fri 26th May – Inset Day

Mon 29th May – Half Term

Mon 26th June – Inset Day

Fri 21st July – End of Summer Term

Cake Raffle

Thank you to Mrs Artlett for baking some lovely brownies.

The winner of this weeks cake raffle was Kaeson YR, 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.



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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