



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 20th March 2020

Spring Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term's core value is **BELIEVE** and the wider values for the half term are **Positivity** and **Care**. Asia class (Yr 1), received the tidiest cloakroom award this week and Theo and Joshua (R/KS1) and Freddie and Evlyn (KS2) were the reading raffle winners.

Despite the challenges the week has brought we have worked hard to keep school life as normal as possible for the children.

Our musicians entertained enthusiastic audiences on Tuesday and Wednesday with their guitar and recorder playing. Well done to them all.



Today we said a huge thank you to Mrs Garton who is retiring after 27 years of work at the school as a senior midday meals supervisor, cleaner and reading helper. We will miss her cheerful good nature and sense of fun, not to mention her happy birthday singing! Luckily, she lives in Rudgwick and we know that she will pop in and see us. Happy retirement, Mrs Garton!



The Wacky Reading Challenge was hotly contested with children coming up with all sorts of very imaginative ideas for places to read. Well done to the overall winner Roxy and runners up Maddie and Lillie. The next few weeks will be an ideal time to enjoy lots of reading!



Star Awards



Africa (Year R)	Zack B	For being caring and helpful to the grown-ups this week.
	Jasper T	For being more positive in his learning.
Asia (Year 1)	Isla	For working brilliantly, as part of a team, in the woods.
	Imogen	For helping Henry in class and being a caring friend in the playground.
Europe (Year 2)	All of Year 2	For your amazing efforts with music this term, you have shown such a fantastic attitude towards your learning that has enabled you to progress to the point of being able to really understand the different elements of music and to use this to not only play but also write your own music. Well Done!
Australasia (Year 3)	Freya M	For demonstrating positivity and flexibility in her learning, being able to work effectively with anyone in the class.
	Eli N	For always demonstrating dedication to his learning, taking on board feedback and improving his work.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Cody H	For taking exceptional care and pride over his non-fiction page.
	Savannah W	For taking exceptional care and pride over her non-fiction page.

North America (Year 5)	Rowan T	For the progress you are making in maths, thanks to the care, attention and positivity you are putting into your learning.
	Olwen T	For your amazing efforts at home, challenging yourself to produce stunning pieces of art.
	Scarlett F	For your amazing efforts at home, challenging yourself to produce stunning pieces of art.
South America (Year 6)	Sophie M	For always working hard and pushing herself to achieve. A real delight to teach.
	Megan W	For always demonstrating a positive attitude to all aspects of school. A delight to teach.
	Roxy T	For a really mature and positive attitude to her learning. She has really grown in confidence the last few weeks.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>This week in Africa Class we shared the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We discussed the terms 'big' 'middle' and 'small' and explored this in our learning in class. We ordered different objects as part of our mathematics learning and made different sized bowls out of plasticine. In woodland learning, we made chairs and beds for the three bears out of natural materials. We also drew our own pictures on the interactive whiteboard to show our favourite part of the story.</p> <p>We have been doing lots of digraph hunts in phonics and have been practising spelling words including these digraphs using magnetic letters.</p> <p>On Wednesday, the children were very excited to go and be the audience for year 1 during their recorder concert. They were a very respectful audience and Mrs Edwards was very proud of them. Seeing the year 1's singing and playing has made all of the children look forward to when it is their turn to learn recorders in year 1!</p> <p>We had 14 Star Readers in Africa class this week.</p>
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Asia (Year 1)	<p>What a busy week we've had in Year 1.</p> <p>In the woods, we made dinosaur nests out of natural materials. Oscar said, "We had a bowl covered in mud. The leaves were nice and colourful. We hope if a T-Rex might come and eat it, it might come in one of our traps that the other dinosaurs might avoid. We hope they have lots of food as there's lots of plants around it!"</p> <p>We have also written some splendid diaries, inspired by Dinosaur Drip.</p> <p>Mrs Eames, our West Sussex Music teacher, said we were very brave and played our recorders brilliantly at our concert this week, with Africa Class as our audience. We recorded the performance for parents to see, at a later date.</p> <p>And also, a big 'Well Done' to our 14 Super Readers, this week.</p>
Europe (Year 2)	<p>Wow! What a brilliant week it has been this week. The music performance from Year 2 was simply amazing! We were all so proud of how well Year 2 performed and are looking forward to being able to play the recorded performance to all parents/carers when the opportunity arises.</p> <p>The class have also been creating some fantastic Nibbles stories - they have worked so hard on writing these and presenting them as little books. In ICT they have also been further developing their understanding of coding and putting it to use to be able to create some programs to achieve a specific function or outcome. In maths they have been further practising their skills across a variety of different areas.</p> <p>Well done to our 8 super readers this week, Keep it up!</p>
Australasia (Year 3)	<p>On Monday, we had a lovely time at swimming, where we concentrated mainly on lifesaving skills. In the afternoon, we began to look at perimeter, in maths, using addition and, where appropriate, multiplication to find the perimeter of a shape.</p> <p>In literacy, we have been brushing up on our editing and proof reading skills which we have then applied to our dragon fact pages. In science, we have been observing our plants, noticing the changes that have happened to them. We were especially surprised that the plant in the fridge has grown new buds!</p> <p>Well done to the 7 Star Readers, this week.</p>
Antarctica (Year 4)	<p>Our learning this week has continued this week, amidst all the hand-washing! We completed our first drafts of fact pages based on Henry VIII, then we proof-read and edited them, ready to be published. We took lots of care over our published copies and everyone is really proud of their efforts. On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a taster session of cricket when members of Rudgwick Cricket club taught us an introductory lesson. It was great fun and we learnt some new skills. In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100</p>

