



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Spring Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our core value for the Spring term is **BELIEVE** and the wider values are **resilience** and **collaboration**.



We start our last newsletter of this half term with a lovely positive story about the determination and resilience of two of our pupils. Ollie and Tom who, together with their mum, ran 10k in very difficult weather conditions and have raised £170 for Cancer Research in memory of their Grandad. The boys were not very keen on running to start with but were determined to make themselves do it. Well done boys on pushing yourselves and doing something to help other people.



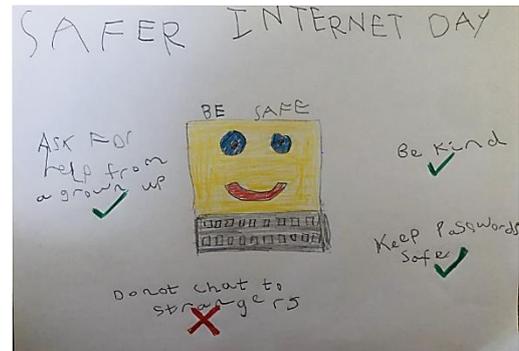
**Internet Safety**

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Down

2	So that strangers can't talk to me, I have my settings restricted.	1	I like to follow celebrities on my _____ account.
3	All of my _____ email goes into my junk mail.	3	I have to be careful of my _____ when I use on the internet.
5	I like to go on my _____ account to catch up with old friends.	4	I have many different _____ just in case somebody finds one of them out.
6	I adjust my _____ to what I prefer.	7	A _____ hides behind the anonymity of the internet and winds people up.
8	My _____ and I keep in touch through Facebook.		
9	I would call somebody a _____ who says horrible things online.		
10	I automatically check my computer so I don't get a _____.		

This week the children have taken part in discussions, quizzes, watched videos, designed posters, completed wordsearches and crosswords, and played games in order to understand how to keep themselves safe when using the internet.



As we reach the half way point in the term I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy half term break. You have all put in a huge effort to support the children during lockdown and we can see how hard you have worked and how hard it has been for many as you juggle parenting with supporting learning, whilst working at the same time. Please take a week off from remote learning now – you and the children deserve and need it. The weather is set to improve over the next few days so I hope you will all, like me, make the most of being able to get outside and enjoy those first signs of Spring which are definitely there!

Everyone is working so hard on their times tables and we have more successful candidates for awards this week:

**Bronze:** Benny

**Silver:** Tristan

**Gold:** Teddy and Hugo

**Platinum (Times Table Master):** Elodie K, Maddie and Hugo

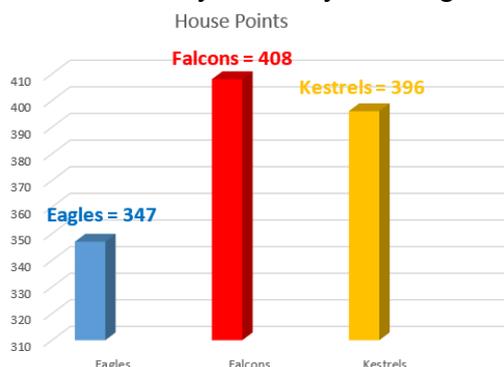


Our reading raffle winners are Cai (R/KS1) and Sophie G (KS2) and they should look forward to a brand new book to read over half term. Well done to them all.



Congratulations to Joanna D, Brynn T and Riley R who all had their birthdays this week and we hope that Amber P, Christine L, Harvey L, Lottie K, Oliver A, Austin S and Amy H, together with Miss Kent and Mrs Grant, all have lovely birthdays during half term. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home.

House points...and what a way to finish the half-term! Falcons are our winners with a truly amazing 408 points. We are going to have to purchase some more plastic house point counters if this effort continues when we are back in school!



## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Orla and Leo	For using their sounds and Fred talk to help them spell tricky words.
Asia (Year 1)	Zack	For working really hard and knocking my socks off!
	Madison	For showing resilience and perseverance in her learning.
Europe (Year 2)	Immy	For showing great effort and enthusiasm in her learning this week, especially in her persuasive writing performance!
	Max G.	For going from strength to strength in his writing capabilities, always trying his best and putting in a great amount of effort.
Australasia (Year 3)	Caoimhe	For developing her independence during home learning, and having the confidence to have a go at all the tasks.

	Charlie	For always doing his very best, and having the courage to try every task and challenge that is set for him.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Eli N	For having such a brilliant work ethic and putting a lot of effort into his school work
	Thomas	For being determined to succeed and producing some fabulous pieces of work over the course of the half term
North America (Year 5)	Sophie P	For a detailed biography draft and well-explained thinking in maths, explaining the relationships between minuends, subtrahends and differences.
	Isaac S	For a biography draft that included all the key writer's skills from our class toolbox, and for your enthusiasm for Safer Internet Day.
South America (Year 6)	Ollie Tom	For demonstrating a great effort and enthusiasm for learning over the last 6 weeks and always pushing themselves and trying their best!

