



Rudgwick Primary School News

Thursday 25th May 2023

Summer Term Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen some of our children transform into something/someone other than themselves! On Monday morning the team from *Open the Book* came in to deliver an assembly in which they told the story of Noah's Ark. Children from all of our classes took on various roles to help tell the story (some of the animal sound effects were very convincing).



Then, on Tuesday, our lovely Year 2 children turned into swashbuckling pirates for the day. As they immersed themselves in the grand finale of their current topic the children were met in the morning by their terrifying teacher as they set sail for a day of adventures.



Over the last few weeks the children in Year 5 have become our resident artists and as a result we have a lovely new art exhibition outside their classroom. They took inspiration from various artists and recreated their own versions. It certainly has brightened up that part of the building.



And yesterday some of the children in Year 6 became elite athletes as they competed in the locality Quad Kids Athletics tournament. Max M, Eli, Ben, George, Holly, Holly, Lottie and Emily O all took part in four events (600m race, 75m race, long jump and javelin) and finished the afternoon off with a 600m relay race. It was not an easy task in the late afternoon sunshine but despite tired limbs the work rate and effort (as well as the team spirit and camaraderie) was second to none! They worked really hard and managed to achieve an overall finish of 5th place in 8 competing schools. Well done to you all!



In news away from the curriculum, it is with great sadness that I have to share the news that Mrs Thompson will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Mrs Thompson will be retiring from duties here at Rudgwick after 24 years! She began as a TA for one hour per week and her role and significance just grew from there. And, given that she started back in 1999 Mrs Thompson holds a unique position of having worked at the school across two centuries! As well as having been an amazing TA and supporting so many children in class over the years she has, of course, also ensured that Rudgwick has become synonymous with high quality gymnastics. So many children have been able to enjoy the clubs that she runs and many have had the chance to compete in competitions, which fittingly culminated with our recent success in the national finals in Stoke. You have brought so much to our school Mrs Thompson and will be incredibly missed.

And there's more. Also at the end of the summer term Mrs Parkin, one of our Year 1 teachers will be leaving. Mrs Parkin joined the school in September 2020 and now has the opportunity to take up a new post in a specialist provision school. Her previous teaching experiences were also in this type of setting so I am sure she will be a huge asset to her new school. We wish Mrs Parkin well in this next stage of her career and will also miss her very much.

We have our transition morning coming up on the 27th June when the children will spend a morning in their new classroom with their new teachers and Teaching Assistants. I will send details of staffing arrangements after half term.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week:

Isabell J, Eloise S, William LG, Madison W, Joshua F-J, Henry B, Niah F.

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

Isla – YR

Jess - YR

Riria - YR

Number Bond 10 Badge

Halle – Y2

Nelly - YR

Number Bond 100 Badge

Aiden M – Y2

Bronze Times Table Award

George – Y5

Sammy – Y5

Cai – Y2

Jasmine – Y2

Gold Times Table Award

Cora – Y5

Tom – Y5

Platinum Times Table Award

Archie – Y2

Duncan – Y5

James F – Y5

Dexter – Y5

Mariana – Y5

Connor – Y5

Book Awards

Nelly – Y2

Molly – Y3

House Points for the Term

Eagles – 291

Falcons – 242

Kestrels - 226

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	William	For excellent progress in his reading.
	Teddy G	For his perseverance with letter formation.
Asia (Year 1)	Amelia	For always trying her best and taking on feedback to improve her work. Such a positive attitude to learning, Well done!
	River	For his great use of adjectives in his character and story setting descriptions and showing off his oral story telling skills. Good job River!
Europe (Year 2)	Emily	For always having a great attitude each and every day. She gives everything her all and always tries hard to achieve success. Well done!
	Eloise	For being such a lovely character, good role model and friend to others. Thank you!
Australasia (Year 3)	Arthur	For being such a wonderful role model to his peers this week and for having a great attitude to his learning.
	Lily	For her amazing independent learning this week and for writing such an awesome letter.

