

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd January 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy week. It has certainly been a busy one at RPS.

On Thursday we had our **Inclusion Quality Mark Review**. We hold 'Flagship status' for being an inclusive school that supports and champions the needs of all children including those that may require some additional support. The review was led by our two SENCO's Matt and Jennifer. The focus of this review was on 'mental health' and our work to become a 'trauma informed' school. I would like to say thank you to all those who contributed to this virtual review: Suzy, Helen, Anthony, John, Sarah and Nina. They did a fantastic job representing the great work of the school. We look forward to receiving the IQM report.

If you haven't already accessed it, do watch Suzy's online parent workshop. It sets out some of the strategies we use in school and provides tips for parents. This can be found on the school's website at: parent tab – PSHE – Parent workshop <http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/mindfulness/>



COVID-19 UPDATE

We had 3 positive COVID cases this week. These cases were unconnected. Two bubbles were required to self-isolate.

In school our cleaners clean daily, the bubbles are separated and there is minimal contact between adults to avoid crossing bubbles. Adults are wearing face masks when travelling around the school and when working in offices. Children are reminded to sanitise and wash their hands regularly.

Mass Lateral Flow testing in Primary schools

You may have heard about mass lateral flow testing starting in primary schools. This is for **staff only**. Adults who **consent** to do so will be provided with lateral flow test kits. They will be issued sufficient to complete 2 tests each week. The purpose of these tests is early detection of asymptomatic cases amongst staff in order to help break the chain of transmission. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to administer and detect 80% of positive cases. Currently it is estimated that 1 in 3 people who are COVID positive do not have any symptoms.

Assemblies

This weeks assembly was produced by Sue (Assistant Head Teacher) and was about how to be a good listener.

- Make eye contact
- Actively think about what the person has said.
- Respond when the person has finished talking

Children in school are watching these assemblies and we would like children at home to watch them too. They are an important way of reinforcing the schools core values. This week a puppy called 'Pip' will teach us some lessons about learning to become a 'guide dog' at canine university!

PE with Coach Dan... Coming soon!

Coming soon are some short gymnastic lessons delivered by coach Dan. During this half of term, children in school are honing their gymnastic skills. We didn't want children at home to miss out so Dan has broken down some activities children can do at home.

Parents must watch the films first and make sure that there is appropriate space in your home or garden to complete these activities. Children will need to use soft pillows or a duvet for some activities.

These are not compulsory so children do not have to complete them. These lessons are at the request of some parents.

We do hope you enjoy them.

EXERCISE FOR GOOD HEALTH



Remote Learning

We have now loaned parents 55 devices (either a laptop or a tablet) so that children can access online learning. All children with a device at home **must** now log on to the recorded lessons and Oak Academy links we have sent you. These can be opened from the timetables you have been sent and which also appear on your year groups private page. If you cannot find your link please email the teacher.

Year 5 Timetable - Week 4 (WRSJ_05.21) Rotherhithe Primary School					
	Monday 25 th January 2021	Tuesday 26 th January 2021	Wednesday 27 th January 2021	Thursday 28 th January 2021	Friday 29 th January 2021
English 40 minutes	Recorded lesson see link http://bit.ly/38mZ9a Writing page 4 - to write a page on scooters	Recorded lesson see link http://bit.ly/38mZ9a Writing page 5 - To write a page on Buzz Lightyear.	Recorded lesson see link http://bit.ly/38mZ9a To write about your favourite toy.	Recorded lesson see link http://bit.ly/38mZ9a To write instructions on how to look after toys	Recorded lesson see link http://bit.ly/38mZ9a To listen to Lost at the toy museum. To write a missing poster for Bunting.
Maths 40 minutes: Please use the link to access the lessons on Oak Academy	Length and Mass Lesson 6: To compare the mass of two objects https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/measures-1-length-and-mass-095	Length and Mass Lesson 7: To compare the mass of 2 or more objects. https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/measures-1-length-and-mass-095	Length and Mass Lesson 8: To compare masses using non-standard units. https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/measures-1-length-and-mass-095	Length and Mass Lesson 9: To find the mass of objects in units. https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/measures-1-length-and-mass-095	Length and Mass Lesson 10: To experience standard units of measure. https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/measures-1-length-and-mass-095
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To open lessons click on the blue hyperlinks from the timetable on the website.

