



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 10th March 2023

Spring Term Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy few days for us all this week. With the visit of Ofsted on Wednesday and Thursday we have had the opportunity to show inspectors the great opportunities the children have here at Rudgwick and I have to say, your children were amazing! They were so polite, articulate when talking to the inspectors and their attitude to and effort with their learning was so positive. The inspectors asked me to pass on their thanks to all of the children and to their families, particularly for the high number of Parent View surveys completed. This provided a very positive and supportive perspective and I would like to add my thanks for your contributions as well. We hope to have the final report within the next month or so when I will be able to share the outcomes of the inspection with everyone.

In other news this week some of our Year 6 children participated in a locality hockey tournament on Monday, which seems a long time ago now! Our team included Elodie, Wills, Flynn, Luca, Arthur and Teddy. We played in five games, winning four and drawing one. Undefeated, scoring ten goals and conceding just one we **WON THE TOURNAMENT**. As well as winning the competition, the sporting attitude of every member of the team was brilliant, happily taking turns to be subs, supporting each other on and off the field and showing respect to all of their opponents. Well done to team!



## Birthdays



Birthdays this week include: George H, Bene B, Harloe C, Jess H, Zavier P, Sebastian R, Ryan R, Imogen S

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**.



### Book Awards

Caoimhe Y5

Alice Y2

### Number Bond 20 Badge

Madison W Y3

### Times Tables Awards

**Bronze** – George Y6

**Silver** – George C Y4, George Y6, Ben Y6, Emily P Y6.

**Gold** – Ben Y6, Thomas Y6, Tristan Y6, Wills Y6, Alexa Y6.

**Platinum** – Brynn T and Holly Ti Y6.

### House Points

**Eagles** - 580

**Falcons** - 514

**Kestrels** - 479

### Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	<b>Max</b>	For working effectively as part of a team to design and build dens during Woodland Learning.
	<b>Teddy T</b>	For working effectively as part of a team to design and build dens during Woodland Learning.

Asia (Year 1)	<b>Jonie</b>  <b>Felicity</b>	For both showing determination and perseverance in maths when comparing numbers to 50.
Europe (Year 2)	<b>Seb</b>  <b>Leo</b>	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and demonstrating more respect to others. Well done!  For always showing a love of learning and wanting to know more and more. He is great at sharing with others to help them learn too!
Australasia (Year 3)	<b>Freddie B</b>  <b>Jess</b>	For using his success criteria really well to construct a beautifully written play script.  For being a really good role model during our swimming lessons and for always trying her best.
Antarctica (Year 4)	<b>Alex</b>  <b>Hanna</b>	For staying in role throughout our Tudor dancing sequences with his head held high, powerful clenched fists and appropriate facial expressions as he aimed to show off strength and bravery to an imaginary cheering crowd!  For demonstrating resilience and determination as she worked hard to understand an aspect of Maths which she had initially found challenging.
North America (Year 5)	<b>Caoimhe</b>  <b>Billy</b>	For being a superb member of North America who will continue to shine in all she does in the future.  For showing resilience and determination when converting measurements in maths.
South America (Year 6)	<b>Eddie</b>  <b>Max M</b>	For demonstrating great effort in his writing. He has produced a great article.  For being accurate in his writing and producing a great article.

### We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been busy reusing pieces of plastic and cardboard to make new things. We have been very creative and have made refillable juice bottle, houses, boats and biscuit tins, to name just a few of our grand designs. In Maths we have been learning about the numbers 9 and 10 and all of the ways we can make these numbers with smaller numbers. We have shared some lovely WOW moments with each other this week and Mrs Worth and Mrs Knight say they are so impressed with all of our achievements outside of school. We also got to enjoy being out in the snow this week. We even made a snowman and investigated what happens to snow when it gets warm in the classroom!
Asia (Year 1)	What a busy, busy week year 1! In maths we have been learning about comparing numbers and amounts to 50 using the more than less than

