



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 12th May 2023

Summer Term Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers

In the second of two four day weeks in a row our Year 6 children have been amazing, packing their SATs into the four days we have been in school. There were some really, rather challenging questions within these tests and it was clear just how much of an effort they have all been putting in to preparation for them, because they came up with some great answers and gave nothing less than their best. The concentration, resilience, effort and attitude demonstrated by all of the children has been so amazing to see. Of course, they were well fuelled every morning with a fine SATs week breakfast and I would like to thank the staff and parents who helped to ensure they sat their tests on full stomachs! Well done Year 6, Mrs Burns and all the adults in school are so very proud of you.



Our other news that fills us with pride this week is that Hugo and Kai, Year 5, travelled to Stoke with their families and Mrs Thompson for the British Schools National Gymnastics Finals. Not only did they represent our school at a national level with the sort of attitude, approach, sportsmanship and effort you would expect from our brilliant children, but they finished third, yes third in the U11 Boys Acro Pair, picking up a well-earned bronze medal. Boys, that is such a superb achievement and one which you must be so, so proud of yourselves. Well done for travelling so far to compete and for the success you can enjoy. And thank you and well done to your coach, Mrs Thompson for once again, ensuring that children at Rudgwick get these types of opportunities. Amazing!



Also this week, you will see from the class news below that Year 3 had a visit from Southern Water. Simon from Southern Water, told the class how our water is treated and cleaned. There were some demonstrations such as how toilet paper breaks down in water vs. a baby wipe that doesn't. He also talked about how to save water, as each person uses 130 litres of water a day, and they want to reduce this to 100 litres per person. I believe Simon was very impressed with just how much knowledge the children had already.



Last week I told you about our very enjoyable afternoon tea party as part of our Coronation celebrations. Below are some photos showing you what a fab time we all had.



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays this week:
Benedict G, Katie L, Martha M, Sofia D, Annabelle M, Molly D.

We hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating!

Awards



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

Number Bond 20 Badge

Dylan – Y3

Number Bond 100 Badge

Amber – Y3

Sammy – Y5

Bronze Times Table Award

Freddie L – Y3

Harry – Y3

Silver Times Table Award

Joshua – Y3

Poppy L – Y4

Billy – Y5

Gold Times Table Award

James K – Y5

Mariana – Y5

Platinum Times Table Award

Martha – Y5

Zach – Y5

Albie – Y5

Book Awards

Max T – Y6

Eva B - YR

House Points for the Term

Eagles – 181

Falcons - 185

Kestrels - 216

Star Awards





Africa (Year R)	Louis and Henry	For choosing to extend their own learning during Learner Explorer time.
Asia (Year 1)	William and Mitzie	For impressing us with their effort, hard work and positive attitudes to learning. Such great role models!
Europe (Year 2)	Reece	For becoming more aware of how he needs to improve his writing and checking for that all important punctuation. Well done Reece!
	Alice K	For always being so determined in her learning and wanting to have a go, knowing it will help her improve. Well done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Freddie L	For working hard during our English lesson and then going on to write his own persuasive letter to Mr Ryan in his own time.
	Zack	For participating with such enthusiasm and interest during our workshop with our visitor from Southern Water.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sophie	For making excellent progress with her spelling-go Sophie!
	Harley	For putting a lot of effort into achieving her goals
North America (Year 5)	Knysna	For having a great attitude to learning and being really focussed in all lessons.
	Paige	For her hard work and positivity linked to all of our work on rounding in maths.
South America (Year 6)	All Year 6	For being absolute stars all week. You remained positive even when the going got tough!

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	It may have been another 4 day week, but the children of Africa class have achieved so much! In Maths we have been revisiting 2D shapes and have been discovering how these shapes can be used to make new shapes and patterns. In French we have been practising how to say that we like or dislike things and in Woodland Learning we have been using hand drills to make wooden spinners. This week, as part of the 'Me and My Community' topic we have been focusing on the school community. We have been on a tour of the school and have produced labelled maps of the school grounds, which has helped us to discover all of the people that create our school community. We are all very excited about our school trip next Tuesday and we can't wait to discover what is inside Horsham Museum!
Asia (Year 1)	Asia class have returned from the long weekend ready and raring to go this week! We have continued looking at time in maths and have been focussing on ordering time. In computing we have enjoyed using the laptops to create a Word document learning how to change the font of the text. In French we learnt how to say 'I like' and 'I don't like' when discussing which fruits we like to eat. In English we have continued looking at plurals and the rules around adding 's' and 'es'. In geography this week we have been looking at using sketch maps and had a go at creating our own for our friends to use to find a hidden item in the playground.
Europe (Year 2)	Another four day week full of fun for Year 2. In English, we have been finishing our pirate stories ready for publishing, making sure our spelling, punctuation and grammar is accurate. In maths, we have been showing what we know by answering a whole host of questions that involve different processes. In science, we learnt about dependency and that things that live in the ocean need each other to stay alive. In RSHE we discussed safe and unsafe secrets and in woodland learning we had great fun baking apples on the campfire like real pirates! In art, we learnt about an artist called Hugo Pineda. He designs and creates tie dye pieces and we recorded our own ideas in our sketch books ready to make our own tie dye bunting in woodland learning next week. We can't wait!
Australasia (Year 3)	It's been another lovely week in Year 3. We have now published our water cycle posters and we have been blown away with the quality of their work. We can't wait to display these in the hall next week. On Wednesday we were very lucky to have a visit from Simon from Southern Water who explained to us all about how to preserve water, how water is cleaned and even about how sewage water is cleaned! In Maths we have been exploring presenting data using tally charts, pictograms and bar charts and have been using these to answer questions about the data. In PE we have been continuing to work on our skills for sports day, particularly running efficiently. In ICT we have been looking at signs and debating whether graphics or signs are a more informative way of presenting information. In RSHE we have been discussing our personal qualities and what makes us unique.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy four day week back in class! In Science we set up our investigation into tooth decay. We used egg shells to represent our own teeth as the shell is made of a similar substance to tooth enamel! We put them into containers containing different liquids so we can see the effect of these liquids on the shells over the next few days. In English we published

