

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Olympic athlete puts RPS through its paces!

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Luke Lennon-Ford a British sprinter visited RPS. Luke is coached by Linford Christie and took part with team GB in the London Olympics in 2012. He won a silver medal at the IAAF World indoor championships in 2014.

Pupils were challenged to complete circuit training, with Luke leading them, throughout the morning. They had a very energetic time, completing task such as pushups and star jumps. It was great to see the children enjoying such exertions.

We are extremely impressed that the children raised an amazing £ in sponsorship money leading up to this event. Our thanks to Daniel (our PE instructor) for organising the day.

Luke led a special assembly describing his training. He also talked about nutrition encouraging the children to eat healthily and to drink lots of water (no McDonalds!)

He showed the children a film clip of the relay race in which he won a silver medal. It was very inspiring.

Some children were lucky enough to have a photograph taken with Luke due to the amount of money that they had raised.

Well done to all children. Part of the money will be used to purchase PE equipment for the school. The rest will help sponsor Olympians like Luke to continue to train and participate in sporting events. The school and Luke are extremely appreciative of your contributions.



## Mobile Phones

Year 5 & 6 children are able to bring mobile phones into school as they are independent travellers. They are **not** permitted to use these phones on school property.

Phones are brought to school at the owner's risk.



### **RPS Brass band**

I am very pleased to say that I managed to secure funding from the Amicable Society to purchase brass instruments.

Owen Wales our brass teacher is teaching group lessons to children on Tuesdays and has selected a dedicated bunch of children from year 5 & 6 to have the privilege of taking home a brass instrument to practice. We are hoping to have an impressive brass band by the end of the year! So, children do keep practicing. Only children who take good care of the instruments will continue with this invaluable opportunity. We hope to secure enough funds to enable some children from year 4 to have instruments later in the year.

We thank the Amicable Society for this wonderful gift.

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> October it is World Teacher's day. We are sure parents and children will join with us in wishing all of our talented teachers a happy restful day. In honour and recognition of their hard work all teachers received a special 'healthy brunch' today. We hope they enjoyed it.

We are very lucky at RPS to have a dedicated and talented team.

Thanks to all for their hard work.



**This week's Star Writer is.....Jasmine from Seal class.**

### **Chalkwell Beach**

'When we arrived it was raining cats and dogs, so we luckily found shelter. We ate our lunch. For my lunch, I had scrumptious jam wrap and some fresh cucumber.

After that, we went to the amazing beach. At the beach, I threw some seaweed into the sea....'

### **Happy Rosh Hashanah to all our Jewish families.**

29<sup>th</sup> September was the start of the Jewish New Year. Our children have been learning about Rosh Hashanah in class and assembly. During Rosh Hashanah Jewish people celebrate the New Year with celebratory food, such as apples dipped in honey which is a symbol of sweetness for the coming year. Rosh Hashanah is the start of 10 days of reflection and a shofar horn is blown to encourage people to listen to god. Happy Rosh Hashanah!



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

**KS1 (year 1 & 2) start time 11:15 am**

Octopus Class 9<sup>th</sup> October

Coral Class 6<sup>th</sup> November

Whale Class 20<sup>th</sup> November

**KS2 (year 3-6) start time 11:30 am**

Cutty Sark 9<sup>th</sup> October

Belfast Class 16<sup>th</sup> October

Pearl Class 6<sup>th</sup> November

Kon Tiki 13<sup>th</sup> November

Mayflower 20<sup>th</sup> November

Calypso 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Flu vaccinations**

Children from Reception to year 6, will be receiving flu vaccinations on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. If you would like your child to have this vaccination, please sign and return the form to school.

**Best Attendance**

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 98%

KS2: Pearl Class 98.2%



**Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!**

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



October	Black History Month
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Teachers Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 Ceilidh workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent support for secondary application in ICT suite
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception open morning
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of poetry week
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu vaccinations – Reception to year 6
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 pm Governors Standards and curriculum meeting
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Reception open morning
Week starting 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week SEN meetings with parents
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maths week
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 pm Governors Resources committee meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Reception open morning
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 pm FGB meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Concert Year 3-6
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Play - Nursery am Reception pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Play KS1 Christmas jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Achievement Award Ceremony 11:30 Parents Evening Start of poetry week
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Award Ceremony KS 1 11:15
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class parties pm (own clothes) Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>LAST DAY finish at 2pm!</b>