Antarctica (Year 4)	Harry	For showing a lot of resilience and working hard even with an injury!
	Max F	For really challenging himself, especially when working on translations in Maths
North America (Year 5)	Tom	For demonstrating his knowledge in science and thinking scientifically.
	Rufus	For demonstrating a positive attitude in maths which has been reflected in fantastic learning.
South America (Year 6)	Freddie	For working hard in English to produce a great narrative.
	William	For always having a positive attitude and putting huge amounts of effort into his work.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a busy end to the half-term we have had this week! In PE we have been developing our tennis skills and this week we were able to demonstrate just how far we have come by successfully hitting balls with our rackets! In Maths we have been revisiting our number bonds and counting skills. In Woodland Learning we had our last fire of this school year and celebrated with some yummy smores! Thursday was an exciting day for our class as it was Africa Day. We spent the day looking at maps, flags and animals from Africa and comparing how these animals differ from ones found in the U.K. Now we are ready for a rest before our last half-term in Reception class starts.
Asia (Year 1)	It has been a fun and busy end to the half term and Asia Class continue to work hard up until the last day! We had a great time in PE this week, practising our gymnastics moves on the equipment in the hall as well as sports day activities. We are all really excited and looking forward to sports day. In maths we continue to look at time and have been focusing on estimating lengths of time, experimenting with timed challenges. In English we practised orally telling our stories using our character descriptions and story maps, ready for writing them and making them into books after half term. In Art, we have finished our sunflowers inspired by Van Gogh and what masterpieces they are! We used acrylic paint to experiment with texture and the finished work looks wonderful. Well done Asia Class, have a well-deserved rest over half term and we look forward to seeing you in June!
Europe (Year 2)	What a wonderful end to this half term we have had! The highlight of course being our amazing pirate day on Tuesday! It was filled with pirate jokes, treasure hunts & lots of treats. We had a blast! In English, we recapped on using apostrophes to write shortened words and to show possession. In maths, we explored mass and measuring this in kilograms and grams. In science, we made food chains to show how underwater animals survive. Our ability to play the recorder just keeps on going from strength to strength! Mrs. Eames is so proud of us! In PE, we continued to practise and apply our fundamental movement skills to help us play team games. The children have worked so incredibly hard this half term. They are making so much

	progress and really make me proud. Enjoy the holiday; enjoy the sun and I look forward to seeing you all in June!
Australasia (Year 3)	What a lovely end to the half term we've had in Year 3. We edited and then published our letters to our parents of Year 3 telling them all about the ways in which they could save water and persuading them to join in our cause. Miss Lee and Mrs Parsons were so impressed with their writing – well done year 3! In Maths we have been continuing to learn about angles, identifying right, obtuse and acute angles. In Science we have been learning all about how plants photosynthesise. In Music we learnt not one but two new songs and practised changing between notes smoothly when playing our recorders. We hope you have a wonderful and sunny half term break.
Antarctica (Year 4)	This week we finished our Maths work on improper fractions and mixed numbers by adding and subtracting these with the same denominator. We then explored co-ordinates before looking at translations and describing how a shape has been translated. In English we finished editing our rainforest poems and then published them. We then created our own rainforest menus based on foods from the rainforest. We recorded the results of our recent Science investigation which looked at the effect of different drinks on eggs shells. We then compared the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and considered how these are suited to different diets. In Computing we evaluated how changes can improve images. What a busy half term, Antarctica! Enjoy a well-deserved break over half term.
North America (Year 5)	A busy final week of the half term in North America. In maths we worked really hard on perfecting the method to multiply 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. We practised combining both our forehand and backhand stroke in tennis, thinking about how this is reflective of a match scenario. In English, we explored hidden meanings and messages within our class text linked to 'the balance' and considered what balance might mean when linked to our environment before researching the importance of the ocean. The children had a fantastic final day with Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Kurashina making their soup. They followed their previously made recipes, learnt various chopping techniques and spent the afternoon tasting and evaluating what they had made. A great way to finish off the half term. Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you back in June.
South America (Year 6)	What a great end to the half term! It has been so lovely to get out and enjoy the sunshine. In English, we have finished our narratives and continued to read Coraline. In maths, we have been drawing quadrilaterals and making our own mini pizza boxes and sandwich boxes by drawing our own nets. In history we have learnt about Isaac Newton and why he is a significant historical figure and in PE we have continued to develop our cricket skills by playing different games. We have learnt how to play a new note in music and can write it on a stave and in RE we looked at where places of worship are for different religions in our county. Have a fantastic week off and I look forward to seeing you all for our final half term together!

Upcoming Events

Fri 26th May – Inset Day

Mon 29th May – Half Term

Thurs 22nd June – Sports Day

Mon 26th June – Inset Day

Tues 27th June – Transition Morning
30th June – Summer Festival
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/>

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