



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Spring Term Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers

With just one week to go until the end of term our children have been as busy as ever. I was lucky enough to join Year 3 at their last swimming lesson of the term on Wednesday. They showed just how far they have come this term with their swimming skills and the staff at Billingshurst Leisure Centre were very complimentary about the behaviour and attitude of the class. All three instructors could not speak highly enough about how well they have engaged with the sessions and how much they have enjoyed teaching them. It made myself and the Year 3 staff very proud indeed.

That pride was felt again on Wednesday evening as Mrs Thompson took a gymnastic team to The Weald to take part in a display. Following weeks of practise they put on a wonderful performance that was not out of place among more experienced secondary school gymnasts. Well done to Lottie K, Holly Ti, Elodie K, Freya M, Max B, Hugo S, Kai C and Alex L who made Mrs Thompson and the rest of the school proud. They were also very sensible and thoughtful audience members when they were not performing as well.

And the week was capped off with our Performing Arts Showcase. What a spectacular afternoon of entertainment it was and it shows what an incredibly talented group of children we have here at Rudgwick. It was a feast for the senses as we saw children singing, playing instruments, acting and dancing. The atmosphere in the hall was really quite special and families watched with their own pride and enjoyment. It was a very memorable occasion, thank you to all of the adults that have worked with the children in clubs and lessons, your dedication and passion for the arts allowed our children to shine this afternoon. Well done to every single performer for playing your part in the show!

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to our Comic Relief collection last week. We managed to raise over £190.00, a generous contribution to a very worthy cause.

## Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week:  
Rufus F, Max M, Alexa, Paige W, Alfie L.  
We hope you all enjoy your special days.



## Awards



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

### Number Bond 5 Badge

Beatrix YR, Connie YR, Dylan YR, Lily YR

### Number Bond 10 Badge

Lily Y3, Harry YR

### Number Bond 20 Badge

Sophie Y3

### Number Bond 100 Badge

Archie Y2

### Silver Timetables Award

Arthur Y3, Jack Y3

### Gold Timetables Award

Alex Y3

### Book Awards

Alex Y3

Emily Y2

### House Points

Kestrels - 244

Eagles - 266

Falcons - 199

### Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	<b>Tilly</b>	For demonstrating a good understanding of the number bonds to 10 during our Maths lesson.
	<b>Evie</b>	For being such a keen reader and, as a result, making great progress.

Asia (Year 1)	<b>Talon</b>	For being an extremely keen learner and always being excited to share his ideas with the class.
	<b>Oscar</b>	For always working your socks off and producing fantastic work in all subjects!
Europe (Year 2)	<b>Cai</b>	For showing care and dedication when completing his learning. He has so much knowledge to share and makes me smile every day!
	<b>Alice B</b>	For developing her confidence to share her ideas with the class and for initiating conversations. I love the chats we have now!
Australasia (Year 3)	<b>Seren</b>	For being a great team player in music and for taking part with such enthusiasm.
	<b>Sophie</b>	For taking on board feedback with a mature and positive attitude and editing her work accordingly to great effect.
Antarctica (Year 4)	<b>Christine</b>	For having such a positive attitude to all of her learning and being able to explain her ideas clearly
	<b>Immy</b>	For working so hard on her Henry VIII non-chronological report-great!
North America (Year 5)	<b>Sammy</b>	For working enthusiastically on his Viking information page.
	<b>Billy</b>	For being a kind and supportive friend by helping Cora whilst she is on her crutches.
South America (Year 6)	<b>Lucas</b>	For always believing in himself and being a confident learner.
	<b>Emily O</b>	For being a confident learner and pushing herself in all lessons.

