

# **Rudgwick Primary School News**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **Dear Parents/Carers**

Thank you to everyone that has been able to attend our Parent Consultation meetings this week. It is so important to both the academic progress and well-being of your children that you have the opportunity to discuss them with their class teachers. I could hear many conversations between you and your children following your meetings as you left the building which were so positive and praising, which does them so much good as they, and you, can take a lot of pride from their efforts. It also allows you to continue to support them and know where the focus is for their continued development, learning and understanding. I hope you continue to find these meetings informative and worthwhile.

I am sure if you had a meeting with the Year 1 teachers you will have talked about all the fascinating professions they are currently interacting with in school as they continue to learn about people who help us. Our latest visitors this week may well have set some of the children on a path to becoming the next generation of police officers. It was yet another great experience for the children in Asia class, indeed, when the sirens were going off from the vehicles on the playground it became an added experience for everyone else in the school...welcomed or not!



### **Birthdays**



Celebrating their birthday this week: Harloe, Jess H, Sebastian R, Ryan, Imogen S, Sophie A, Grace K, Austin S and Finn. We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

### Awards

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### House Points



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<u>Number Bonds to 10 Award</u> Sophie, Corrine, Lucie, James – Y1

Number Bonds to 20 Award Evie & Elena – Y1

Evie & Elena – Yi

Platinum Times Table Award Louie – Y6

### **Book Awards**

KS1 – William Y1 KS2 – Jack Y6

### Stars of the Week

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Africa	Evie	For the effort she demonstrates with Coach Ben.
(Year R)	Henry F	For his increased effort and focus with phonics and word writing.
Asia (Year 1)	Charlotte	For excelling and challenging herself with her writing, presenting her page about Police Officers using beautiful handwriting.
	William G	For amazing language choice when writing his Police Officer page!
Europe (Year 2)	Dylan	For his very clear & precise explanation to the class of the life cycle of a plant – Thanks Dylan
	Louis	For being so enthusiastic during our maths lesson on fractions.
Australasia (Year 3)	Jacob	For having a fantastic swimming lesson and lifting his feet off the floor.
	Sidney	For showing resilience with his work and 'giving things a go!;
Antarctica (Year 4)	Reece	For showing improved confidence in his learning and continuing to work on his handwriting.
	Sebastian H	For showing greater confidence in his writing when producing his news report and formal letter.
North America (Year 5)	Etta	For her perseverance when using a protractor to measure angles.
	Theo	For demonstrating great geographical knowledge when locating different countries using an atlas.
South America (Year 6)	Max F	For putting in a lot of extra effort with his presentation in all lessons.
	Lewis	For having a positive attitude to learning and beginning to make connections in maths.

## We have been learning

Africa	This week we have been sketching and painting Spring flowers. We have
(Year R)	used watercolours to paint daffodils and grape hyacinths. In Maths we have
	been comparing quantities of objects, using ten frames and the language of
	most, least and equal. Coach Ben has continued to develop our Rugby skills,
	including travelling, passing and catching. We have also revisited the beans
	we have been growing on the class windows and have recorded our
	observations. We were excited to find that most of the beans now have roots,
	stalks and leaves and are ready to plant into pots. On Friday, Roger
	Nashfrom the Rudgwick Preservation Society came to talk to us about the

