



Rudgwick Primary School News

Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our first half term I have to start our newsletter with a huge WELL DONE to our Reception Class children. They have settled into school life so well, with confidence and enthusiasm and, given what a long half term it has been, their stamina has been incredible. You can all have a well-earned break now.

Year 5 enjoyed their residential trip to Sayers Croft last week and on behalf of Mr Tucker, Mrs Kurashina, Mrs Ryan and myself I would like to say thank you to all of the children for throwing themselves into every challenge, supporting each other and making sure they took part in everything with energy, a smile on their faces and with impeccable behaviour. It was a real pleasure to be away with them.



This week, on their return, they have gone from outdoor adventurers, to entrepreneurs and inventors as they have taken part in the 8 Billion Ideas programme, identifying a need or problem and coming up with an innovative solution to it. They really did come up with a fascinating range of ideas from a washer/dryer that also folds clothes, to housing built from recycled material. As with their trip away, their ability to work collaboratively shone through this week.



There was excitement across the school on Tuesday as the children enjoyed our silent Halloween disco. Everyone looked terrifyingly great in their costumes, danced the evening away and enjoyed the food on offer. So many parents and the PTA worked so hard to put the event on and it is clearly one the children were looking forward to and enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen.



We have finished the term with a visit today from The Billingshurt Lions for their Great Book Giveaway event. The Lions kindly brought in and donated a new book to every single child in the school. Each class enjoyed coming to the community room to peruse the selection on offer and make their choice. Now they can all enjoy some half term reading.



I do hope that you all have a lovely half term break and that the children re-charge their batteries ready for what is always a busy second half of the autumn term.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: George, Shay-James, Ewan, Zack, and Henry.

We hope you all have a lovely day celebrating.

If you would like to share a photo with us for the newsletter, please email it to office@rudgwick.w-sussex.org.uk

House Points

Falcons

Kestrels

Eagles

Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Kindness**.

Book Awards

KS1: Isla (KS1)

KS2: Eli (KS2)

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Winnie	For being a great friend who is always kind and follows the school rules and values.
	Dexter E	For his fantastic energy when performing a Diwali dance.
Asia (Year 1)	Corrine	For always being enthusiastic and reliable in all areas of school life! Well done Corrine!
	Ernest	For consistently showing us that he is ready to learn and being focused in his learning! Thank you Ernie!
Europe (Year 2)	Savannah	For showing me how much she can do in phonics this week. Her progress is great and it was lovely to see! Well done!
	Teddy T.	For being so considerate and kind to another member of our class this week, without hesitation, to make them feel happy again. Thank you, Teddy!

Australasia (Year 3)	Talon Lexie	Both have been participating brilliantly in lessons. They have been asking and answering questions. I think they surprised themselves at how much they knew!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Cai Alice B	For making excellent contributions to class discussions and continuing to apply himself with great focus to his learning. For building her self confidence in her learning approach and being willing to share more ideas.
North America (Year 5)	Maddie Sophie	For her focus whilst creating excellent 3D shapes using nets in DT. For being adaptable during 8 Billion Ideas and being a strong team member.
South America (Year 6)	Christine Harry	For her amazing effort when writing her poem this week. For developing great ideas in English and putting in a lot of effort.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a busy last week of the half-term we have had! We have toasted marshmallows and eaten Smores in Woodland Learning. We have learnt about the Hindu celebration called Diwali and have made our own Rangoli patterns with coloured rice. We also learnt a Diwali dance routine in PE, using coloured scarves. This week we have also been thinking about Autumn and carved pumpkins. We were surprised to find that pumpkins have flesh and skin and contain so many seeds! We were also super excited to attend our first school disco; we all looked so good in our costumes. Mrs Worth would like to say how amazing we have been during our first eight weeks at school and she hopes we have a lovely half-term break.
Asia (Year 1)	Well half term is here and what an incredible time it has been in year 1! The children have adapted to their new learning environment brilliantly and we could not be prouder of them! This week in Year 1 we have been making Viking long boats! The children worked really hard to use their understanding to create their very own Viking longboats and they look AMAZING! In Maths this week we have begun to think about subtraction and have been using First, then and next stories to help us understand the process. In English this week we have been designing a new method of transport for Grandbear and Baby Bear to take on a new adventure! The children have drawn, labelled and written beautiful sentences about their design! Well done Year 1 and enjoy and well earned rest!
Europe (Year 2)	Half term is here! What an eight weeks it's been! A big thank you to all the children for making this half term so jolly lovely. They have all settled in so well and have all made such good progress already. Well done team Europe Class! This week, we have published our pet fact files and we are so pleased with how they have turned out. In maths, we concentrated on our rapid-recall of number bonds and using our skills at making 10 to help us. In science, we considered how a healthy diet and exercise is beneficial to good health and in art, we made our final compositions in the style of

