



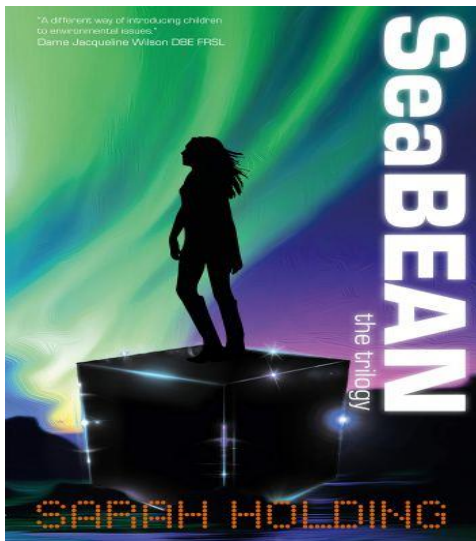
Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23rd November 2018

Sarah Holding Author to visit RPS

On Thursday 29th November, Sarah Holding author of the SeaBean trilogy, will be holding a special assembly for years 3-6 children. She will be introducing us to Alice, the main character in the book who time travels and learns about a number of environmental issues. Dame Jacqueline Wilson has praised the book stating it is a different way to introducing children to environmental issues.



Sarah will be selling signed copies of her book for £12 on the day. If you would like to purchase a book, please send the money in an envelope with your child's name and class by Wednesday 28th November.

Wrap up warm during the cold weather

With temperatures dropping to -1 degrees yesterday, winter is definitely arriving. Please make sure children come to school with warm winter coats that are clearly labelled with the child's name on them. On very cold days hats, gloves and scarves are advisable.

Mile A Day Challenge

I hope your children have come home and told you all about the Mile a Day Challenge that Daniel (PE teacher) has organised to promote our children's fitness levels.

He led a special assembly to introduce the challenge (5 laps around the playground) and three levels of certificates that the children can earn over time for completion of the daily mile challenge:

Bronze – 15 miles
Silver – 20 miles
Gold – 25 miles



These are just a few of the benefits for children who complete the challenge.

- Develops physical fitness, stamina and strength.
- Helps develop determination, perseverance and resilience.
- Regular exercise is proven to have emotional benefits and to make you feel happier
- Improves your general health levels
- Contributes to greater success in other sports

Not forgetting that the children are loving it!

Thanks to Daniel for his hard work and being a brilliant PE teacher – please encourage your children to join in.



River Hill Federation – Working Towards becoming Sustainable Schools

Our federation project about becoming sustainable schools, has led to a lot of discussion and enthusiasm.

We thank parents who have provided additional suggestions towards this aim.

The aim of this project is to increase the staff, children and families' awareness and care of our environment, both locally and internationally. We aim to do this through development of our curriculum, by developing recycling opportunities on the school site, reducing one off plastic use and promoting awareness of the impact of plastic on the environment.

Cleaner air is also a current focus for the Mayor and central government. We support this drive. RPS is situated in a triangle of busy roads which leads to increased levels of pollution from cars. With this in mind we have been looking into options to improve air quality by introducing 'green screens' around our school and playground. The idea behind these is that the living plants take in carbon dioxide from the air and then release oxygen, thereby improving the air quality.

Another idea we were looking into was to provide access to air purifying masks for those parents and families who wish to take more immediate action, as we are aware that some initiatives take longer to have a sizeable impact on air quality.

In a previous newsletter we wrote about raising funds to facilitate the purchase of air purifying masks. We have currently suspended the link for this bid, while we explore all options.

We are eager to talk to parents about their ideas and suggestions at the Parents Information Evening next week.

As you are aware, RPS has a planned programme for a new building. Part of the designing stage was focused on ensuring that we build a sustainable school and that air quality and the environment is considered as a priority. For example, filters will purify air within the school building. The landscaping that is planned will create a more oxygen rich environment. The building has been designed to reduce energy consumption.

As you can see, becoming a sustainable school is a key priority for our schools, children and families.

This is a journey for us, like any journey we strive to continually learn and we want to work with you as a community to achieve the best possible outcomes.



This week's Year 6 Star Writer



is..... Mike Sokinder

Whirling as fast as the howling breeze outside, Jack valuted over the gap. Fortunately, he ran onto the train just in time. As he passed through the crowd of paasengers, his eyes scanned for a vacant, comfortable seat nearest to the window. Then, he found one and sat down. Still grasping the map securely, Jack started to observe the passengers all around him....

Biting his lips, with his back hunched and looking disgruntled a man looked at his paper.

"The world is full of nonsense, isn't it?" grumbled the man angrily as he wriggled further into the train's seat.

Next to the man a lady covered her face with a newspaper.

"The government just can't make their mind up can they?" bellowed the lady as she turned the page with her wrinkled hands.

An elderly woman peered intently at her newspaper.

"There isn't any hope in the world is there?" she complained sarcastically as she spat over Jack, while she was talking."

Well done Mike. Keep up the hard work.



Rotherhithe Primary School Christmas Performances

Parents are cordially invited to our Christmas Performances.

Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased from the class teacher.

Wednesday 5th December

Year 1 Whoops a Daisy Angel at 1:30 pm

Year 2 Christmas concert at 2:30 pm

Thursday 6th December

Nursery concert at 9:45 am

Reception nativity at 2 pm

Friday 7th December

Key Stage 2 performance of the nativity and carol concert

Parents in year 4 & 6 at 11:30 am

Parents in year 3 & 5 at 2:15 pm

Please remember that if you film the children you are not permitted to post these performances on social media.





Autumn Term



Dates for your Diaries!

27 th Nov	Parent Information Evening at RPS – 3:30 – creche provided
29 th Nov	Sarah Holding special assembly
5 th Dec	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Play
6 th Dec	Reception and Nursery Christmas performance
7 th Dec	KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert
10 th Dec	Erasmus Trip – Group of teachers travel to Sweden
11 th Dec	Christmas Fair
14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day/Year 5 & 6 Anti-radicalisation workshops
17 th & 18 th Dec	Parents Evening/ Book Fair
17 th Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall
18 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 Class parties
19 th Dec	100% attendance awards School closes at 2 pm

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Thursday 13th December Kon Tiki Class

Please note there will not be a Mayflower or Endurance Class assembly this term. These classes look forward to sharing their learning with you next term. Sorry for any inconvenience caused due to these cancellations.

Safeguarding at Rotherhithe

Keeping children safe is of utmost importance to us at Rotherhithe. We have recently updated our safeguarding policy. Please read it at <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/>

RPS Parent Information Event

All parents are cordially invited to our 2nd Parent Information Event. Please come and share your opinions and ideas to improve our school.

The events will start at 3:30 pm on the **27th November** and there is a **free creche**.

Event timetable:

Musical performances from RPS pupils
Federation update from Executive Head
Head of School update

Short presentations and discussion groups focusing on:

Music

Reading

Sustainable schools

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day – 14th December

If your child has packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas dinner on the 14th please let Sharon know by the 7th December.



Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seahorse 100% (fantastic!)

KS2: Calypso 98.2%



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

