



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a fascinating week this week as our children have helped to tell stories in assembly, represented us in gymnastics and football tournaments and even jetted off on holiday...during school time!!

We were joined on Monday by visitors from 'Open the Book' who retold the story of the man who built his house upon the rock. Some of the children from Year 5 helped to tell the story by being the walls and roofs of the houses that were built, I think the children forming the house on sand rather enjoyed the bit where they had to fall to the ground!



A number of children took part in the inaugural Weald locality gymnastics event. Freya, Emily, Jasmine, Nelly, Aiden, Ben (Year 4), Amber, Jess, Oscar, Oliver, Theo and Alex (Year 5) each took part in a vault and a floor routine. It is the first time I have attended a gymnastics event, which is very different to many of the team sports we attend. These children participated in a very quiet, focussed room with all the attendees watching their individual routines. It shows incredible confidence and self-belief (two key Rudgwick values this term) and is very, very brave. Well done to Alex who managed a podium finish with a bronze medal for his vault routine and well done to every one of you for your effort and involvement, we were very proud of you. Thank you to Coach Bex and Coach Mike for working on the routines with them in gym club and to Coach Bex and Mrs Thompson (who made a special guest appearance) for helping at the event.



Later in the week I took a group of Year 6 children to the locality football tournament. They took part in a league and played six games. After losing the first two they then went on a four game unbeaten run and eventually finished in second place overall. Judging by their reaction they were not quite expecting such a good final position but it was well deserved. There were great performances all around with goals from Max, George and Sofia. They played so well as a team and took up multiple positions in order to ensure everyone was involved and contributed to their success. Well done to George C, Max G, Jack, Lewis, Henry, Zoe, Sofia, Sienna and Shay, what a team!

As you know, Year 1 have been learning about many different professions where people play a vital role in helping the public. We all like a holiday and Asia class found out all about the important role cabin crew play when taking to the skies. Emilee Nash from Tui joined us to explain all about the role and what is involved, so of course, now we have many Year 1 children that have discovered the job they want when they are older. They even had to

bring their boarding passes with them so they could board a plane and see and hear what the cabin crew have to do. And once again it was a great dressing up opportunity!



I know tonight is Quiz Night at the school. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event. I wish you all the best of luck and may the best team win!

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Elena P and Maisie.

We hope you both have a fantastic birthday!

Thank you Sophie for sharing a birthday photo of you enjoying a 'belly buster' at Smith and Western. It looks delicious!



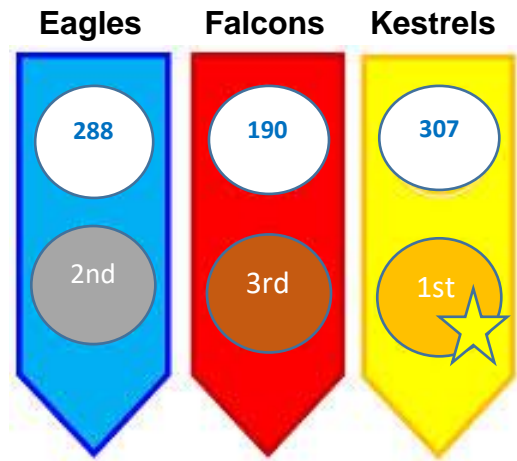
Awards



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



House Points



Number Bonds to 20 Award

Eloise – Y4
Issie – Y4
Annabelle – Y4

Number Bonds to 100 Award

Barnaby – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Orla – Y4

Silver Times Table Award

Zaine – Y4
Jasmine – Y4
Sophie Johnson – Y6

Gold Times Table Award

Austin – Y4
Sebastian – Y4

Platinum Times Table Award

Austin – Y4

Book Awards

KS1: Lily – Y2
KS2: William – Y3

Stars of the Week

Africa (Year R)	Laila	For amazing us with her knowledge of halves and quarters!
	Maddy	For always being a focused and engaged learner.

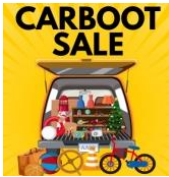
Asia (Year 1)	Albemarle	For working so hard on his writing this term, focusing and showing us what he's capable of.
	Evie	For showing true perseverance and determination with all her school work this week, even with an injury!
Europe (Year 2)	Bea	For trying so hard with her handwriting. It is so neat!
	William	For such a brilliant description of the city garden.
Australasia (Year 3)	Michael	For doing amazing work in Maths and trying really hard.
	Reuben	For trying really hard this week with his work and in the classroom.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Alice K	For showing super perseverance and confidence with her progress in her reading.
	Annabelle	For showing great self-belief in her multiplication work in maths this week.
North America (Year 5)	Freddie L	For making links in his learning, contributions to discussion and general enthusiasm for French.
	Sophie	For showing curiosity in all that we do by always thoughtful asking questions about her learning.
South America (Year 6)	Martha	For really challenging herself with her learning in all lessons.
	Max G	For putting in a lot of effort with his learning, particularly in maths and English.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week we have been learning about Monet and have each taken a turn to create artwork inspired by his Japanese Bridge painting. In PE we have been working with Coach Ben to learn some football skills, including passing the ball between our feet and stopping it. In Woodland Learning we were treated to cheese on toast and many of us went hunting for fossils. In Maths we have revisited how to find one more and one less using numbers 0-10. In French we have been learning the names of facial features. On Friday we ended the week dressed in red and we each drew funny faces and animals wearing red noses.
Asia (Year 1)	Another week has flown by in Asia class. We began the week with an amazing visit from Emilee, a member of Tui cabin crew. She told us all about her life at work and how she helps people on flights out of Gatwick. We boarded our own imaginary flight and enjoyed watching the safety briefing. We used the information Emilee told us to create the next page of our People Who Help Us books. In Maths we have been exploring time, thinking about the order of events within a day and the days of the week and months in a year. In History

