

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been another busy week at RPS. Nina Birch, our English consultant, was in on Thursday working with teachers and children to make sure they receive the best curriculum and teaching possible. Her hard work helps us to ensure children make excellent progress. We would like to thank her for all her support.

Teaching Assistants received Read Write Inc training on Monday and were extremely engaged with the training.

On Wednesday year 6 children presented an assembly to key stage 2 about bullying and the potential impact of it. They acted out a scenario and explored how individuals may feel within it. They considered the reasons why people may engage in bullying. The assembly held a very valuable lesson for all, and children around school are talking about how important it is to be kind and caring of each other. Well done girls. Your message was heard. You all worked really hard on this presentation and have helped to make a positive difference. You should be very proud of yourselves.

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Hot Chocolate Thursday

This term I have introduced a 'hot chocolate' treat with me. This week it was held on Thursday. The purpose of this treat is to acknowledge and say thank you to our wonderful children who always make good choices; who always work hard and are great role models for their peers. This week while they drank their hot chocolate, marshmallows and of course whipped cream, some children decorated masks and others tried to beat me at a card game. We had a lot of fun and I was really treated to a lovely afternoon talking to our fantastic children.

This week children selected by their teachers were:

Belfast class	Nathaniel
Cutty Sark class	Yumna
Kingfisher class	Oladamola
Kon Tiki class	Makayla
Pearl class	Sainthavie
Endeavour class	Goldie
Coral Class	Maya
Seal Class	Lexi
Whale Class	Marquidis
Octopus Class	Lucy





An exciting opportunity- Tales of Courage

RPS has signed up to take part in the pilot of a new digital tool. This tool aims to support children who may show signs of excessive worry, anxiety or phobias. Children will be given the opportunity to play the game Tales of Courage for between 30-40 minutes at a time. This game has offline activities that the parent will encourage their child to attempt and the aim is to help the child gradually overcome their fears through slow exposure to them. The game is suitable for children aged 7-12 years of age.

I have registered all parents who expressed an interest in joining the pilot, but it is **not too late** to sign up.

On Tuesday 21st, a representative from BFB Labs will be in the playground to hand out leaflets and answer any questions parents may have. At 9:15 am she will hold a question and answer session in the ICT suite and be there to help any parents who want to complete the online survey in school with support.

Children will then be ready to play by the 25th January. For further information see: <https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminovaparents>



There are 16 common fears that the program tackles:

- Staying at home without a parent or carer
- Making mistakes in school work or during tests
- Sleeping in places other than their home overnight
- Sleeping on their own
- Speaking in front of a group
- Spending time in crowded or busy places
- Spending time in the dark
- Spending time near a dog
- Spending time in places that are high up
- Spending time near insects or spiders
- Making new friends
- Going to parties or social gatherings
- Going to school
- Eating or drinking in front of other people
- Vomit
- Needles, injections, doctors or dentists

For more information, read the news article at the link below, which discusses the impact of anxiety on children and how the digit tool aims to help.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/technology/star-atlas-nhs-backed-cbt-app-children-tackle-anxiety-tablet-smartphone-828387>

Athletics Tournament



On Monday a group of our talented athletes took part in an athletics competition. This was the follow up round after a previous tournament and the children were competing against the best schools in Southwark. The children came 6th place at this event, and although they were a bit disappointed, they were fantastic on the day. 6th out of 34 schools across Southwark is extremely good!!

The children behaved very well, and we are very proud of them all.

Well done!



On Wednesday this week, Reception classes were visited by a local nurse who spoke to the children about the importance of healthy eating and maintaining a balanced diet.

The children had the opportunity to wear a tabard, which had foam models of all of the organs of the body and the nurse explained how a healthy, balanced diet works to ensure that the body organs continue to function properly and keep us active and healthy.

We also spoke about the impact of sugar and how sugar can be found in almost everything that we eat and drink.

Do you love to sing? Why not join Singing Club?



Singing club runs after school every Friday at 4:30 pm. This club is currently free for pupils. If your child is interested in joining singing club, please let their class teacher know or speak to Margaret.

Children will be given the opportunity to perform in front of audiences and attend concerts.

Please join us and let's form a fantastic choir.



Beavers are scouts youngest members, and they meet on Thursdays 5:45pm at Manor Methodist Church 40 Galleywall Rd, Bermondsey, London SE16 3PB.

They enjoy all that Scouting has to offer; being introduced to outdoor activities, to be creative, explore their local community and experience the excitement of a Beaver Scout sleepover with their friends. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old.

If you are interested in your child joining beavers please contact Alice by phone 020 7781 1255 or mobile 07515 589158 or by email. alice.canal@riotinto.com



21 st Jan	Lumi Nova talk at 9:15 am
22 nd Jan	Nurse visit to Reception- Dental hygiene Road Safety workshops – year 1 & 2 Parent Information Evening
23 rd Jan	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
28 th Jan	Year 6 Condoval Hall Parent meeting
5 th Feb	Parent workshop – Zones of Regulation
12 th February	Internet Safety workshops for children
14 th Feb	Children break up for half term
Week starting 24 th Feb	Mock Phonics test this week
27 th Feb	Asthma workshops for year 5 children
Week starting 2 nd March	Mock year 2 SATs tests this week.
5 th March	World Book Day (costume to the ready!) Resources committee governors meeting 6pm
Week of 9 th March 9 th March	Meetings for parents of children with SEND needs. Book Fair Mock SATS week for year 6
16 th March	Margaret taking children to sing at the Battle of Trafalgar concert. British Science week
27 th March	PTA Easter Bonnet Parade
30 th March	KS2 Achievement Awards at 11:30 am
31 st March	EYFS and KS1 Achievement Awards at 11:15 am Full governing body meeting 6pm
3 rd April	Attendance assemblies Last day of term. School closes at 2pm

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

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

29 th January	Coral Class
5 th February	Seal Class
12 th February	Octopus Class
18 th March	Whale Class

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

22 nd January	Kon Tiki Class
29 th January	Belfast Class
5 th February	Endeavour Class
12 th February	Calypso Class
18 th March	Mayflower Class
25 th March	Cutty Sark Class
1 st April	Pearl Class

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Seal Class – 97.7%
KS2: Kingfisher Class – 98.9%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENT

Please come to our 1st Parent Information Event of the year on:

Wednesday 22nd January

At 3:30 pm – Junior Hall

Timetable of events:

Federation update from Executive Head Teacher.

Followed by a range of short workshop/discussion groups:

Our new approach to teaching reading.

Inclusion- Meet our speech and language therapist.

Update on New Build.

Please come along. Free crèche provided.



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HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day 1: Monday 2nd September (no children)

Inset Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September (no children)

Inset Day 3: Wednesday 4th September (no children)

Start

Children back

Thursday 5th September - Friday 18th October 2019

Half Term

Monday 21st October

Friday 25th October

Children Back

Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th December 2019

SPRING TERM

Children back

Start

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term

Monday 17th February

Friday 21st February

Children Back

Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Children back

Start

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2020

May Day

Friday 8th May 2020 (75th anniversary VE Day)

Half Term

Monday 25th May

Friday 29th May

Children Back

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2020

Inset Day Monday 20th July (no children)

Inset Day Tuesday 21st July (no children)

Inset Days

2nd, 3rd, & 4th September 2019

20th & 21st July 2020

Please note that this year the May bank holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day.

Please note that children are not at school on inset days. These are training days for staff.