



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 10th November 2023

Autumn Term Week 9



Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see so many of you this week at our Parent Consultation meetings. I hope you found it informative and useful and enjoyed seeing some of the work your children have been producing already this year. I know the staff value the opportunity to meet with you and would like to pass on their thanks for your time and for the support you give your children every day with their education.

I mentioned last week that Year 5 had started their ROAR 2023 work, a project that promotes the children's entrepreneurial and innovative invention ideas. This week they completed their project, planning and designing a prototype of an invention that could solve some sort of problem, designing a poster as part of the marketing of the product and putting together a presentation to sell the idea. We were joined again by Michael from The Billingshurst Lions who kindly judged all the participants. And what a tough job it was to judge! So many superb ideas that the children worked diligently and collaboratively on.



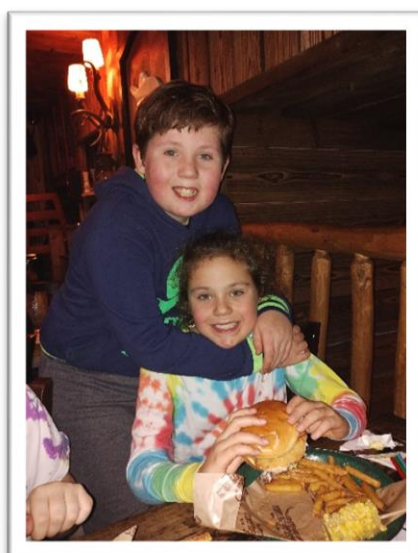
Also this week, Reception class joined us for their first assembly. Our Celebration assembly on a Friday is always a favourite and it was lovely to have our youngest children join us. They settled into it brilliantly, sitting sensibly and quietly to see all of the awards that this week has brought.

Next week is Anti-bullying week and the children will all be taking part in activities and lessons that focus on our continued drive to ensure they are all happy and safe in school and that any concerns of bullying are clearly identified and dealt with. The week starts on Monday with Odd Socks Day, a celebration of what makes us all unique. There is a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. I look forward to see a variety of socks marching through the gate on Monday morning.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays this week:
Olivia B, Oscar w and Cai T.

We hope you have a lovely time celebrating.



Thank you for sharing a photo of you celebrating your birthdays with us Oscar and Alex, we hope you had a lovely day.

If you would like to share a birthday photo, please email it to us at office@rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk

Awards



Number Bonds to 5 Badge

William Wells – YR

Bronze Times Table Award

Madison W – Y4

Gold Times Table Award

Amber P – Y4

Book Awards

River KS1

Sienna KS2

House Points

Eagles – 271 **Falcons – 309** **Kestrels – 326**

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

Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Quinn Bella	For her amazing performance skills during singing practise. For showing patience and concentration whilst making a poppy collage.
Asia (Year 1)	Connie Molly	For really challenging herself with her maths this week, tackling her work with a can do attitude and really persevering. For showing enthusiasm and motivation for her learning, and producing some amazing writing.
Europe (Year 2)	Chloe Jack	For showing confidence in her learning and listening to suggestions about how to make her learning better. Well done. For showing me so many positives this week, in terms of focusing more on his learning and supporting his friendships. Well done Jack.
Australasia (Year 3)	Aiden Donnelly Joshua Haygarth	Recognising their power as positive role models for others and increasingly, setting high expectations for themselves and for their learning.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Molly Jasper	For showing great improvement in confidence with her learning and a willingness to work hard and give her best For consistently being focused and working hard in all lessons and taking on feedback to improve.
North America (Year 5)	Alex Zoe	For showing focus and determination to be the best learner you can be. For showing such motivation in your learning asking great questions to enhance your own understanding.