Paper packs consist of worksheets related to these lessons. Only children without access to a device or internet should be using the paper packs only.

Additional Devices

I have applied to the DfE, Southwark and am also trying to raise additional funds through charities to purchase laptops for those families who may still not have a device, or, who have only 1 device shared between children. I am pleased to hear that some families have received the additional mobile allowance following completion of our internet survey. I have also applied to BT for internet vouchers and 4G routers. I do hope that we receive these soon.

Southwark Council have also started a crowd funder appeal. If you would like to make a donation or have any business contacts that may be able to help please see information below.



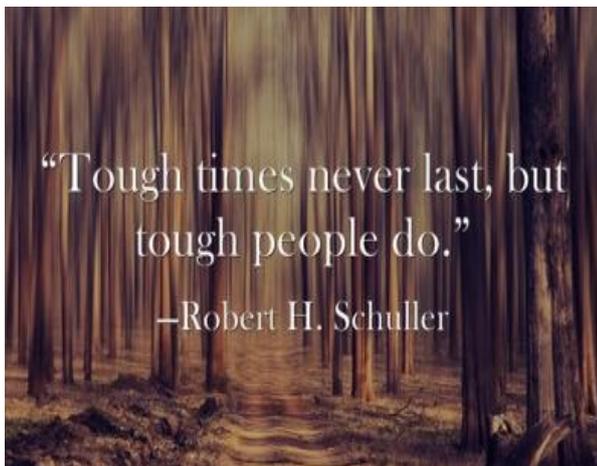
We are expecting the second delivery of breakfast food boxes from the 'School Food Matters' charity on Wednesday 27th January. We have been told the delivery will arrive between 12-1 pm. It will then take us time to sort the food into bags. If you received a breakfast box last delivery, please be ready to collect a box Wednesday afternoon.

FSM Vouchers

Those parents who are eligible for FSM vouchers should receive a voucher next week through Edenred. If you have any challenges with this, please contact Sharon in the school office. You will only receive these vouchers for children who the Local Authority have deemed entitled to them.

Food parcels

We will still be organising food parcels for those families who may not have qualified for FSM but are experiencing financial hardship. Please contact Sharon Hudson in the school office if you would like a food parcel.



Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

If you think your child may be entitled to FSM please complete the FSM application form. You can download the form using this link: or call the school office to request a form. Once you have downloaded and filled out the form, please hand your completed application into the school office.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school.

If you require further help, please contact Sharon Hudson or Maxine in the school office or email at:

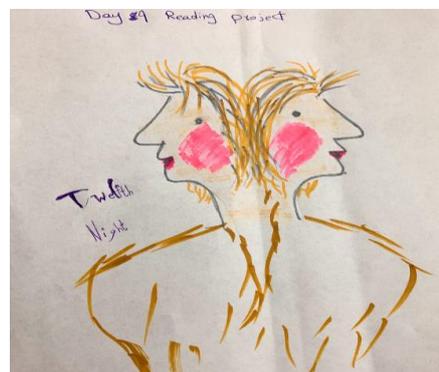
shudson@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk or
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4.1.21	Inset Day- Staff training
5.1.21	Children return to school
21.1.21	Inclusion Quality Mark
29.1.21	Basic Skills Quality Mark Review
Week beginning:	National Storytelling week
1.2.21	Children's mental Health awareness week
4.2.21	Rosa Parks Day
Week beginning	Poetry Week
8.2.21	
9.2.21	Safer Internet Day
12.2.21	Chinese New Year
12.2.21	Break up for half term
22.2.21	Children return to School
Week beginning	Parents Evening appointments
8/3/21	
12.3.21	World Maths Day
Week beginning	Parents Evening appointments
15/3/21	
18 th and 19 th March 21	FGM awareness session for KS2
30.3.21	Achievement Awards
31.3.21	Break up for Easter

RPS Gallery

Miriam in year 4's brilliant art work related to her reading unit on the 'Twelfth Night'.