	we learnt all about the work of Edith Cavill, another significant nurse from the past who helped many soldiers in WWI.
Europe (Year 2)	Another busy week in Europe class. In maths this week we have been learning how to find thirds of an amount and are beginning to use mathematical language to describe the fraction. In English we have used the last page in the book, The Curious Garden written by Peter Brown, to describe the city now that it is no longer grey and bleak. The children have written some amazing descriptions of their city gardens and used adjectives and commas. In games we have been learning to move into a space and then roll, throw and catch a ball. In art we have begun to think about how to compose a piece of art using colour to create a mood. We have had our final music lesson this week and we are all ready for the concert. Have a lovely weekend.
Australasia (Year 3)	As always, a busy week in Year 3! In maths we have been working on fractions and learning about numerators and denominators. We have been enjoying Escape from Pompeii and retelling the story using as many interesting phrases and adjectives as we can. In Geography, we have been using 4- and 6-figure grid references to crack codes which the children have really enjoyed. Our Roman topic continues and we have learnt about Hadrian's Wall. Today, some children started sewing to make a bookmark with their names on. All the children will have completed it by Easter. We loved making clay beads in woodland learning this week and baking them on the fire. We are looking forward to performing in our music lesson next week using the ukulele.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy week in Year 4 this week. In maths, we have been exploring the importance of place value in multiplication, learning and using our timetables and related division facts. In English, we have been researching a chosen aspect of Tudor life and have begun presenting our facts in a comic style page using apostrophes and conjunctions. In science, we have continued learning about the digestive system. In PE, we have continued working on our dance routines and developing map reading skills in orienteering. We have our final music lesson this week and are very excited to perform to you all next Wednesday in our music concert. We have discussed different ways in which we can keep healthy in our RSHE lessons.
North America (Year 5)	A superb week in North America where we got to enjoy the sunshine in the woods whilst measuring and mapping out the woodland area. In maths, we have continued our learning linked to angles. We have learnt how to find angles on a straight line, around a point and within a quadrilateral. In English, we have discussed more of the features of writing a newspaper report and written using formal conjunctions to link ideas and improve cohesion. We recapped our understanding of what makes a living organism in science and looked at how plants reproduce. During computing, we extended our searching skills on a database which contained information on all of the passengers of the Titanic. The 'and' and 'or' search functions were used to enhance our searches. The children practiced writing sentences in French linked to what amenities a particular town or village had.
South America (Year 6)	Another busy week in South America class. In maths we have been learning how to find the volume of cuboids and applying this skill to a variety of problems. In English we have continued to explore our initial ideas for our part of The Land of Neverbelieve and we have drafted our features and introductions. In science, we have thought about how to plan an investigation; we imagined we were working as scientists and had the ability to think larger in scale to apply our skills to a real life situation. In RSHE we have thought about our healthy me

topic and reflected on what farms do for us and created posters for a competition and in computing we have begun to work on our final game creations which will we complete over the next few weeks. Finally this week, we have started carving our lino blocks to be able to complete our printing unit of work.



Rudgwick Primary Car Boot Sale

Saturday 29th March

We have the wonderful Source It Sussex joining us to provide food and refreshments at our car boot sale. They will also be donating a percentage of their takings to Rudgwick Primary, so please do come along! <https://sourceitsussex.co.uk/>



If you would like to book a pitch to sell your unwanted items there is still time! £15 per car and £25 per van, this fee will go directly to Rudgwick Primary School, anything you sell is pennies for your pocket!

West Sussex Music Concerts

The West Sussex Music Concerts will be held on Wednesday 26th March at the following times:

Y2 ukulele 9.45am

Y1 ukulele 10.30am

Y3 ukulele 11.15am

Y4 clarinet 1.45pm

Please queue by the back doors of the school hall.

£1 not-for-profit swimming lessons

BG&G Training are offering £1 not-for-profit swimming lessons as part of a teacher training course during the Easter holidays. We are seeking children aged 3 and above, as well as adults. This opportunity is open to non-swimmers (those who cannot swim), beginners (those with some confidence), and improvers (those who can swim without aids).

You can do both days or just one day.

Where ? Cranleigh school

When? Friday 11th April at 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm

Saturday 12th April 9.30am 10am 10.30am 11.00am 11.30am and 12pm

To book all you have to do is email Mel on bgandg.mj.davis@gmail.com with the swimmers ability/name

Spring Term

Tuesday's ongoing – Y3 Swimming

Tues 25th March – Y4 Trip to Hever Castle

Wed 26th March – West Sussex Music Concerts

Fri 28th March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase - 2:00pm

Sat 29th March – Rudgwick Primary School Car Boot Sale 10:00am – 2:00pm

Wed 2nd April – Horsham Museum

Fri 4th April – Last day of Spring 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/>

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.