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	Africa Class it's the end of our first half term of remote learning! Mrs Edwards and I are so proud with how well you have all done and you should be too! Our 'Far, Far Away' topic has ended with the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and we have been busy growing our own magic beans, thinking about adjectives to describe the characters in the story as well learning about subtraction in maths. We have also been thinking about how to stay safe online for Internet Safety Day. We learnt our final 2 sounds in phonics and have officially finished all of set 1 and set 2 sounds! Amazing! Have a wonderful half term and a well-deserved break everyone!
Asia (Year 1)	Well Asia class I cannot believe a whole half term has gone by already! You have all made me very proud and I hope you are proud of yourselves too! This week we have looked at the story of Superworm! The children began by making predictions, then wrote their own endings for the story! We then had something very exciting happen! Superworm sent us a message to tell us the baddies have been spotted, so we helped him by making wanted posters! In maths, we have become shape superheroes by recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes! We have also been thinking about famous landmarks of London in geography, developing our balance and co-ordination in P.E. and of course thinking about how to stay safe online for Internet Safety Day! Have an amazing half term everyone, you deserve it!

<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>Can you believe that we have come to the end of half term already? What a half term it has been! You have all been absolute superstars and have worked so hard with your families at home. I could not be more proud of you all and want to thank you for your efforts. This week has seen us explore the fabulous story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We used it to help us portray emotion through drama, make predictions and write persuasively. In maths, we have begun to look at multiplication through grouping and even looked at making arrays. We have continued to embrace our well-being activities and appreciating the need to take some time out. In Art, we made 3D structures of a crayon of our choosing to help support our writing; we explored a Synagogue in RE and used different sources to explore the past and the journey a letter takes. Finally, we discussed the importance of staying safe online during Safer Internet Day. I wish you all a very restful half term, relax and enjoy some time off! Happy Half Term! 😊</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>Firstly, well done Australasia and all your adult helpers at home! You have made it through a whole half term of remote learning, and we are very proud of you all. This week we have been focusing our learning around Chinese New Year, which is tomorrow! This is because of the dragon link between the Chinese culture and our topic. This week you have been performing poems, and writing diary entries about Chinese New Year, whilst drawing pictograms, bar charts and interpreting tables – well done! We have also finished off our study on weather – very appropriate this week, and learnt how to stay safe online. What a week, and what a half term! Now put your feet up next week and relax!</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>We made it, Antarctica class! It has certainly been a very different half-term than usual and I have really missed being with you all in person. Your commitment to your home learning has blown myself and Miss Gaynor away! We have continued working on fractions this week, taken a virtual tour of Hampton Court Palace, looked at the differences between the diets of rich and poor Tudors, learnt about the impacts caused by the extraction of natural resources around the world. We also completed some Tudor powerpoint presentations and did some activities based on Safer Internet Day. Have a well-deserved break over half-term!</p>
<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>Great job, North America class! Mrs Thwaites, Mrs Thompson and I are so proud of you for all the hard work and effort you have put in to your learning this half term. This week, we have been very busy again, drafting, editing and publishing our biographies of Rosie Revere, Engineer and our plan is to send them to Andrea Beaty, the author of the book! We've also been taking part in a range of Safer Internet Day activities, and enjoying PE sessions with Marcus Rashford, Dame Darcey Bussell and Gareth Thomas. In our wellbeing activities, we have been thinking about happiness and how to celebrate our successes. We hope that you and your families have a safe and restful break when it arrives!</p>

South America (Year 6)	A fantastic half term has been had in South America class. I am so proud of all the children for their determined and resilient attitude to learning; they have really demonstrated what it is like to be a Year 6 pupil over the last 6 weeks! We started our new reading book all about Charles Darwin this week called, 'Darwin's Voyage of Discovery' and we will be continuing this after half term. We have also been learning about position and direction in maths, with activities on coordinates, translation and reflection. The children also took inspiration from our book in music, and created a piece of music that could be the opening to their own programme about a voyage of discovery. I hope you have a great half term and take time to rest and have fun... you have all earned it!!
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### **Specsavers School Games**

For lots of information about how to get involved and win some prizes click here

<https://www.activesussex.org/about-the-specsavers-virtual-sussex-school-games/>

### **Help with Technology**

We have been busy helping families who we know have had some difficulties with their internet supply or whose children have needed a device in order to access their remote learning. It is possible that we may have missed one or two families, **so if you are having problems, please do make contact with the school office in the first instance, and we will do what we can to help.**

### **Help for families**

Are you eligible for Free School Meals? Weekly food vouchers are being provided for families during this period of lockdown. Many of us are finding that our financial situation has changed during this time. You may be eligible for FSM. You can check your eligibility at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

**Do you need short term help or support with food or finances?** We may be able to help or point you in the direction of some help. Please contact us if you are in need. This would be strictly confidential of course.

### **Half Term Holiday Fun**



We, at Barracudas, know it's been really tough for parents and children working from home and home schooling, so we've put together a virtual half term camp with activities available online led by some of our fantastic staff!

We've also added some more free resources to our website with fun activities children can try on their own at home. Entertaining children and keeping them active in the school holidays is what we do, so we thought we'd help out this half term and make the holiday more enjoyable for kids and easier for parents.

Here's a link to our free Virtual half term camp activities:

<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/locations-prices/virtual-half-term-camp/>



## **PTA News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please join us at our PTA meeting this evening. We'll be discussing fundraising and other initiatives.

Time: Feb 11, 2021 07:30 PM London

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77329302491?pwd=WjQwSWJjMHgyMnU2RnVtaGw3ZDVxdz09>

Meeting ID: 773 2930 2491

Passcode: YyzQ2

We have been updating our PTA policies, including the one we have for volunteering. Please contact us if you would like to get involved in any events, even if it's just to generate further ideas only during the current restrictions.

Congratulations to our latest lottery winner:

06/02/2021	Mrs Le Gresley	£14.10
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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 break everyone.

*Miss S Nicholls*

Miss S Nicholls  
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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