	<p>symbols and you all did incredibly well! I'm History we learnt about the amazing Mary Anning and how she discovered the Ichthyosaurus and what an incredible fossil hunter she was! In Art we learnt about warm and cold colours and have begun to create our own pictures using warm and cold colours. In English we are becoming sentence experts and are making sure we apply our key sentence writing tools to all of our writing! We had a super PE session with Mr Meany this week and took part in a range of circuit activities that made us apply all of our skills we have learnt in year 1 so far! Well done Year 1 you have knocked our socks off!</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>This week has been a whirlwind of descriptive language in English, measuring in centimetres and metres in maths, and learning about the life cycle of plants in science! We are loving seeing the changes our little seedlings are going through and taking care of them to help them grow. In music, we had great fun learning to play the A and C chord – at the same time! In PE we developed sequences using a start and finish position, as well as learnt more skills with our tennis coaching session. In geography, we learnt about Brazil and its human and physical features and in art, we developed our drawing from our imagination, using flowers as a starting point. Have a good weekend everyone!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>This week we have been exploring all things playscripts and having a go at writing our own. We talked through the features and explored how writers tell the actors the actions and expression they'd like them to use when performing, using brackets. In Maths we have been looking at fractions and identifying the numerator and denominator before calculating fractions of given amounts, using arrays. In science we have been discovering how force affects objects using toy cars and experimented with different surfaces to see if the cars speed up or slow down depending on the surface texture. In Geography and History we learnt about the spread of the Roman empire and how they came to invade most of Britain from France – it took 3 attempts!</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>Antarctica Class have immersed themselves in measurement this week in Maths, particularly length and capacity. We have been converting between units of measurement for example millimetres and centimetres, metres and kilometres and between millilitres and litres. We have been busy editing our newspaper articles all about the Battle of Bosworth and trying hard to refer to our success criteria in the process to ensure we included what we needed, particularly the '5 Ws' (Who, What, Why, When, Where). In Indoor PE we had our first experience of Tudor dancing which involved a paired sequence called Jousting Champions which conveyed the strength, focus and direct pathways of a jousting match. We then put together a second sequence known as an Intricate Court Dance. This was in groups of four which involved right and left-hand star turns to the accompanying music.</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>Another great week in North America with the children reflecting what a credit they are to this school. In maths, we have been converting different units of length in the metric system with a recap of multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. We have been drafting and writing parts of our information page on Vikings. In art, the children used peer feedback effectively after drawing their own Viking longship to make improvements to their work. These will be added and annotated to our information pages.</p>

	In French, the children continued to extend their understanding of reading the time as well as recapping phonics.
South America (Year 6)	What a week it has been! The children have been fantastic and worked really hard in every lesson. In maths, we have been exploring multiplying and dividing fractions and in English we have been writing our news articles based on an event in our book. In science we have learnt all about inheritance and thinking about which characteristics are inherited from our family or we have them due to our environment. In history we have been learning about Tutankhamun about how his tomb was discovered and in art we have been learning different stitches to help us plan our final piece of art where we will be using embroidery to add detail. We met our tennis coach this week and due to the weather we had an indoor session in the classroom. It was great to see who we will be working with over the next few weeks and start to develop some of our tennis skills.

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesdays AM – Y3 Swimming  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Planned Industrial Strike Action  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Planned Industrial Strike Action  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief - Red Nose Day  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March – Performing Arts Showcase  
 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.

### **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we would like to invite the children to wear something red, or The Red Nose Day merchandise, in exchange for a voluntary donation to Comic Relief.



### **Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March EGRGA will hold their Spring Show at Rudgwick Hall. Details can be found at [www.gardenreg.org](http://www.gardenreg.org). There is a Young People's Section within the competitions as part of the show in a 4-8 age range and a 9-14 age range. Attached with this week's newsletter is the entry form and details you will need if your children would like to take part.

### **Performing Arts Showcase**

We are delighted to be putting on a performing arts showcase on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm. If your child plays an instrument in school or is a member of Singing for Fun, Happily Ever After or Street Dance and Musical Theatre, then you will receive further information next week on how to book your tickets.

### **Cake Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket this week.

Thank you to Mrs Hutchings for the amazing shortbread.

The winner this week was Connie YR.


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.



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.*



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