South America (Year 6)	James F	For being a fantastic member of the class who always focusses and works hard.
	Hugo	For putting in a great deal of effort when writing his war poem over the last couple of weeks.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week has really seen the start of this half-term's celebration topic. On Thursday we discovered that there is a Hindu festival called Diwali. We took part in a Diwali dance with colourful scarves and held a statue of Gansha, the Hindu god of new beginnings, wisdom and luck. We looked at Rangoli patterns created by Ranbir Kaur and created our own patterns using coloured rice. On Friday we discovered why we have Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies on our clothes. We made poppy collages and held a minute silence. In Maths this week we have been comparing the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and identifying which one is one more and one less. In French we re-enacted the story of 'Le Petit Chaperon Rouge' (Little Red Riding Hood), with many of us taking on roles in the story. It really has been another busy week in Africa class!
Asia (Year 1)	This week we have been continuing to read our book, Hold Tight. We have been thinking about the characters of Baby Bear and Grandbear and writing some super sentences about them. We have also sequenced the story and expressed our opinions on our favourite parts of the story. In Maths we have been using number lines to subtract from 20; finding our starting number, counting back, drawing on the correct number of jumps and recording our answer in our number statements. We then looked at bar models and the relationship between subtraction and addition. In History we've been looking at the Right Brothers fight flight and comparing the development of aeroplanes. In PE we have been learning some playground games such as the bean game and can I cross your river. In Music we have been continuing to enjoy learning the djembe drums, this week thinking about how we are able to create different tones on our drums.
Europe (Year 2)	This week has been filled with such lovely learning and we have all tried so hard in what we have done. In English, we looked at using the suffixes -ing and -ed and wrote sentences using polar animals to see these in context. In maths, we have been working on 2D shape and learning about sides, vertices and lines of symmetry. Our woodland learning session was tremendous(!) in the fact that the children were so absorbed in finding habitats, fungi, and leaf miners. It complimented our science learning perfectly, as we explored a woodland habitat and what might live there. In history, we talked in depth about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot and in computing we used the iPads to learn to take a good photograph and what this means. In music, we continue to have fun using the djembe drums and in PE, we explored invasion games and concepts.
Australasia (Year 3)	It has been a very busy week in Australasia class and children have been working very hard. In maths, we have been adding one, ten or 100 more or less and strengthening and extending our maths vocabulary. This is so we might better communicate our mathematical understanding. We also discovered a maths rule - that when a 1, a 10 or a 100 is added or subtracted, that place value column ALWAYS changes. We also explored different manipulatives and how these might scaffold us to understand. In

	<p>English, we identified spoken words in text and created short dramas of character dialogue to support our later writing. In art, we experimented with pastels and decided key tips for our future pastel work. Our tips included: always clean pastel sticks before using them and blend with darker shades first. In PE, we worked on dribbling skills in basketball and changing direction in hockey. In history, we learnt the word, era and how the Neolithic era is distinctly different to earlier stone age as the Neolithic period saw the introduction of agriculture. We learnt that human migration enabled agricultural practices to develop on this isle. In computing, we learnt about connectivity and how a switch supports efficient communication between connected devices.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>This week in Year 4, we have continued to learning about multiplication in Maths and continuing to build on our times tables Knowledge. After some amazing poetry work last week themed around a magic box theme, we have started reading the picture book called Leon, a place in between which the children have really enjoyed. A new topic is underway in science looking at 'States of Matter' with a focus on solids, liquids and gases and how they are different. In our Ancient Greek topic, we have continued to learning about the armies of Athens and Sparta and have used that learning to produce audio recording in computing. In PE, the children had the opportunity to develop their skills in New Age Curling with good levels of accuracy demonstrated. We have also spent time in in RSHE discussing the important values in a friendship. Following on from developing their sketching and observational skills in art last week, where they focused on drawing an apple, they have explored the work on the artist Archimboldo and presented a fact file in their sketch books. A wonderful and varied week of learning.</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>This week in North America, the children had the opportunity to bring their ideas to life by designing and building prototypes for the 8 Billion Ideas competition. In their groups, children then presented their ideas to judges, who selected a winner to be put forward for the national competition. All children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and showed great collaboration throughout. Well done all! In maths, we have moved on to multiplication and started by identifying multiples and in science, we explored why we have night and day. We also had the tricky task of understanding the different phases of the moon throughout its approximate 28-day orbit of Earth. In PE, the children had their first experience of new-age curling - a tactical game which involves sliding weighted stones. During woodland learning, children enjoyed variety of activities including using a bow saw to create a santa sculpture, hunting for creatures going in to hibernation and weaving God's eyes out of wool.</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>What a great week in Year 6. We have been learning about division and applying our knowledge of written methods to a range of questions. In English we have finished editing and improving our poems and been publishing them. In History we have learnt about which countries were on each side during WW2 and some key events early on in WW2. In science we finished our topic of light by investigating shadows and in PE we did some new age Kurling and an endball tournament. We have also learnt some watercolour techniques in art and been learning some more pieces of music on the keyboard. In computing we have learnt about copyright and fair use and been gathering images for our webpages.</p>

Upcoming Events

Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need (Wear something spotty with your uniform)

24th Nov – Children to bring in unwanted gifts for our Secrets Room

Fri 1st Dec – Mufti Day – Donations for the Christmas Hampers and Bottle Hoopla.

Fri 1st Dec – PTA Secrets Room (during the school day) where children can purchase a gift for a parent/carer for Christmas (£2 each)

Tues 5th Dec – Nativity afternoon show

Wed 6th Dec – Nativity Evening show

Fri 8th Dec – Christmas Fair from 5-8pm

Wed 13th Dec – Children's Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Wed 13th Dec – Carol Service

Fri 15th Dec – Last day of term



Father Christmas in Rudgwick

The Billingshurst & District Lions Club will be accompanying Father Christmas on a tour of the Streets of Rudgwick on Saturday 16th December 5:00pm - 7:30pm. You can track Father Christmas on facebook from 1st December www.facebook.com/BillingshurstLions

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Ryan".

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.

