



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 26th March 2021

Spring Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our core value for the Spring term is **BELIEVE** and the wider values are **positivity** and **care**.

Spring is definitely springing and we have been overwhelmed with the response to our plea for gardening supplies – thank you so much everyone. The gardening team have been turning over the soil and preparing the vegetable garden for planting. Mr Williams has been putting the finishing touches to our mud kitchen (thank you to Matt Gilmour and the other dads who built it), and the children have loved being able to try out some of their recipes for stone soup and leaf burgers, amongst others! The daffodils the children planted in November have come out and our beautiful grounds are coming back to life again.



Indoors, the children have been making good use of the new laptops which were purchased recently. Here you can see them using coding to build a Star Wars universe on code.org. They used Javascript or Blockly to program a

character to complete different tasks. Our P.E. theme for this half term has been tennis and the children have enjoyed honing their racket skills with short tennis and table tennis.



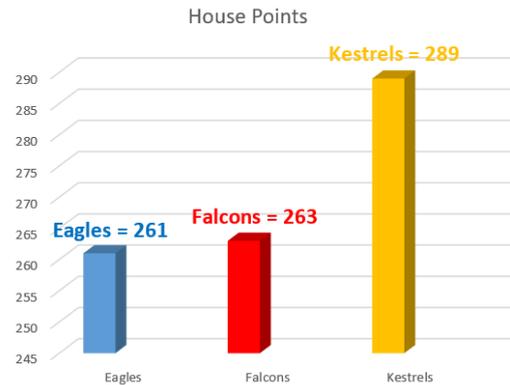
Another one of our pupils has been busy thinking of others. Dylan was determined to raise money to help the school and decided he wanted to bake and sell cakes to people passing (socially distanced), his house. He wrote a sign to say what he was selling and that he needed 5 coins (any coins apparently!), to buy one of his cakes to help raise money for his school. A few neighbours kindly came over and bought some, then a man passed by on his dog walk and didn't have any money with him so Dylan gave him one for free. The man very kindly posted some money through for Dylan and a letter as he was very grateful for his kind offering. Great work Dylan!



Congratulations to Rufus F, Max M, Alexa V, Paige W, Alfie L and Leah H who all had their birthdays this week. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home.

Our reading raffle winners are Alex (R/KS1) and Charlotte (KS2). Well done to Harry L for being a Silver times table award winner.

Housepoints...another rise in housepoints this week and it's a win for the Kestrels with 289. Well done everyone!



Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Jasmine	For your positive attitude and fantastic participation in French.
	Caleb	For your positive attitude and belief in yourself when practising writing your name.
Asia (Year 1)	Jack	For taking time and care over every single piece of work - this is shown in your work as it is beautiful.
	Maddie	For being so artistic and producing the most beautiful drawings in her book.
Europe (Year 2)	Henry	For setting such a good example in the classroom, always listening, working hard and achieving great pieces of writing this week!
	Immy	For going 'above and beyond' in all aspects of school life
Australasia (Year 3)	Evie W	For demonstrating perseverance in Literacy, being prepared to have another go and keep trying.
	James K	For working really hard on his handwriting and presentation, taking real pride in his work.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Eddie A	For showing a lot of maturity and responsibility this week - super!
	Alexa V	For being so speedy at her number fluency – impressive!

North America (Year 5)	Mia M	For the positive attitude you have shown in maths, and your resilience since returning to school.
	William B	For the independence, self-motivation and good humour you display every single day.
South America (Year 6)	Evlyn	For demonstrating a positive attitude in all lessons and pushing herself to succeed.
	Ethan	For taking care when writing to ensure his handwriting is neat and legible. A great effort and real improvement.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week, in Africa class, we have been very busy! The children have wowed us with how quickly they have mastered their number bonds to 5 so we have now begun to practise our number bonds to 10! The children have enjoyed running their very own café in our new role play area which they designed themselves and have been taking orders in their note pads and dishing up some scrummy meals. In literacy, we have been writing simple sentences and the children have worked really hard using all of their phonic knowledge as well as remembering to use finger spaces and full stops. We have also had great fun in the woods with Mrs Davies and Miss Squibb.
Asia (Year 1)	Wow Year 1! We have been incredibly busy this week and you have worked so hard! I am extremely proud of you. We have been practising our handwriting every day and the determination and perseverance you have all shown is phenomenal. In Maths, we have become experts at measuring using both standard and non-standard units of measurement. The children have worked very hard making sure we start at 0. In Literacy, we have been thinking of questions to ask Tyrannosaurus Drip and how he might be feeling. In PE, we have learnt more about how to hold a tennis racket with Mrs Davies and started to hit the tennis ball with our racket. It was great fun! Well done, Asia!
Europe (Year 2)	This week, in Year 2, we have had so much fun and made Mrs Hutchings smile so much! We have really worked hard using our shared text to learn how to predict, write in role and write questions. We were very surprised to see the Old Man from the story appear in our classroom but loved asking him our questions! In maths, we have started to learn about fractions and looked closely at half and quarter. We are thrilled that the seeds we have planted have started to grow and our learning about what seeds need to grow is helping us look after them well. We have been taking time to focus our breathing in our mindfulness sessions this week and understand how we can use it to keep us calm.

