

RPS Weekly Newsletter



CREATIVITY WEEK



Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 23rd October 2020

Creativity can be defined as: **the use of imagination or original ideas to create something**. It is one of our school values at RPS and during 'Creativity week', the children have been having a fantastic time honing their creative skills!! We have linked our theme weeks this half term and have continued the focus on 'ourselves', as part of our transition unit 'Here we are'. We then extended this study by exploring our cultural roots during diversity month which culminated with the children's self-portraits during 'creativity week'.

In each year group, the children have been learning about a famous artist and have gone through a sequence of skills-based lessons until they finally completed their self-portraits. The children considered the work of the following artists:

Year 1 - Yayoi Kusama



Year 2 - Giuseppe Arcimboldo



Year 3 - Pablo Picasso



Year 4 - Frida Kahlo



Year 5 - Chris Ofili



Year 6 - Andy Warhol



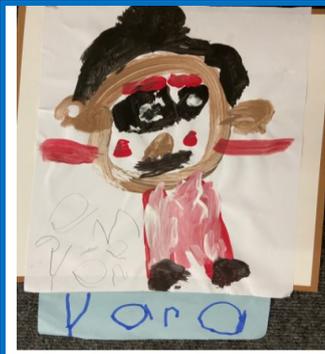
I am sure that you will enjoy the snippets of artwork shared in the gallery below and agree that their artwork is fantastic.

To hone their presentation skills - children from each class are completing short interviews in which they talk about their art projects. Look out for these next term!

'Creativity week' has been a fantastic conclusion to a busy half term. I have been so proud of how well the children have settled into new routines. The progress they have made after such a long break in their education has been impressive.

I look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength next half term. Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd November.

RPS Art Gallery



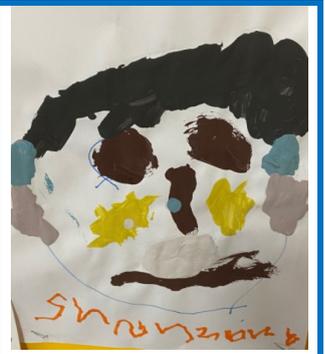
Yara -



Elizabeth – Penguin Class



Tina – Jellyfish Class



Shahzab – Jellyfish Class



Ayanna – Octopus Class



Daniel – Whale Class



Fabien- Coral Class



Myinka – Seal Class



Andrew – Fleet Class



Melek -Fleet Class



Jasmine – Effra Class



Niko – Effra Class



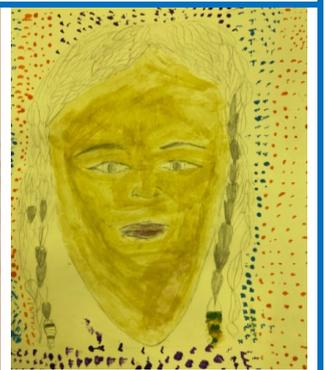
Dylan – Walbrook Class



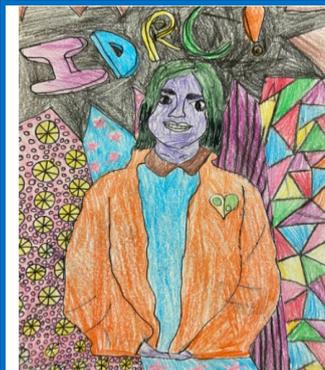
Aimee – Brent Class



Winnie – Ravensbourne Class



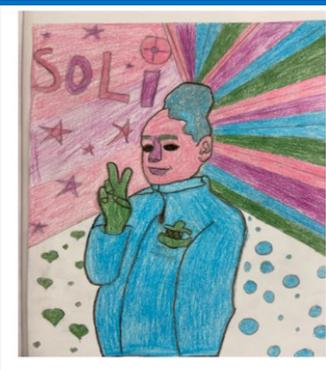
Cahara - Ravensbourne



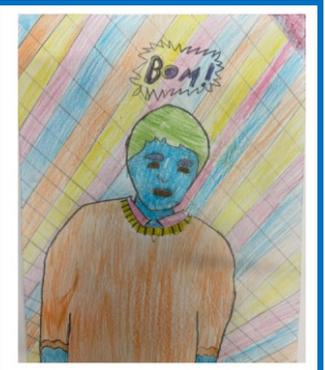
Missun – Thames Class



Chrystal- Thames Class



Soliyana – Lea Class



Leunit – Lea Class



Poetry is meant to be performed as well as enjoyed. The teachers have now recorded their classes performing their poems. You can find these on the school's website.

<http://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/poetry-week-performances/>



As you are aware our parents evening will be held virtually this year due to current covid-19 guidelines.

Teachers have allocated appointment times trying to accommodate your preference as far as possible. You should have received an appointment slip on Friday with your date and the time of your appointment. If you requested a phone call the class teacher will call you using a withheld number, so please be ready to receive this call.

If you requested a Teams meeting you will receive an email with the link for the meeting on Monday 2nd November. **Please ensure that you use your child's name as the display name when joining the Teams lobby/waiting room.** The teacher will then give you access to the meeting at your allocated time. The Senior Leadership Team may be dropping in on some meetings at random so please do not be alarmed if there are two staff members present on your Teams call.

As with all parent/teacher evenings, should things run a bit behind, please be patient. Teachers are really looking forward meeting with you on Tuesday 3rd or 4th of November for your appointment.