	<p>and 1,000. We have finished making our Tudor roses for the front covers of our Learning Journals and they look fantastic!</p> <p>Well done to the 5 star readers in Antarctica class this week.</p>
North America (Year 5)	<p>We are heading into unprecedented, uncertain territory, but the staff in Year 5 are very impressed with how the children have conducted themselves this week. There has been no let up in learning, and the main question about all the coming upheaval has been 'When can we perform our Easter play?' Rest assured, we are very keen for you to see the fruits of your children's labour, and as soon as normal service is resumed and circumstances allow, we will be rescheduling the performance. We can't promise it'll be very seasonal, but you will be very proud of the script-writing, acting and prop-making that have gone, and will go into the event. Year 5 staff, along with invaluable support from Mrs Wilford, other members of the school staff, and the children themselves, have produced a pack to ensure your children can continue to learn despite not being in school. We have spoken to the children about the opportunity that exists to return to school having challenged themselves academically, and in learning life skills such as cooking and helping to run a home. We have also reminded the children about this half term's wider values - care and positivity - as well as our values of resilience, motivation and responsibility, which can all help your children through the coming days and weeks. We send our best wishes to all families, and hope to see you all again very soon.</p> <p>We had an excellent 15 Star Readers this week – well done to all of you!</p>
South America (Year 6)	<p>Another great week in Year 6, where the children have continued to demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and have shown extra care for themselves and others. We have been consolidating our learning in maths by designing and making games that include some key concepts they have learnt this year. They have been really imaginative with their ideas and have thought carefully about the enjoyment aspect of the game, as well as testing their maths knowledge.</p> <p>We have also continued reading Beetle Boy, which they are still thoroughly enjoying. The children wrote some 60 second news reports to inform the public on developments in the disappearance of Darkus' dad, and linking the infamous Lucretia Cutter to the event. We have also taken time to publish their brilliant pieces of writing from last week and the children have taken care to think about how they structured their work and how to present it beautifully.</p> <p>I have been really proud of the children this week and how they have continued to push themselves, work hard and remain positive in a really challenging time. A really brilliant week all round.</p> <p>We have 8 Super Readers this week in Year 6!</p>

Coronavirus

I am sure that you are aware that the government has now moved to the 'delay' phase to control the outbreak. Current advice is that anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature should self-isolate for seven days. Please be cautious and take any necessary precautions to avoid the spread of infection. Further information can be found here - www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

First News Newspaper

We subscribe to receive weekly copies of First News newspaper for Years 5 and 6. They have sent us [this link](#) in order that children can still access free copies, to use at home.

PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who bought sweet treats after school last Friday. 😊

13/03/2020 - Cake sale (Year 4) raised £50.32

We are sorry that there wasn't a cake sale today, and trust that you can understand our reasons for cancelling.

Forthcoming PTA events for the remainder of this academic year have unfortunately also been cancelled (e.g. Springtime Scramble, Summer Festival). We will let you know as soon as possible when we are able to confirm our next event.

Here is the latest school lottery result:

14/03/2020	Mrs Chute	£9.90
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As we are all now facing a period of isolation, and with the school closure, we would like to remind you of one way that you could continue to help the school's PTA by registering for easyfundraising. Easyfundraising is a free site that offers donations to your nominated cause every time you purchase on line. There are over 4,000 well known on-line retailers included.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudgwickps/>

By clicking on the above link, you can select Rudgwick Primary School as your nominated cause. Set up a simple and free account and then the donations to the PTA from any of your on-line purchases will happen automatically. There is also an app you can down-load, if you shop via your smartphone.

Once we return to school we will update you with the funds raised via this scheme and how these funds will be used to support the children's activities and learning. Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time.

Please see the attached document "PTA-EasyDonationOptions" for information about easyfundraising and other options to easily donate to the PTA.

All the best for the coming weeks.
Ian, Lauren and Diane

PTA Cake Sales

When we restart with cake/lolly sales, we will begin again with Year 5, then Year 6...

CANCELLED	20 March
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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.

Have a good weekend and stay safe over the coming weeks.

With very best wishes.

Miss S Nicholls

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Headteacher



More photos of events are available on our website

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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