	Olivia Pilling and created a collage of our chosen animal, following our design. Enjoy the holiday everyone! Hope they are <i>spooktacula!</i>
Australasia (Year 3)	Our whistle-stop tour of Stone Age prehistory saw us making a pit-stop in the Bronze Age; we learnt how and why our early ancestors were able to put up permanent settlements and begin crafting with new materials. In DT, we created working models of pop-up books and reflected on how we might embellish them. We gained a deeper appreciation of why we need to be precise with measurements! We learnt about Hindu places of worship in RE and in RSHE we discussed danger and risk and how we cannot and should not avoid risk entirely. Instead, we should recognise spot risks ahead of acting and plan for them. Maths continued with a new unit on addition and subtraction and English, developing our understanding that making sense is more important than adding fancy literary devices to writing!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Wow! What an amazing first half term with huge amounts of learning and making massive steps forward in their attitudes and approaches to learning which has been wonderful to see. In English, the pupils have presented their Greek myths linked to Pandora's Box. In maths, we have returned to place value looking at negative numbers and Roman Numerals. The pupils enjoyed their final tennis session with coach Ben and made excellent progress with their skills. They have continued to learn about Greek Gods in our Ancient Greek topic and have discussed how to manage risks in our RSHE discussions. They completed their learning in RE by looking at Islamic symbols and patterns and designing their own prayer mats. Have a great half term rest!
North America (Year 5)	Firstly to say that we had a fantastic residential at Sayers Croft where the children represented the school impeccably. They challenged themselves in all activities - working together when needed, kept their dormitories tidy and some even managed some sleep! I will upload some photos to Google classroom over the holidays. Secondly, to say the children also impressed on their return, taking part in the 8 Billion Ideas competition. They have done so well to bring their ideas to life through creating a design brief, sketching ideas, building a prototype, designing a poster, composing a jingle and then presenting to two judges. Well done to the winners who will go on to represent us in the next stage of the competition, but also a massive congratulations to all who took part given the judges mentioned it was a particularly high standard this year. Have a wonderful rest over half term!
South America (Year 6)	In maths, we have been looking at multiplication and using known facts to solve calculations and learning the formal written methods of short and long multiplication. In English we have continued reading our book and been studying a war poem by Timothy Corsellis. We then used this as inspiration to write our own. In science, we have been learning about shadows and investigated how they change and in RSHE we looked at threat and pressure and how this can affect our bodies. It was our final woodland learning session of the half term and we enjoyed eating smores and drinking hot chocolate and in computing we pieced together all our design skills and created designs of our own. What a long but great first half term in year 6. Have a lovely break.

Upcoming Events

Next Week

Fri 25th Oct – Inset Day

Mon 28th Oct – 1st November – Half Term

Autumn Term – 2

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need – Wear spots or Pudsey items

Tues 3rd Dec – PTA Wreath Workshop

Fri 6th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair & Mufti Day

Tues 10th Dec – Nativity Matinee Performance KS1

Wed 11th Dec – Nativity Evening Performance KS1

Fri 13th Dec – PTA Secrets Room – Present Buying

Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Dinner & KS2 Carol Concert

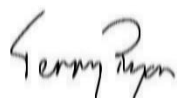
Fri 20th Dec – End of Autumn Term

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/>

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