Free School Meal Wonde Vouchers

As I am sure you are aware there has been a lot of discussion in the media following Marcus Rashford's campaign that all families eligible for Free School Meals should receive additional support to feed their children during the holiday period. On Thursday, the government confirmed that they would not provide further support for these families during the holiday period.

Southwark council however decided that they would like to provide food vouchers for families within Southwark – reorganizing other budgets to do so.

The notice to schools that we would be required to send these funds to parents came late on Thursday evening, with a directive to send these funds to parents who qualify for FSM as well as any families who may be in financial need. Reception staff at school, worked flat out to fulfill this request. As we do not have knowledge of each parents' financial situation the Executive Head decided to send the payments to all parents. This payment should have arrived via a Wonde voucher.

We hope that this relieves financial pressure for our families.

Early Years Fundraising

On Friday children in Early Years dressed up to raise funds for their classroom resources. They had a lot of fun and looked fantastic in their costumes.

Unfortunately, as budgets continue to be cut in schools, funding for some resources is becoming tight. We thank all parents who donated money and items to the school. Thanks to Dominique who donated a Brio set and to Ronnie who donated highlighter pens and a variety of dressing up costumes. The children's eyes did light up when they saw them.



Healthy Packed Lunches



We are really fortunate that Southwark has provided a healthy meal free for all children in primary schools whether they are eligible for FSM or not. Some families however, prefer to send children into school with a packed lunch. Can I please remind all parents that we are a 'Healthy School' and hold 'Gold status' for this. If you send children in with a packed lunch please ensure that you include only healthy foods.

Cakes, chocolate, crisps are not permitted in children's lunches. There are lots of healthy food that children can bring to school and the pictures above show you some suggestions.

Please also remember to **not** include any nut based products.



Children who are continually late miss out on class learning. They constantly spend time trying to catch up. They often feel self-conscious arriving in class late which makes them anxious about coming to school.

We have given parents a full half term to adjust to the new staggered start and exit times. We are aware that for some families these may be inconvenient at times, but they are necessary to ensure we are able to meet government guidelines and move children in and out of school safely given that we no longer have a large playground to meet in.

Children are late if they do not arrive by their allocated time slot in the morning and this will be noted in the register. Parents will be contacted if their child is continually late and may be requested to meet with the local authority if this does not improve.

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: <https://bit.ly/35ydYTO> 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 office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk





23.10.20	Break up for half term
2.11.20	Children return to school
3.11.20	Virtual Parents Evening -- Teams
4.11.10	
9.11.20	Maths Week
12.11.20	Flu vaccinations whole school
Week beginning 16.11.20	Virtual parents meeting for children with SEND
Week beginning 16.11.20	Anti-bullying week
16.12.20	Class Parties
11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.20	Virtual Award Ceremonies
18.12.20	Break up -100% attendance certificates.

Parent Survey

We are asking ALL parents across the federation to complete a survey regarding internet access and computers at home. This is to help us plan remote learning more carefully with your feedback. Thank you for your support with this.

FINAL REMINDER: Year 6 Secondary School Applications

This is a final reminder that secondary school applications **must** be completed by the 31st October 2020.

Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	96.4%	
Penguin	98.6%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	93.9%	
Octopus	95.2%	
Coral	93.5%	
Seal	91.1%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	95%	
Fleet	94.8%	
Brent	90%	
Walbrook	95%	
Ravensbourne	92.4%	
Wandle	100%	
Lea	98.6%	
Thames	91%	

Well done to the classes with the best attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!!

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

Please remember you may need to quarantine after trips abroad.



Whale	Jena	For always making the right choices and being highly creative when making her poster, which was inspired by the animal conservationist Chris Packham. Amazing!
Octopus	Joshua	For putting 100% effort into everything he does. He always comes into school with a smile on his face and faces everything with a positive attitude. Well done Joshua!
Coral	Fabian	For displaying commendable focus and attention to detail while producing an excellent self-portrait based on the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Well done!
Seal	Emma	Emma puts 100% into everything she does in school. She has maintained this positive attitude for every minute of every day this term. Fantastic!
Effra	Niko	Niko –for brilliant writing about Princess Smartypants. I was especially impressed with the systematic way he approached the work and also his amazing editing with his editing partner!
Fleet	Paris	Paris- For working incredibly hard in Maths and English. Well done for staying focused and for having a lovely, positive attitude towards your learning. Keep it up!
Brent	Wassim	Wassim thinks creatively in all aspects of his learning, he thinks outside of the box, creating new ideas from information he has learnt or read about. He is inspired by new learning and can apply this knowledge to other situations. Well done!
Walbrook	Deren	Deren has worked really hard to edit and improve his work. Additionally, he has been an exemplary role model to all pupils in Walbrook class. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Tyler	For working very hard in Maths and English and trying his very best. He is also improving his presentation and handwriting. Keep it up Tyler!
Wandle	Asia	For confident leadership and presentation skills. Well done - keep it up!
Lea	Solliyan	Solliyana has shown great attention to detail during this week's 'Creativity Week' – she has included many iconic features of pop art and has created an amazing self-portrait. Well done!
Thames	Abass	Abass excelled in our Creativity Week this week. He thoroughly researched our chosen artist – Andy Warhol – and produced a fantastic self-portrait in a Pop Art Style. Well done!