



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 2nd November 2018

Clean up River Hill Federation – Sustainable Schools

On Monday (inset day) staff from RPS and DKH met together to consider how to make our schools sustainable ones.

I am sure you all remember the shocking pictures and facts presented on David Attenborough's Blue Planet. The tragic pictures of the damage to the Oceans and sea and bird life, caused by one off plastic use. This documentary led to both political and media concern.



So, Kellie Ansell and Anna Brierny a parent from DKH facilitated the days event. Staff were shocked by the statistical information presented highlighting the high demands we are making on the earth's energy and resources.

One of our aims is to develop these environment concerns within our curriculum. Increasing the children's awareness and care of their environment, both locally and internationally.

Cleaner air is also a current focus for the Major. RPS is situated in a triangle of busy roads which leads to increased levels of pollution from cars. This pollution our children are breathing in each day.

The number of children requiring asthma pumps appears to be increasing.

We have decided to bid for funding to help us improve the air quality in our playground.

We would like to build 'green screens' around the periphery of our 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.

We are also looking at providing recycling facilities for parents within the school premises.

We need your help!

We have put in a bid for funding to help us move to increased sustainability. If you as parents could back us by bidding to support our campaign, we will have a higher chance of being awarded the funding.

Please go to:

<https://www.spacehive.com/clean-up-riverhill>

where you will find more information about the project.



Parents Evening

Reception and Nursery parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 13th November and Thursday 15th November.

Please come and find out all the wonderful things the children have been learning.

Maths Week



From Monday 5th through to Friday 9th November, Rotherhithe Primary School will be celebrating all things Mathematical for "Maths Week"!

Throughout this week, every class will be taking part in a series of workshops. We all know that maths can be challenging, but it can also be a lot of fun, as we will see during these workshops.

We will have many pictures of the activities, which will be added to the website.

Odd Socks Day



This year the Anti-Bullying Alliance are holding Odd Socks Day with the support of Andy Day, cBeebies star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. It's a chance for primary schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks. It couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 12th November to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

Ceilidh Project Performance



On Friday 9th November, year 4 and 5 will be hosting an amazing performance demonstrating the many wonderful dance techniques that they have mastered during their Ceilidh workshops.

Anti-Bullying Week



From Monday 12th November through to Friday 16th November, Rotherhithe Primary School will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2018.

This year, our focus is "Choose Respect", respecting each other, our friends, our colleagues, our peers, our parents, our teachers and our elders. We will be taking part in many workshops throughout the week, which will be able to view on the website.

Head Lice and nits

Anyone can catch head lice, but young children and their families are most at risk.

Nits: Nits are head lice eggs. The oval, yellowy white eggs are hard to see and may be confused with dandruff. They attach themselves to the hair shaft and take about a week to hatch.

Nymphs: Nymphs hatch from the nits. The baby lice look like the adults but are smaller. They take about 7 days to mature to adults, and feed on blood to survive.

Adult lice: Are about the size of a sesame seed, have 6 legs, and are tan to greyish-white. The legs have hook-like claws to hold onto the hair with. Adults can live up to 30 days and feed on blood.

Transmission: Head lice are spread most commonly through close person-to-person contact. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair.

Treatment: Please check your child's hair regularly for signs of head lice or nits. If you discover head lice your pharmacist can provide advice on how best to treat them. There are a range of medicated shampoos and sprays that kill the lice. Treated Head lice die within a day.

Lotions usually come with a special comb to help remove dead lice and eggs.

For more information visit:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/



Dates for your Diaries!

W/C 5 th Nov	SEN Parent Meetings/ Maths Week
9 th Nov	Celidh Project Performance years 4 & 5
12 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
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
14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Dinner
17 th & 19 th Dec	Parents Evening
17 th Dec	KS1/EY Achievement Awards – 11:15 am in the junior hall
18 th Dec	KS2 Achievement Awards – 11:30 am
	Class parties
19 th Dec	100% attendance awards

**School closes at 2 pm
on 19th December**

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/>

Key Stage 1 Assemblies Time: 11:15 am

Wednesday 7th November Coral Class
Wednesday 14th November Octopus Class
Wednesday 21st November Whale Class

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Thursday 1st November Discovery Class
Thursday 8th November Mayflower Class
Thursday 15th November Pearl Class
Thursday 22nd November Endurance Class
Thursday 13th December Kon Tiki Class

E-Safety Workshop

On Wednesday 7th November at 9:15 am, Rotherhithe Primary School will be hosting an E-Safety Workshop for all parents and carers.

The event will be taking place in the IT Suite with a Guest trainer – Charlotte Kathe. Charlotte is an excellent speaker and parents will, we are sure, find her insight very interesting.

Following the workshop, Parents will have the opportunity to share concerns, ideas, questions with the Lisa Christiansen, Head of School.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 96.6%
KS2: Belfast Class 100%

Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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