Lillian in year 2s amazing double sided puppet. Well done Lillian.



Sara in year 5s amazing description

The thick, cold snow lay on the stone cobble ground, one little girl was standing there bare footed walking around the tunnel. She could see the big, black birds swooping around the tunnel. The sharp, biting wind was howling like a wolf. It was so strong that she had to grip on to the icy, wet lamp post, which had a bright, shining light at the top. She listened to all the gentle, quiet voices talking from the distance but in the background a baby started crying, that attracted all her attention. Because she was bare footed, she could feel the big, bumpy road. The loud, noisy carriages which had even noisier horses that started neighing, it was really cold the girl wasn't even wearing appropriate clothing.

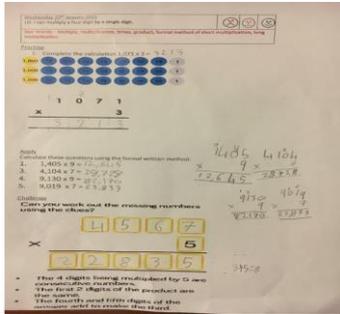


STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Nathan	He always tries his best and joins in with learning. He is kind to others, takes turns and makes us smile! Well done Nathan!
Year 2	Tomiwa	Tomiwa has displayed excellent understanding of using the division symbol when grouping as well as using suitable conjunctions in his non-chronological report about Owls. Well done!
Year 3	Walid	Walid has shown determination and has been committed to working hard in his tasks this week. Well done for your positive attitude and for contributing your ideas in class. Well done Walid!
Year 4- Walbrook	Zelick	Excellent behaviour for learning and always putting 100% effort into all areas of the curriculum. A good role model for his peers. Fantastic!
Year 4- Brent	James	For working hard on his times tables, and using them to help with his maths work. He always works hard in lessons, listening to instructions and participating. Keep it up James!
Year 6	Daniel	This week, Daniel has shown what a great learner looks like. He always brings valuable facts/information to share with the class and asks lots of questions to build upon his knowledge. We have all learned a lot from his questions! Well done for having a great attitude to learning.



Home Learning Star of the week!

Reception	Emre	<p>Emre has enjoyed learning about transport this week. Here he is role playing going on a bus with passengers from his toy box! He made tickets detailing, the time, date, price and destination! It looks like great fun Emre! Beep Beep!</p> 
Year 1	Anas Kloe	<p>Anas is completing all of the home learning tasks and I can see he is putting 100% effort into all of them. Anas's presentation of his writing has improved he is writing on the lines and writing his letters smaller. Well done Anas!</p> <p>She has shown great determination when completing her home learning. She has given everything 100% and has listened to any targets she has been given. Well done Kloe!</p>
Year 2	Daniella	<p>The star of the week is Daniella for working really hard on her Science at home. She learnt all about the solar system and did her own research to find out about the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. Amazing!</p>
Year 3	Shania	<p>She has had perfect attendance during Teams meetings so far and has really impressed us with the work she has completed. She has become more confident speaking over video call and has proudly talked me through her work on a few different occasions this week!</p>
Year 4	Lillian	<p>For engaging with learning so enthusiastically at home. Keep up the great work Lillian!</p>
Year 5	Sara	<p>for working so hard and overcoming challenges in Maths this week? I am really impressed with your resilience and determination. Well done!</p> 
Year 6	Shakhai	<p>Shakhai has been a super home learner. He attends our daily Teams meetings and is always ready to share work that he is proud of. I have been particularly impressed with his writing, which has included some really ambitious vocabulary. Keep up the great work!</p>



Laptops for Learning Southwark



Southwark Council and the London South Teaching School Alliance have joined forces to launch a borough-wide 'Laptops for Learning' crowdfund appeal. Money raised through the appeal will be used to buy laptops for Southwark schools, for the benefit of young people who need them in order to access online learning. Any donations made to the campaign will be match-funded by the council.

Please help us to get the word out so our school and others can benefit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/laptopsforlearning

The appeal is also accepting second-hand devices from businesses. If you know any business owners that may be able to help, please share the link.