Australasia (Year 3)	This week we have become experts on the column method for addition in Maths. The children have all tried really hard and demonstrated perseverance to get their method right. In Literacy, we have been focusing on getting our tenses right, as we have looked at using the perfect past tense to describe pictures from our key text "Escape from Pompeii". Some of us found this very tricky, and the children have been great at supporting each other. We are still working hard to create our own Roman style mosaics and have learnt lots of facts about Roman gods and goddesses.
Antarctica (Year 4)	We have had a lovely week with lots of mindfulness activities to relax us, as well as working hard on our basic literacy and numeracy skills. We have worked on opening our sentences in interesting ways for the reader, how to use prepositions and how to use dialogue to advance the narrative in a story. Our class book, Varjak Paw, is very exciting and we are at a really good bit of the story! In Maths, we have been learning about decimals and comparing them. We constructed our own food chains in Science and we started making our own version of the cityscape found in Varjak Paw in Art. It was a bit fiddly as you had to flick paint on black paper to represent the stars at night to create a backdrop for our city. A busy but productive week!
North America (Year 5)	This week, we have focused on becoming experts about the evolution of the railways, sharpening our research skills and using historical enquiry and comparison skills to understand how things have changed over the last 200 or so years. We have also continued our journey into mindfulness, finding new ways that it can help our wellbeing, learnt about the Buddhist festival of Wesak, worked on our table tennis technique, and investigated the relationships that explain proper fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. We are still following the thrilling adventures of Elliot and the gods, and are now onto the final book in the series!
South America (Year 6)	It has been another great week in Year 6 and we have been continuing to push ourselves with our learning. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators and also how to multiply fractions. We have also been continuing with our book in literacy, which the children are enjoying enormously. We have been thinking about times in our lives when we have overcome fears and been writing about these. It has been lovely to see the children complete some personal writing and really show their personalities. We also enjoyed our time outside on Friday afternoon with Mrs Davies; always a highlight of our week.

Thank you

For all of the donations to our gardening project. We have received a great assortment of pots, trowels, seeds, plants, compost and bamboo canes, as well as lots of other useful resources.

Easter Update

As we draw towards the end of this very unusual term, I thought you might appreciate a little overview from me. Follow the link please <https://youtu.be/KRXmEMr-aWw>

PTA Spring Scramble

We will be hoping for fine weather on Wednesday for the PTA Spring Scramble. Mrs Davies has been busy planning the obstacle course around the track and the day promises to be a lot of fun as well as hopefully raising funds for the school. Please send your child to school in PE kit on Wednesday as everyone will be taking part.

Parent Consultations

We are very much looking forward to 'seeing' you next week. It is not too late to make an appointment if you have not already done so. The children will be bringing home an envelope with notes from your meeting as well as a copy of a piece of writing and maths of which your child is particularly proud. Please do make time for your child to talk about their work and why it was chosen.

Assessment 2020-21

Because of the unique nature of the the last 12 months, our approach to assessment has had to change accordingly. Please see the attached letter for more details.

Catch Up funding

Please click on the link from the Inclusion section of our website to see how our allocation of funding is being spent. Every child will benefit in some way.

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing (if you have been doing so), at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. This applies mainly to secondary age pupils but we do know that some of our pupils or other family members have been testing regularly too. Please report any positive test results (PCR) within the **first six days** of the Easter holidays to Covid19@rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk

- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#)

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

31st March --> Springtime Scramble around the school field for each year group
We're hoping you've all received a sponsorship form for your child(ren). If not, please let us know via RPSPTA@hotmail.com. Alternatively, please see last week's newsletter attachments (including the "PTASpringtimeScrambleLetterToParents"). It's going to be a lot of fun for the children!

1st-6th April --> Easter Trail around Rudgwick ending at The Milk Churn
You have until midnight tonight to order your trail maps and goody bags. Just £2.50 per pupil. Grab them quick before we sell out!

We had a record number of tickets in last week's lottery draw! Thank you! Congratulations to our latest winner:

20/03/2021	Mrs Barrett-James	£15.60
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Bye for now
Ian, Lauren and Diane

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.

Stay safe and have a good weekend everyone.

Miss S Nicholls

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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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