



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 30th June 2023

Summer Term Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers

Today is Rudgwick Primary School Summer Festival day! I do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend for some or all of the event. I know the PTA and many parents have been working really hard to put it together and I am sure it is going to be a super event. My thanks in advance for the efforts that have gone in so far – let's have a great day!

This week's main event before today was, of course, transition day. I looked proudly at the bus stop as I came into school on Tuesday morning at our very smart looking Year 6 children that were heading off to The Weald for the day. I have no doubt that they will have represented our school magnificently as they begin their journey to the next stage of their education. Here in school it was a lovely morning as we welcomed our new Reception children and everyone across the school enjoyed the settling in and getting to know you activities with their new teachers and TAs. It was a very positive morning and I hope the children are looking forward to their new classes in September.



We were also very lucky this week to be joined by a couple of members of the Billingshurst Lions who were here for the Lions Book Giveaway. Every child in the school had the opportunity to choose a book that the Lions provided, which they could keep. It was lovely to see the genuine excitement and delight at the opportunity to choose a book – we really do have children that love to read! It was also great to see how polite they were in showing their thanks to our visitors – happy reading everyone!



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week: Connie and Thomas

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 20 Badge

George C – Y3

Leo F – Y3

Isla S – Y3

Book Awards

Archie – Y2

Vienna – Y5

House Points for the Term

Eagles -234

Falcons -231

Kestrels - 192

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Max	For showing a growing sense of independence and confidence with his sentence writing.
	George	For amazing us with his scientific language skills and understanding.
Asia (Year 1)	Jonie Ben	For both being hard working and contributing in lessons
Europe (Year 2)	Lizzy	For continuing to push herself when it comes to writing and for always having such original ideas.
	Cai	For being a whizz at calculating change during our maths session this week. He really knows his stuff!
Australasia (Year 3)	Joshua	For working super hard on his story writing, despite being off poorly.
	Theo	For working hard to focus on his editing his writing and creating an awesome story!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Zoe	For putting a lot of effort and commitment into her learning
	Max G	For excellent fielding skills in rounders and being a great team player
North America (Year 5)	Duncan	For working hard to create an intricate final composition in art, bringing to life the issue of plastic pollution in the ocean.
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South America (Year 6)	Flynn	For putting in a lot of effort with his learning this week.
	George	For putting in effort in each lesson and producing high quality pieces of work.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week has been very exciting for us, as we got to meet our Year 1 teachers and spent some time in our new classroom. We were all very excited to tell Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight about what we had done in Year 1. In Science this week we have listened to a story about Mr Archimedes and his bath. We needed to help Mr Archimedes discover why the water rose up when he got in the bath. We used a variety of resources to help us experiment and discover what was happening and we amazed Mrs Worth with our explanations! We have also been looking at the life-cycle of a dandelion, inspired by the book Christopher Nibble. We were surprised to discover that the dandelion heads are not just for making wishes, but are actually seeds!
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<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>We have had a busy but fun week in Asia class! We have really got stuck in to our Summer topic all about space! The children are ready and excited with lots of questions and we have made a list about what we would like to find out. We have also been busy in DT, designing and making rockets using recycled materials brought in from home. In English we have been adding the suffix 'ing' to change the tense of a word. In maths we have been learning all about halves and quarters and enjoyed a practical lesson using playdough to cut our pizza's into equal parts. In computing this week, we changed our sprites and created a programme for each sprite. In science we looked at the parts of the human body and labelled them, thinking about the position and function of each part. We had a great time in PE, consolidating our ball skills and enjoyed our music session with Mrs Eames. We can't wait for our grown-ups to come in next week and watch our performance!</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>We started our week off with our transition morning with our new teacher Mrs Bateman. We worked on thinking about ourselves and letting her know all about us. It was a really fun morning. In English, we have planned, written and edited letters to our future selves. It was really interesting thinking about what we might be like and writing to ourselves in the future! In maths, we calculated totals with money and then calculated change. In RE, we learnt about Ruth and Naomi – a Bible story about friendship and in music, we prepared for our upcoming concert on Thursday next week. In RSHE, we discussed our transition morning and shared stories about change and how this can affect our emotions. Finally, in PE we had a great time on the apparatus using skills of balancing, travelling and turning.</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>This week has been a bit of a different one. The children had a wonderful time with Mr Christmas on Tuesday morning and really impressed him with their wonderful listening and behaviour. In Literacy we have finished editing our garden adventure stories and begun publishing, thinking carefully about our presentation and design. In Maths we have been continuing to explore time, finding start and end times based on the information given in a word problem. In woodland learning we created some lovely bird feeders using pine cones and bird seed. In ICT we have been continuing our journey with desk top publishing and using our keyboard skills. Just in time for the second session of The Ashes we have begun to explore striking and fielding in PE.</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>After an exciting start to our week with Transition Morning and meeting Mr Tucker in the Year 5 classroom, we returned to our Year 4 curriculum in the afternoon for Science. We spent time getting to grips with the knowledge that for a circuit to be complete, there must be wires connected to both the positive and negative ends of the power supply, and that electricity can only flow around a complete circuit that has no gaps. We explored this using wires, batteries, buzzers, light bulbs, motors and some of us even included switches. With some perseverance we managed to complete most of our circuits by the end of the lesson. In English we used our plans we had made for our narratives and began to write our story based on a rainforest setting. We will begin to edit these on Monday before publishing our final pieces. In Computing we continued with our Programming unit using Scratch and created a design for an animation of the letters in our names. We really enjoyed this and tried hard to include two or more loops which run at the same time!</p>

