



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Spring Term Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I spoke with the children this week about one of our values which we are focussing on this half term, collaboration. We explored some of the ways in which we all, children and adults, collaborate in so many parts of school life. Collectively we agreed the school rules at the beginning of the year, how everyone, child and adult alike, feels we should behave in school. We have recently all worked together to look at our school mission statement and the values we feel are most important. The children know they work together to look after their school environment and to be in school as much as possible to experience their learning together. And of course, they collaborate in their learning all the time, working with the adults in class and each other to learn and develop so many skills and so much knowledge. Here are just a few examples of our children working so well together...



This week Year 3 started their swimming lessons which they will be enjoying for the spring term. The staff at Billingshurst Leisure Centre commented on how well behaved they were, saying they were the best class they've had in a long time. A great example of a class working together to ensure that they represent our school with pride. I am very proud of all of our children and you should be too!

## Birthdays



Birthdays this week include: Eva B and Margot H.

We hope you all enjoy your special days.



This term's core value is **INSPIRE** and the wider values for the half term are **Responsibility** and **Ambition**.

### Book Awards

Ronnie Y1  
Alfie Y3

### Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Henry  Frankie	For speaking confidently during Show and Tell.  For amazing us all with your building skills.
Asia (Year 1)	Lexie  Albert	For settling in well and making a fantastic start at her new school.  For his amazing effort and always trying his best in all of his learning.
Europe (Year 2)	Aidan M  Alice K	For showing belief in himself and 're-setting' when he found things tricky this week. Keep it up!  For showing such a great attitude, belief in herself and always trying again if it doesn't go quite right. I am so proud of you Alice!

Australasia (Year 3)	Jess	For outstanding effort in swimming, for being an inspiration to others.
	Harry	For demonstrating quiet perseverance when completing his tasks.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Harry	For confidently explaining how to round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 100 and 1000.
	Alfie	For successfully recalling features of the new class book, Varjak Paw, when exploring his chosen character.
North America (Year 5)	Harry	For being an active, confident learner and motivated in all lessons.
	Dexter	For being an encouraging learning partner and celebrating the success of others.
South America (Year 6)	Thomas	For being more focussed when writing.
	Holly Ti	For always having belief in herself and demonstrating resilience..

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	What a magical week we have had in Africa class. We have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and have made our own story mas to help retell the story to each other. We were excited to discover a new fairy tale role play area in our classroom, complete with a gingerbread house to play in! We have even used the story of Goldilocks in PE during a yoga session. This week we have also joined the rest of the school for a singing assembly with Mrs Edwards. We have learnt two new songs and can even use Makaton signs whilst singing one of them. Well done Africa class on another fantastic week.
Asia (Year 1)	We have had a busy week in Asia Class! We have started our new learning journey which is called 'Superheroes' and our focus text is a book called Traction Man. In history we have been learning all about a real life Superhero called Mary Seacole. We wrote facts about all of the amazing things she did. In maths we have been learning all about tens and ones, and how to identify these in 2 digit numbers. In ICT we looked at technology used around us and enjoyed exploring the iPads. In geography we found the UK on a map. We had a great time in our first music session this term having an introduction to the Ukulele!
Europe (Year 2)	Year 2 have had a brilliant week – we are definitely finding it easier to settle into our learning this term, which is great. In English, we have used our core text to design a product for a witch and write persuasively to convince her to buy it. We used our designs in DT to actually make a model of our products. In maths we have tackled adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We are learning lots of methods to find one that suits us. In science continued our exploration into materials and their uses. Music started up again this week and we were so pleased to see Mrs. Eames. We are back learning more on the recorders and are excited to see what's to come. In RSHE, we discussed how to stay safe around medicines.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have had a lovely week, and have been swimming for the first time. We were so proud of all the children for trying their best, encouraging each other, and representing Rudgwick Primary so beautifully. We can't wait to

	begin our lessons next week. In English this week we have been editing text for punctuation and uplevelling sentences. On Monday we found a dragon egg in the woods and have been writing recounts based on this exciting experience. We are now eagerly awaiting the hatching of our egg, and are looking for early signs of a dragon emerging. In maths we have been learning to use column subtraction and using our knowledge of exchanging from our addition last week. We have started our music lessons this week and are now learning the ukulele.
Antarctica (Year 4)	A busy week in Year 4 began with rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 100 and then to the nearest 1000 in Maths. We went on to dividing 1000 into equal parts so we could interpret scales and solve problems relating to multiples of 200, 250 and 500. As we progress with our class text, Varjak Paw, we have been exploring some of the characters in more detail and looking at how figurative language can be used to engage the reader. We have also used interesting vocabulary in context, as well as phrases and clauses in our writing. In Computing we investigated how networks physically connect to other networks and to support this we demonstrated, in role, how information is shared across the internet by representing different networks, switches and routers within our groups. We also discussed why a network needs protecting. We enjoyed using tone and shade in line drawings to create a piece of art, based on Varjak Paw, and in DT we began to design a moving animal.
North America (Year 5)	Another great week in North America class. Early in the week, the children enjoyed a wet and windy session of woodland learning building shelters (photos soon to be uploaded to Google classroom) followed by an active dance session with Mr Meaney who visited from The Weald. We have continued our work on decimal numbers in maths, gaining a better understanding of tenths, hundredths and thousandths as well as a recap on rounding. In English, we have explored synonyms and the intensity of different words with a similar meaning. The children also wrote interview questions to recruit a warrior linked to our topic book Beowulf. In computing, the children built on their understanding on vector drawings and applied their learning to create various pictures.
South America (Year 6)	It has been a great week in Year 6. We have been learning about measures in maths and converting between metric units and reading scales. In English, we have been writing and publishing our diaries and continued to read our class text. We have begun to make our little books on coastal features in geography and started our new science topic of living things and habitats. In computing we have started to think about our own websites and thought of a topic and design for our pages and in PE we have continued to learn the haka by learning some words and putting movements to them.

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming  
6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y6 Residential  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

## PTA News

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Clothing Collection**

We have another date for the diary coming up, on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** we will be having a clothing collection at the school. Please look through your wardrobes and where possible donate as many items/bags as possible.

Please place your donations in a sealed plastic bag and leave in the designated area in the school car park before 9am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> ready for collection. All items will be sent to charities across Europe to support those less fortunate and additionally the school will earn 50p per kilo donated.

We really appreciate your help and support as always. Please see the poster attached for the items accepted for donation.

### **School Lottery**

Congratulations to our latest lottery winner.

07/01/23

Mrs. Harding

£17.10

Play next week and you could be a lucky winner: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rudgwick-primary-school>

### **CO-OP Local Cause**

I'm pleased to confirm that Rudgwick Primary School PTA has been selected again by the Co-op local community fund as a cause. They will donate to us every time that you buy a Co-op branded product instore, when you are a member who has selected us as your cause.

There are lots of additional benefits from joining the Co-op's membership scheme, including weekly personalised offers and cashback on purchases for you too! Please click the link below to add the PTA as your supported cause and help us beat last year's incredible £2,000 fundraising goal. Select your cause here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73050>

Thank you for your continued support.

Vix & Anna

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## **Cake Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket this week.

A huge thank you to Louise Platt for baking a beautiful cake.

The raffle winner this week was Evie S.

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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