



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 9th June 2023

Summer Term Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our final half term of the year (the last one ever for our lovely Year 6 children). The half term began on Monday morning with a visit from Simon Quail from the Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association (EGRGA). Simon was in to tell the children about the EGRGA Summer Show which takes place on Saturday 15th July from 2:00pm. Once again there is a Young People's Section within the competitions as part of the show in a 4-8 age range and a 9-14 age range. Details of the show and the competitions the children can enter can be found at www.gardenreg.org. We have also attached details of the competitions the children can take part in along with the entry forms with this week's newsletter.



We also enjoyed an amazing Gymnastics showcase on Monday afternoon as all of the children that take part in Mrs Thompson's Gymnastics club demonstrated the range of skills they have developed under her expert tuition. A mixture of floor and apparatus work was on show and it was clear just how much the children have enjoyed the sport, showing absolute concentration and enjoyment throughout. The event was topped off with a spectacular performance from some former Rudgwick pupils who have continued their passion for gymnastics. It was a very special send off for Mrs Thompson who was overwhelmed with pride in the children.



In Year 5 this week the children were learning about the role of playleaders in preparation for potentially taking on our Sports Leader roles when they get into Year 6. Mr Meaney, from The Weald, went through the role and the children had to invent their own activities and games that children could enjoy at playtimes. There were some very inventive ideas on show.



We have enjoyed the sunshine this week and, with an air of optimism that it continues, can I ask that you are applying sun cream to your children before they come to school and that they are bringing their sun hats to wear at playtimes.

Finally, please can I remind everyone that the school car park is for staff cars only. There have been parents driving in before breakfast club and to collect from after school clubs which can cause issues for staff coming in and leaving. Unfortunately we do not have a big car park so we need your help to make sure it is easily accessible for staff and safe for children coming through this way. Thank you.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week:

Samuel G, Maxwell G, Evie W, Caleb K, Dexter G, Teddy T.

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

Alice – Y2

Number Bond 10 Badge

Etta – Y3

Sofia – Y4

Poppy L – Y4

Number Bond 20 Badge

Cai – Y2

Harry P – Y4

Sienna – Y4

Max G – Y4

Bronze Times Table Award

Bree – Y2

Leo – Y2

Aidan M – Y2

Oscar – Y3

Molly – Y3

Platinum Times Table Award

Theo – Y3

Alex – Y3

Book Awards

Beatrix – YR

Joshua – Y6

House Points for the Term

Eagles – 208

Falcons - 203

Kestrels - 221

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Molly Eva P	For showing such enthusiasm when singing in assembly. For being a fantastic role model to others.
Asia (Year 1)	Sidney Rebecca	For his effort and perseverance in English to improve his handwriting. For always putting in 100% with all of her learning and striving for excellence.
Europe (Year 2)	Seb Aizen	For his awesome attitude and listening skills in PE this week. He was so focussed and achieved well. Well done! For showing maturity and respect to others and being a good role model this week. Keep it up!
Australasia (Year 3)	Freddie L Molly D	For participation so well in class discussions this week and for asking relevant questions. For challenging herself with her writing and going that extra mile this week!

Antarctica (Year 4)	Poppy A	For showing a lot of maturity-you are ready for Year 5 Poppy!
	Christine	For working so hard on her handwriting when publishing her diary entry-fabulous!
North America (Year 5)	Tom	For showing great focus in applying his understanding to an informal method for division.
	Harry	For showing great focus in applying his understanding to an informal method for division.
South America (Year 6)	Ben	For working hard in all lessons and pushing to achieve his best.
	Alice	For being a thoughtful and supportive learning partner.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>What a lovely start we have had to this final summer term. This week we have been learning about the life-cycle of a butterfly. We have even got five real caterpillars in our classroom and we cannot believe how much they have grown in just one week! We have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and we can't wait to see if our caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies too. We have been busy at the creative table making paperchain caterpillars and symmetrical butterfly paintings. In Maths this week we have been looking at how to double numbers and the hungry caterpillar even helped us with this. Can you believe that he wasn't happy with the food he was given and asked us to give him twice as much! What a greedy caterpillar! On Tuesday we were visited by a football coach who taught us some new football skills. We were all amazing at it and the football coach was very impressed.</p>
Asia (Year 1)	<p>Welcome back Asia Class! We have hit the ground running on our first weeks back and have been super busy settling back in and starting some new learning. In maths we are focusing on money and have enjoyed looking at coins and notes, ordering by value and learning all about the currency in the UK. In maths we also learnt about using a calendar, practising the days of the week and the months of the year. In English we have been doing lots of phonics practise ready for next week as well as writing the beginning of our stories, introducing our main characters. In science we looked at different animals and thought about similarities and differences between them. In music we enjoyed playing at different tempos on our recorders and recognising the differences between what the notes look like when written down.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>It's been so lovely to welcome you all back this week! We have been busy getting back in the swing of things and enjoying these last week's together. In English, we wrote recounts about our holidays and concentrated on adding subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. We spent time reviewing all the grammar terminology we have learnt this year and developed the areas that weren't quite secure. We also had our stunning start to kick off our new learning journey Everything Changes! Linked to history, we explored how inventions, buildings, fashions have changed over time. In maths, we continued to explore measuring and comparing mass. In PE, we practised for our much anticipated school sports day – we have</p>

