

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Another busy week at RPS. This week has been Sport Relief week and there have been a variety of sporting events happening across the school. On Monday four children in Key Stage 1 took part in a gymnastic competition. Cameron from Octopus class, Andrew and Astrid from Seal class and Ishraq from Whale class represented the school admirably. The children had 2 routines to complete including vaulting. The children were marked out of 10. As a team they came 3rd out of 11 schools and were only 2 marks away from winning. We are very proud! Well done!

On Wednesday year 1 class and year 3 Pearl class went to a non-competitive multi-skills festival. They got to practice a variety of skills and games and worked with young sports leaders from Bacon's College. They had a fantastic time and returned to school inspired.

Thursday and Friday, we started our 'Virtual Challenge'. The children completed 4 activities at speed. Target throw, standing long jump, shuttle run and speed bounce. The children's scores are collected and compared against other schools. The children had a lot of fun, while getting their heart rates racing.



We raised £195 for Sports Relief. Thank you for your donations. We will be continuing with the sports theme next week.

British Science Week 2020



What a busy week! This week has also been British Science Week and children have been doing a range of science-based activities linked to the theme 'Our Diverse planet'.

On Wednesday year 3-6 took part in Forensic CSI workshops. The children used Science to investigate a crime scene, find DNA samples to compare and deduce who had committed the crime. They studied fingerprints, footprints and hair samples using magnifying glasses. The children were particularly fascinated when they realised that twins may have been involved in the crime. As twins have the same DNA – how could they work out which twin committed the crime? The Children were very engaged, and it really got them into 'investigation mode'.

Key stage 1 and Reception were treated to a 'Mad scientist' workshop focussed on sustainability. The children looked at the impact of plastics being eaten by animals. They also considered windmills as a sustainable energy source for the future.

All classes have conducted a range of experiments. Year 4 focused on designing boats to transport goods, Year 2 explored volcanoes, Reception have been making lava lamps and Year 5 are looking at rockets and kites as part of their work on forces. This week has been so busy they will be continuing this work next week.

Thanks to Colleen (Science Lead) for organising these events.



The Science Gadget shop has been a great hit so far. We will continue selling items in the playground next week, so please come and buy items. Any profits from selling these items will be used to buy science equipment for the school.



On Friday Cutty Sark class visited the Charles Dickens Exhibition. This included a display of his famous books. The children took part in a treasure hunt with characters from his writing. The children had to identify which character belonged to which book. The children were enthusiastic and made links to their conducting of Scientific investigations earlier in the week. The children received a free pencil, booklet and bookmark which they loved. They were very well behaved despite a longer than expected journey due to traffic. Well done Cutty Sark class.





This week's star writer is:

Aaron from Belfast Class

Dear Diary

What a day! After a peaceful night's sleep, I awoke to the gentle sound of birds twittering tunefully outside my window. Little did I know then that the serenity would be shattered by the wailing, high pitched noise of an air raid siren!

.....A noise so shrill that it pierced through the day. The siren loud and frightening alerted us to the imminent danger above.... planes! My heart sank as the realisation that my peaceful day would be jeopardized the Luftwaffe. Just then with wide eyes, Billy my cat attempted to make a dash for the neighbours garden. I managed to snag him before he ran away.

We feared that the sinister souls of the German pilots would destroy our simple lives. I remember Ma saying "stay calm everyone, grab a game and busy yourselves. We might be there for a long time!" As my eyes adjusted to the dim lit shelter, I saw Billy cowering in the corner. On the radio, cheerful music played which helped camouflage the tremendous sound of the siren.

Well done Aaron. These extracts from your diary are amazing. Keep up the good work.



RPS hosted the a round of Debate mate on Tuesday. We received very complimentary feedback from the organisation who indicated that our 'hosting skills are excellent'. Our children's debating skills are even better. RPS won all but one round against the 5 other schools involved in the competition.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all selected to join me for Hot Chocolate Friday. You are great role models for the school. I am proud of you. Keep it up!

These were the children who joined me for hot chocolate Friday.

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| Calypso Class | Zahiye |
| Cutty Sark class | Aimen |
| Mayflower Class | Daniel |
| Kingfisher class | Mohammed |
| Kon Tiki class | Soz |
| Pearl class | Amari |
| Endeavour class | Taylor |
| Coral Class | Safa |
| Whale Class | Lian |
| Octopus Class | Cameron |





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

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

18th March Whale Class

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

18th March Mayflower Class

25th March Cutty Sark Class

1st April Pearl Class

16 th March	Year 6 Mock SATS
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

Best Attendance

The classes with the best attendance for this week are:

KS1: Octopus Class 99.3%

KS2: Endeavour Class 98%



Amazing! Keep up the good work everyone!!

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



We will continue to notify parents of any updates we receive from Public Health England regarding the Coronavirus.

If children have a high temperature and/or a **new continuous cough** they should **not** come to school. They should stay home for 7 days. After 7 days they may return to school if symptoms have not worsened.

Please follow the absence policy and call the school on the first morning explaining the reason for absence.

There is currently no intention by public health to close schools, but it is possible that this will happen at some point. We are organising work for children to complete at home in the event of this happening. We are collecting a range of online learning links for children to access.

Organised school trips will be continuing until further notice.

"Just because you haven't found your talent yet, doesn't mean you don't have one."

- Kermit the Frog

Staff at RPS

The Senior Leadership Team



Galiema Amien-Cloete

Executive Head Teacher across the federation. Responsible for the Strategic leadership of the school.



Lisa Christiansen

Head of School. Responsible for leading and managing the school on a day to day basis.



Annalise Storey

Assistant Head Teacher (class based 2 days per week). Responsible for managing years 1-3



Sue Davies

Assistant Head Teacher (4 days per week). Responsible for managing years 4-6.

ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

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HOLIDAY DATES 2020-2021

AUTUMN TERM	Inset Day 1: Wednesday 2nd September (no children)
Start	Children back Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2020
Half Term	Monday 26 th October 2020 Friday 30 th October 2020
Children Back	Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2020
SPRING TERM	Inset Day 2: Monday 4th January 2021
Start	Children back Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February 2021 Friday 19 th February 2021
Children Back	Monday 22nd February - Wednesday 31st March 2021
SUMMER TERM	
	Inset Day 3: Monday 19th April 2021
Start	Children back Tuesday 20th April - Friday 28th May 2021
May Day	Friday Monday 3 rd May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 st May 2021 Friday 4 th June 2021
Children Back	Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2021 Inset Day 4: Thursday 22nd July (no children) Inset Day 5: Friday 23rd July (no children)

Inset Days

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

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