



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 30th November 2018

Sarah Holding Author to visit RPS

The children were treated to a visit from the author Sarah Holding on Thursday. She read sections of her stories to the children and talked about her inspiring character Alice.

Children from Kon Tiki class shared that they were really interested in the stories and thought it was a really good idea that her three books were put into 1 larger book (making it good value too).



They would love her to come back again and really enjoyed listening to her tell parts of her story. Children can find out more about the story and the places that have inspired Sarah's story at the following website address:

<https://seabeantrilogy.wordpress.com/>

The Seabean Trilogy will make a lovely Christmas present. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of the book, it will cost £12. Please complete the signed form that will be sent home today and return with money to the school office if interested in purchasing a book.

Height and Weight Check

Reception and Year 6 will be having their height and weight measured by the school nursing team on Monday 3rd December. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be measured please contact the school office.

Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 27th RPS had its first Parent's Information Evening of the year. Galiema (EHT) updated parents about successes that have occurred across the federation. This included a number of sporting successes across both RPS and DKH, including year 3 & 4 winning Bacon's College football tournament. DKH also won PE lead of the year.

She talked to parents about the current challenges school leaders are facing in terms of budget cuts to schools, recruitment and retention challenges (as fewer graduates choose to enter teaching as a career pathway) as well as consideration of teacher workload.

Mary Henley (Vice chair of the governors) explained a bit about the work of governors and I presented an update in response to the parents suggestions at the last event.

Parents then split into groups. Margaret discussed music provision at RPS, Jennifer (Deputy Head) talked about how we teach reading and I talked about our work on moving towards becoming a sustainable school.

One aspect of this work is around air pollution. RPS sits in a triangle of busy roads and levels of Nitrogen Dioxide exceeded EU legal limits in 2013. The maximum limit is 40 micrograms per cubic square metre and RPS had 42.5 micrograms per cubic metre at that time. It is highly likely that that has risen.

We also shared with parents an article that was in the Guardian newspaper last Saturday that mentioned the work RPS is doing in trying to raise awareness of air pollution. Within the article they particularly focused on the idea of purchasing air purifying masks.

We thank all staff for their hard work in organising this event and thank parents for their contribution.



Dates for your Diaries!

3 rd Dec	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
5 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas nativity at 1:30 pm Year 2 – Christmas concert at 2:30 pm
6 th Dec	Nursery Christmas performance at 9:45 am/ Reception performance at 2:30 pm
7 th Dec	KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert – year 4 & 6 parents at 11:30 am Year 3 & 5 parents at 2:15 pm
10 th Dec	Erasmus Trip – Group of teachers travel to Sweden
11 th Dec	Christmas Fair
14 th Dec	Christmas dinner/ 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

Please let Sharon (in the office) know if your child has packed lunch usually but would like a Christmas dinner on the 14th December

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Thursday 13th December Kon Tiki Class

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/>



This week's Year 5 Star Writer



is..... Rania Chanane

Year 5 have been working on a unit of work based on the 'Piano'.

This is an excerpt from a letter:

'When you passed away, I felt devastated and gloomy. I couldn't do anything apart from think about you; I would cry a river every single day. When you were alive, you were as pretty as an angel and you probably still are! Ever since I received your letter I have felt jolly all month. Also Tom, who is almost as tall as me now, is growing and maturing so fast. I wish you were here to see him, because he would make you so proud. Without your letter, I would not have been so merry; I must thank you!

Assessment Week

As a school we continually monitor children's progress in a range of different ways. This week teachers and children have been busy during assessment week completing reading and math tests as well as writing tasks. These tests are used by teachers to make judgements about children's progress and are used to plan for future learning tasks.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seahorse 98.5%

KS2: Belfast & Calypso class 100% (Wonderful!)



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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





14th December is Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a festive jumper in return for a donation to support the work of

'Save the Children' – a worthwhile charity making a difference to the lives of thousands of children.



You don't have to buy a jumper – why not have fun decorating your own clothing.





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– 9:45 am

Reception nativity – 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.