	<p>some very fast children among us! In music, we reviewed our learning so far and practised playing the three notes in time. In RE, we learnt about the story of Zacchaeus and how he was treated with kindness by Jesus after he sinned. This helped to support our school rule and that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness.</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>What a lovely last, first week back we've had in year 3. This week we have enjoyed reading our class text, Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt. We asked questions and made predictions based on what we had already read. From this we then created a plan for our own Glorious Gardens and thought about the fruit, vegetables and plants that we might like to grow. In Maths we have been exploring perpendicular and parallel lines and using this knowledge to create mathematical statements In Music we played rounds on a range of instruments, including hand bells and xylophones. In PSHE we explored the concept of big deal, little deal and discussed how to tackle these situations. In PE we have been practising for sports day and exploring the ready position in tennis. Remember your hats and sun cream next week Year 3, looks like we are in for a hot one!</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>After returning to school on Monday, feeling refreshed from the half-term break, Antarctica began to write their diary entry in role as one of the characters from our class text, The Explorer. After choosing which character we were going to write as, we worked hard to remember to write in past tense, in first person, using time adverbials, using informal language and to really describe our feelings, worries and achievements during the events of the story so far. After editing our work we began to write our diary entries onto tea stained paper to give them a nice antiquated look! Meanwhile, we have been converting between analogue and digital clocks in Maths, as well as converting between am/pm and 24-hour clock. In Science we explored food chains and how energy from the sun is used by animals in a chain from plants through to animals and even humans. We learnt that food chains begin with a producer which is always a green plant that converts the sun's energy into food, animals then eat the producer and are called consumers. We then had a go at creating our own food chains. In Geography we learnt that fair trade is a social movement to help people in the developing world who make lots of our food, clothes and toys to get a fair price for their produce. Another busy week as we embraced the second half of the Summer Term!</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>A fantastic start back to the final half term of the year. The children enjoyed a session with Mr Meaney from The Weald School. Over the next few weeks, sessions will aim to develop leadership skills through giving the children the opportunity to lead activities. In maths, we continued to explore informal methods for division and the connections to our most efficient method of short division. We have been considering the links between climate and the major biomes, alongside what flora and fauna might be found in those areas. In English we have identified features and used techniques linked to persuasive writing and in art, we have used a WWF poster as inspiration for a portraying plastic pollution in the ocean.</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>What a great start to our final half term together. We have been learning about coordinates, reflection and translation in maths and in English we have been developing different reading skills linked to our class text Coraline. In science, we have started looking at the human body, in particular the circulatory system and in PE we have been practising our</p>

	events for sports day. We have learnt about the Battle of Waterloo in history, and why it is classed as a significant event, and in French we have been learning about different verb forms. It was great to be back in the woods on Tuesday, exploring and developing our skills and are looking forward to the coming weeks.
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PTA Cake Raffle

Thank you to Mrs Menzies for donating a lovely chocolate cake this week. The winner of the raffle was Harley in Y4, congratulations!

Upcoming Events

Wed 14th June – Class Photos

Fri 16th June – Mufti Day – Please bring in a garden game for the raffle

Thurs 22nd June – Sports Day

Mon 26th June – Inset Day

Tues 27th June – Transition Morning

Fri 30th June – Mufti Day – Please bring in a bottle

Fri 30th June – Summer Festival

Mon 10th July – Year 4 Camp

Fri 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/>

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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