	<p>our holiday leaflets persuading readers to visit the country of Brazil. We worked hard to use rhetorical questions, strong verbs, a range of connectives and adjectives to describe the many wonders. In Maths we compared and ordered decimals to one and two decimal places. We then rounded decimals to the nearest whole number using different standard units. We particularly enjoyed continuing with our Photo Editing topic in Computing. We selected a range of different tools to retouch images and discussed positive and negative reasons for retouching images.</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>North America returned enthusiastically for another slightly shorter week in school following the extended weekend. In science, we considered what makes a good electrical conductor. We sorted different materials into conductors and insulators before connecting the conductors to a circuit and testing their resistance by observing the brightness of the bulb. In English, we continued to write and edit our narratives based on Podkin One Ear. In maths, we recapped how to round numbers to various powers of 10 and how this can help make estimates to check calculations. In DT we have evaluated different recipes for soup, identifying imperative verbs and common ingredients.</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>What a week!!! The children have been phenomenal. They have demonstrated all our values by the bucket load and have been really mature with their attitude all week. There were some really tricky tests and they persevered throughout and never let anything get them down. I am so proud of each and every one of them! Aside from SATs, we have been planning our narratives in English and in science we have planned an investigation about food preservation. In D&T we have tasted food and designed a recipe to cook next week and in PE we had a football coach take our session, which was a great experience. Have a great weekend; you've all earned it ☺</p>
Woodland Learning	<p>This week in the woods we have made some spinners. We had to use the bow saw to chop the disc to shape , then make two holes with a palm drill so we could thread the wool through to make them. We received our new gloves which are nick proof for extra safety.</p> <p>There was lots of bug hunting with Keith and taking photos of the bugs and birds we found. The children are putting together a survey of all the flora and fauna they find in the woodland at school which will eventually be sent to the natural history museum.</p> <p>Year 2 continued with their Pirate theme, and we baked apples over the fire and enjoyed some hot chocolate.</p> <p>We look forward to the nicer weather coming as it's been awfully wet and muddy in our woods from all the wet weather we've had. On that note if you have any waterproof trousers your child can bring in for woodland learning that would be very helpful.</p> <p>Many thanks</p> <p>Mrs Sam Weller and Keith (woodland learning team)</p>



PTA Second Hand Uniform Sales



Louise will be stepping down from handling the second hand uniform for the PTA at the end of the summer term.

If anyone is interested in taking the uniform sales/storage on please let us know. You don't need masses of space to keep it all, just somewhere clean and dry and away from pets.

The role consists of:

- Once a month (or sometimes once every half term) check what stock we have and send out an updated list on Facebook
- Keeping a log of who needs what items (first come first served in some cases!)
- Liaising with parents to arrange payment to be left at school
- Delivering paid items to the school for parents to collect
- Monitoring the admin of the Facebook page to keep an eye on any requests
- Liaising with the PTA treasurer to ensure all funds are handed over periodically throughout the year so the income can be added to the PTA totals
- Collecting any unclaimed lost property from the office at the end of each term

If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please could you let us know in the office, or please inform Louise.

Lastly, thank you so much Louise for all your hard work over the last 5 years, making sure all of our parents and children have the uniform they require. Continuing to recycle all the pre loved items that still have life left in them.

Upcoming Events

Mon 15th May – Y6 Quad Kids Tournament

Tues 16th May – Reception Class visiting Horsham Museum

Tues 16th May – Jonny from Rudgwick Youth Club on the playground to meet Y6 parents

Thurs 18th may – Y2 trip to Sealife Centre

Fri 26th May – Inset Day

Mon 29th May – Half Term

Mon 26th June – Inset Day
Fri 21st July – End of Summer Term

Cake Raffle

Thank you to Mrs Platt and Mrs Wilson for baking such lovely cakes for our cake raffle today.

The winners this week were: Marian and Annabelle, 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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