### We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week Mrs Worth has been really impressed with our phonics skills and has noticed how well we are all progressing with our reading. She says we really do amaze her! We have continued to work on our number bonds to 10. We even managed to incorporate a giant ten frame into our PE lesson. On Tuesday, we watched an episode of Peppa Pig, spoken in French. This helped us to learn the French words for Mother, Father, Sister and Brother. We have finally noticed that our beans (placed in bags on the window during our Fairy-tale topic) have started to sprout! We have recorded our observations and are looking forward to seeing what happens next.
Asia (Year 1)	We have had a busy week showing off our impressive phonics skills and wow have the children impressed us! We have been learning to count in 2s and 5s in maths and have started thinking about comparing objects using height and length. In computing, we have been continuing to think about gathering data by looking at how different objects could be grouped

	<p>according to their properties. We have been creating our own version of Wassily Kandinsky's concentric circles and wow have the children knocked our socks off with those! In science we have been thinking about common garden and wildflower plants and have been out on a hunt to see which wildflowers are growing in the school grounds. In Geography we have been thinking about where in the UK dinosaur fossils have been discovered and have shown this on a map of the UK! Well done Asia class another fantastic week of hard work!</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>The penultimate week of the spring term and we started a new book! The Tin Forest by Helen Ward is a beautifully written and illustrated book that compliments our first core text well. It has helped us to discuss key words and phrases and explore inference in our English this week. In maths, we have learnt about fractions of shape in terms of half, quarters and thirds. In science, we deepened our knowledge of what a plant needs to stay healthy by spotting signs of an unhealthy plant. In computing, we collected our own data to create pictograms using a programme on the ipads. In music, we have been practising all the skills we have secured and are developing a real confidence to use the ukulele. In Geography, we compared Brazil with England in terms of human and physical features and climate. One week to go and lots of Easter fun planned! Happy Friday everyone!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week was sadly our last swimming lesson at Billingshurst Leisure Centre and what an amazing time we've had! Miss Lee, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Smith have been so impressed with how beautifully they represented the school during these lessons, they really did us proud! All the instructors commented on what lovely children we have at our school and how much they looked forward to teaching us! Well done Year 3! A huge thanks to Mrs Town, Mrs Le Gresley and Mrs Campbell for giving up their time and accompanying us. In English this week we have drafted, edited and published our own Roman play scripts ready to perform next week. In Maths we have been learning all about 2D and 3D Shapes and using Carroll diagrams to sort by characteristics. In History we have been learning all about how the Romans built their distinctive roads and created posters to inform others.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>We have worked really hard on writing our non-chronological reports on Henry VIII this week. He was quite a complex character and we tried to capture the essence of his whole life in our writing. In Maths, we were learning how to calculate area and perimeter. In Computing, we analysed data. In R.E, we looked at how Christians prepare for Easter. Our history focus was learning about why Henry VIII broke links with Rome. We looked at the reasons for this and categorised them. We are really looking forward to our trip to Hampton Court Palace next Friday!</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>Although absent from the class, I have received fantastic feedback about the work North America have done over the course of the week. In English, the children have worked hard to complete their information pages on the Vikings. In computing, the class produced some incredible Viking longships using their skills of creating vector drawings. Children were given the opportunity to convert between imperial and metric units of measurements for length, mass and capacity as well as measuring and calculating perimeter for rectilinear shapes.</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>What a great week! We have been learning about percentage of amounts in maths and linking this to ratio and proportion. In English, we have finished reading The Land of Neverbelieve and been creating our own</p>

	areas on the island. The children have been really creative with their ideas and thought carefully about the adaptations their animals and plants have. In science, we have learnt about evolution and how living things change over time and in geography we have continued to learn about biomes by looking at the taiga and temperate deciduous forests. In PE, we had our tennis coach in again and we developed our backhand and learnt how to serve and in art we have all finished our final prints.
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### **Upcoming Events**

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Roman Day  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Hampton Court  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of Spring Term.  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer Term  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Bikeability  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April – Y6 County Hockey Finals  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Scramble  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Inset Day  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Summer Term

### **Chartwells School Meals – Holiday Return Menu**

Due to our delivery days, we will be on the holiday menu for the first two days after the Easter holidays.

Please find attached Holiday Return menu that the children will be offered, this will be a change to the advertised menu.

### **Clubs**

Just a reminder that there are no clubs next week as it's the last week of term, unless your club provider has stated otherwise.

The new summer term club application form, will be emailed out next week for the start of the new term.

### **Cake Raffle**

Thank you to Mrs Menzies for donating a beautiful spring themed cake.

The winner of today's raffle was Arthur H! 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.

Terry Ryan

Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

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