	history of Rudgwick and the dinosaur bones that were found here of the Horshamosaurus Rudgwickensis!
Asia (Year 1)	This week we had an amazing start to the week, with the visit from PC Caroline and her PCSOs. She told us all about life as a Police Officer and talked us through her equipment. They also brought two police vehicles on to the playground which we were allowed to sit in and even put the sirens on for us (much to the distraction of the rest of the school!) We the drafted and published the next pages of our people who help us book. In Maths, we have been exploring volume and capacity, predicting and then accurately measuring. In Computing we have been looking at grouping and sorting. In Art we have been continuing our work on Andy Warhol, drafting our finished pieces using his pop art style.
Europe (Year 2)	This week seems to have flown by and it was great to see you all this week at parent's evening. In writing, we have described our gardens and learnt to use commas in a list. Mrs Eames was vey impressed with all the children who thoroughly enjoyed learning how to play C major and A minor on the ukulele. A real achievement! In maths we have started to find fractions of a whole. We continue to look at the work of the artist Melissa McCracken and painted shades of the same colour to show different moods.
Australasia (Year 3)	It is hard to believe that we are already half way through this half term. We have been continuing with our Roman topic and the children had great fun finishing their shields as well as learning about Queen Boudicca. In English, we have been learning about retelling a story and thinking of phrases that will make it a really interesting read. During music we have been rehearsing for the show at the end of term and practising the chords of Am and F to play on the ukuleles while we sing songs.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy week in Year 4 with plenty of great learning taking place. In English, the children presented their formal letters as Henry 8 <sup>th</sup> and started their research into Henry's 6 wives and an aspect of Tudor Life. In maths, the children continued to explore symmetrical patterns in shapes. In Science the children have been learning about their teeth and the different functions they each have. The children very much enjoyed completing another orienteering challenge around our school grounds. We have shared good ideas in discussions about how to keep healthy with a big focus on food, exercise, screen time and sleep! The children enjoyed presenting facts about William Morris – our focus artist as we explore the concept of printing. The children are becoming very confident in playing tunes with their clarinets and are looking forward to performing to parents in a few weeks.
North America (Year 5)	Time is flying by as we get to the halfway point in this half term. In history we have thoughts about all of the key events that took place during the Battle of Hastings. This understanding will be value for our next piece of writing in English – a newspaper report. We have thought carefully about the features including purpose, audience, language and layout with a view to start planning and writing next week. In maths, we recapped our understanding of angles being a measure of a turn, the different types of angles and started using protractors to measure angles up to 180 degrees. During woodland learning, the children were tasked with creating 3D models of our woodland area out of existing materials. They were very creative and all so different. In computing, we extended our understanding of paper-based databases to thinking about computer-based databases containing different animals and information and different countries.

South America (Year 6) The weeks seem to be whizzing by this half term. This week we have been learning about measurement, specifically area and perimeter and how to calculate these of different shapes. In English, we have been reading The Land of Neverbelieve and started to think about our own areas that we will write about next week. In science, we have looked at animal adaptations and thought about how an animal is adapted to survive in their environment and in RSHE we have thought about the healthy habits that we have and shown our understanding for why they are healthy. We had another PE session with coach Ben this week and we moved our learning on by learning different rolls and jumps and thought more about control and in geography we have looked at our coast have changed over time and the impact that has on the communities and wildlife that live there.



### Rudgwick Primary Car Boot Sale

### Saturday 29th March

We have the wonderful Source It Sussex joining us to provide food and refreshments at our car boot sale. They will also be donating a percentage of their takings to Rudgwick Primary, so please do come along! <u>https://sourceitsussex.co.uk/</u>



If you would like to book a pitch to sell your unwanted items

there is still time! £15 per car and £25 per van, this fee will go directly to Rudgwick Primary School, anything you sell is pennies for your pocket!

### Upcoming Events



The Children are invited to wear an item of red clothing or Red Nose Day merchandise, with their school uniform. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by the following link: <u>https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/FV93BnQ5PYjcUGFHGMVOe</u>

### West Sussex Music Concerts

The West Sussex Music Concerts will be held on Wednesday 26th March at the following times:

Y2 ukulele 9.45am Y1 ukulele 10.30am Y3 ukulele 11.15am Y4 clarinet 1.45pm Please queue by the back doors of the school hall.

### Spring Term

Tuesday's ongoing – Y3 Swimming Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief, Red Nose Day 2025 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Hever Castle Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March – West Sussex Music Concerts Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase - 2:00pm Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March – Rudgwick Primary School Car Boot Sale 10:00am – 2:00pm Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Horsham Museum Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Spring 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. <u>https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/</u>

More photos of events are available on our website <a href="https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/">https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/</a>

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.