North America (Year 5)	Another lovely week in North America, starting with an opportunity to spend some time with their upcoming teacher for transition morning. In maths, we have looked at retrieving and interpreting information on line graphs, as well as drawing our own using a given set of data. In English, we have explored using structure, ambitious vocabulary and different figurative language to create tension in a poem about the Gorm, the evil characters in our current topic book. The children did incredibly well in their first two sessions of tag rugby, practising passing and catching as well as learning more about to movement required. In art, the children have been piecing together their final compositions which are looking incredible as a result of their hard work and expert guidance from Mrs Hutchings.
South America (Year 6)	What a jam packed week Year 6 have had. Majority of the children started their week by spending the day at their new schools (with some still to go next week). This has given them more of an insight into what is to come next year and we can use their experiences in our discussions during RSHE over the next few weeks. We have been learning about Fairtrade in geography and designed posters to persuade people to pay a little more and buy Fairtrade products and in science we have been learning about the impact a healthy diet and exercise has on our bodies. We have started our passports to secondary school in our transition sessions and also writing our leavers assembly this week as well. It has been great to share memories from the last 7 years and reminisce on the good times they've had.

Upcoming Events

3rd July – Y3 trip to Pulborough Brooks

5th (all day) – NEU Industrial Strike Action Day – Y6 not in

6th July - Year 1/2/3 and 6 music concerts in the hall

7th (all day) – NEU Industrial Strike Action Day – Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6 not in

10th July – Year 4 Camp

18th July – Book awards – Y3, 4, 5

19th July – Book awards – YR, 1, 2

Fri 21st July – End of Summer Term

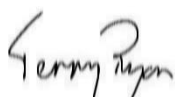
Music Lessons

Children heard performances of flute, clarinet and saxophone at assembly on Friday. If you are interested in your child having a trial lesson, with a view to starting an instrument in September, please contact Mrs Osborne at mo.woodwind@gmail.com. Group lessons are currently £8.25 and assistance with fees is available in certain circumstances. As a guide flute and clarinet can be started in year 3 and saxophone in year 5/6. Please email by 9th July as trial lessons will take place on Tuesday 11th July.

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

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.

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.



West Sussex Early Childhood Quality Award

