



Weekly Newsletter



Friday 29th March 2019

Nocturnal Animals and things that go bump in the night...

On Thursday year 2 children sat in the junior hall, their attention totally focused as they were introduced to a range of nocturnal animals. Owls, snakes, tarantulas, and cockroaches to name just a few.

The children were enraptured and had a very stimulating experience to compliment their learning in class. It is clear that this topic has really caught their interest. Their factual knowledge was exceptional. Did you know

An owl has three eyelids: one for blinking, one for sleeping, and one for keeping the eye clean and healthy?

This was a truly inspiring session. Thanks to Alex Hall for organizing this event.

nocturnal animals



After School Clubs

Most after school clubs will finish on **Friday 29th March** with the following exceptions.

Judo will finish on **Wednesday 3rd April**

Dance club will finish on **Thursday 4th April,**

Music club will be led by Margaret **on Friday 5th April at 2 pm** and there will be a performance for parents at **2:30 pm.**

New clubs will start the week of the 29th April

Inclusion Quality Mark Review

At RPS we are an inclusive school. We celebrate cultural diversity and teach tolerance and respect of all. Because of the excellent work we do in this area we hold the Inclusion Quality Mark and are a flagship school. This means we are invited to share good practice with other schools.

On Tuesday we had a review to ensure we had maintained these high standards. We had a new reviewer who spent time getting to know our school. She visited classes, talked to children, staff and parent governors. She confirmed that she would be recommending continuation of our flagship status.

Thanks to all all teachers and support staff for their continuing dedication to ensuring that the needs of children are met.

Thanks to Dominique and Naima for agreeing to meet with Andrea to discuss their experiences as both governors and as parents.



Sickle cell awareness

A sickle cell nurse provided training for teachers, parents and support staff this week to raise awareness of this medical condition and ensure that children with this medical need receive appropriate care in school.

Thanks to Sharon Hudson for organising this.



Dance performances for parents

There will be a range of opportunities for parents to see our children performing some exciting dance pieces.

Please come.

Reception parents

Thursday 4th April 10-10:30 am

Year 3 & 4 parents

Thursday 4th April 11:30 – 12:00

We look forward to seeing you.

Parents Evening

We warmly invite all parents to come and look at your children's books and share your children's learning with them in class. You will have an opportunity to ask the teacher questions. If, however, you want to speak to your child's teacher in private please request an individual appointment on a separate day.

Year 1-6 parents

Monday 1st April 3:15-4:30 in class

Nursery Parents Evening

Tuesday 2nd April 3:15-4:30 in the ICT suite

Reception Parents Evening

Wednesday 3rd April 3:15 – 4:30 in the ICT suite

It is possible to visit the class at any point within this time period.

Year 1 & 2 Dance Performance

If the round of applause was anything to go by parents had a fantastic time watching and cheering as the children in year 1 & 2 performed the dances they have been learning on Monday.

We are pleased you all enjoyed the event. Thanks to Chantal our talented dance teacher for her hard work.

Scientist of the year – watch out!

Following our successful science week, year 4 children complemented their learning with a school trip to the Science Museum.

According to Henrietta in Kon Tiki class 'everything about the trip was amazing'. The children participated in an electricity workshop, visited the space exhibition and had fun in the Wonder lab. Behaviour on the trip was great. Well done year 4.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICES

School uniform prices are rising from the 1st April 2019. Prices will be as follows:

School Jumper £11.50

XS/S/M/L Sweat Shirt £15.00

School Fleece £16.50

XS/S/M/L Fleece £19.00

PE Tops £3.50

Book Bags £5.00

Swimming Hats £2.00

Goggles £3.00

Please make sure your children are dressed in full school uniform.



Dates for your Diaries!

1 st April	KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 Year 1 -6 Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
2 nd April	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 Nursery Parent's Evening 3:15- 4:30
3 rd April	Reception Parent's Evening 3:15 4:30
5 th Apr	Attendance Awards Last day of term finish at 2pm
23rd April	Children return to school
24th April	Easter Bonnet Parade
30th April	Local Authority review
May	Key Stage 1 test window
13 th May	Year 6 SATs Spelling and grammar test
14 th May	Year 6 SATS reading test
15 th May	SATS maths paper 1 & 2
16 th May	Year 6 SATs paper 3
23 rd May	Fire Safety workshops for year 2 & 5
24 th May	Enterprise Challenge day
24 th May	Break up for half term.



You are warmly invited to attend your child's class performance.

Key Stage 2 Assemblies Time 11:30 am

Wednesday 3rd April

Kingfisher



Respectful to all



Look after our school



Year 6 star Writer is



Matilda Kamara from Belfast class Rose Blanche narrative writing

Venturing through the lifeless trees of winter, a young girl (barely over the age of ten) was utterly lost, wondering why she ever bothered to come. Creeping through the mist, not wanting to draw attention to herself, she was alone and scared. What lay beyond the thick fog? How far would she go to satisfy her curiosity? Knarled were the trees towering over her, begging for her to turn back before it was too late: they had seen too much. Fear invaded her mind, pleading her to not risk all she had; uncertainly twirled around her, making her feel powerless and curiosity teased her with its whispers: you must move on. What lay ahead she did not know.

Stunning writing. Well done Matilda.

Year 2 visit

It was Seal class's turn to visit St Mary's Church this week to support their learning. They had a great time and the opportunity enabled them to experience a significant local place of worship.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Penguin Class 97.9%

KS2: Belfast Class 98.8%



Amazing! keep up the good work everyone!!

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



Thrive: a space to make and explore making hobbies a business

This is a new affordable co-working space, where our community can work comfortably and develop business ideas with help and support. THRIVE (formally known as the Flaming Grill restaurant opposite the Odeon) was brought back into community use by British Land and is a great resource for local people. It is a really spacious and well-lit workspace, ideal for creative people- designers and makers can spread out and see their patterns come to life, it's also set up for startup therapists looking for low-cost private space to provide treatments from. Pop in for a coffee and explore the opportunities, it is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or have a look at the website (<https://treeshepherd.org.uk/launch-of-thrive-our-affordable-maker-space-and-co-working-business-hub/>)



Easter Bonnet Parade

It's time to get creative. We call all children to make and design spectacular bonnets during the Easter holidays, which we will display at our Easter Bonnet Parade.

We will be holding the Parade on **Wednesday 24th April.**

Reception will parade at 1:30 pm

Year 1 & 2 will display their bonnets at 2 pm

Year 3 to 6 will be displaying theirs at 2:45 pm

There will be a charge of £1 to attend this event to support school funds.

Year 6 SATs parent workshop

How much do you know about the year 6 SATs?

Do you want advice to support your child to prepare for SATs?

Parents of children in year 6 are invited to attend a parent workshop
on **Wednesday 3rd April at 3:30 pm.**

Find out all about the SATs, how to support your child and most importantly how to ensure their emotional well-being remains high during this period.

We look forward to seeing you all then.

Year 2 SATs parent workshop

SATs tests are fast approaching. We know all parents want their children to achieve and make excellent progress. So, we are holding a workshop for year 2 parents. We will take you through:

The curriculum and assessments at the end of year 2

How you can support your child to achieve their full potential.

Please come along to our parent's workshop on:

Tuesday 2nd April at 3:30 in the infant hall