

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13th November 2020

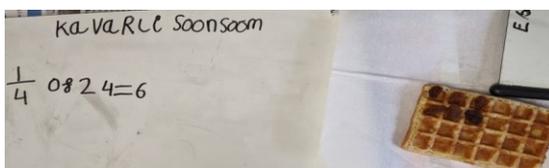
Dear Parents & Carers,

Maths week got off to a great start on Monday with a Year 4 Battle of the Bands! The two classes battled to show which class would reign supreme based on their times table accuracy. Brent class won this tournament, but I am sure Walbrook will fight back and are already honing their skills ready for the next battle to begin.

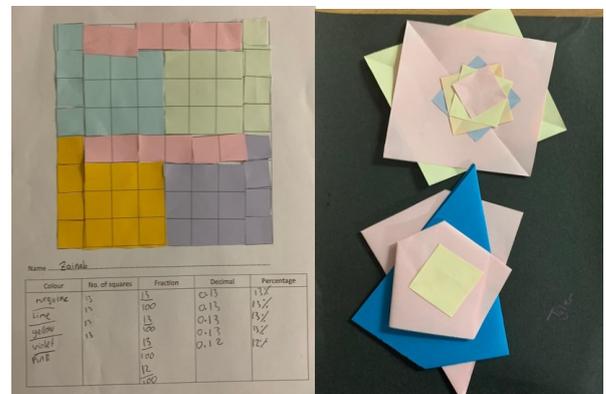
The children were very engaged and really enjoyed dressing up like their avatars. You can see some of the best dressed children below. Please encourage them to practise their times tables each day!



Across the school there were lots of practical math's challenges to complete during the week. Year 2 for example had fun using waffles and raisins to explore fractions.



All children across the school completed math's learning through an art based activity. Year 5 considered Victor Vasarely's 'Op Art Illusions and Year 6 explored decimals and percentages through mosaics and Islamic art. They also had some fun exploring shape through paper folding and origami!



A huge thank you to John for organizing Math's week.

Covid-19 Positive Case

Unfortunately, on Friday a pupil tested positive with Covid-19. The children were isolated while in school while we did a detailed risk assessment, fed the children and organized home learning. We continue to do everything possible to avoid the transmission of the virus and continue to follow PHE guidance. All other children should attend school.

Applying for a Reception place September 2021

The process to start applying for Reception places is now open. All applications for a primary school place must be completed online at the following link:

www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The application must be completed by the **15th January**.

You can find a copy of Southwark's brochure on our website.



Parent conduct at gates

Please ensure you adhere to the parent code of conduct when collecting and dropping children to school. Parents please **do not** swear while talking to others within ear shot of our children.

If parents have any concerns about unkind/bullying behaviour online or in school between children, please raise this with a member of staff. You can call the school, email the class teacher directly or email a member of the leadership team. Please do not talk to parents or children directly as this often leads to conflict.

You can find the Parent Code of Conduct at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/35EVrTD>

This also contains the communication protocol and leadership details.



Everyone got spotty today to raise money for Children in Need. We managed to raise £254 for this worthy cause. Especial thanks to Hal (from Effra class) who donated a significant amount of change that he had been saving! Well done.

I hope you managed to tune in and watch some of Joe Wick's PE challenge. I have no idea how he managed to keep going for so long! It is amazing to see what can be achieved when you set your mind to a good cause.



Issac from Wandle Class

A dark, dark theatre where there was just a man and a piano and nothing but that and memories. Memories of death! His tears are a tsunami, his face an ocean of sadness and his life a field of loss. On his finger a ring made of shadows themselves and his hair a matted animal hide. It seemed like nothing could ever make him happy until his grandson (who is much like him when he was a little boy) came and played the last note together. They looked at each other and that spider web of a face curved into a smile which it hadn't done in years.



On Wednesday the children listened to a special virtual Remembrance Day Assembly led by Sue. This considered why we hold Remembrance Day each year. At 11 am the children took part in a minute silence led by the call of the Last post played on a bugle. Children were also given the opportunity to make their own poppies.

Year 5 & 6 children considered the poem 'In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae. In the poem the soldier makes a plea for others to take up the torch and remember why they have died. Amal in Thames class has written this thoughtful response:

*We will remember the people who died
There the poppies grow
In Flanders Fields there they lay
In the ground below
Letting go of the grief is slow
There the poppies grow
In Flanders Fields*

Well done Amal!

Flu Vaccinations

On Thursday children across the school had their flu vaccinations. These were given by NHS nurses. The process was very quick and easy, and all children were very sensible.



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

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

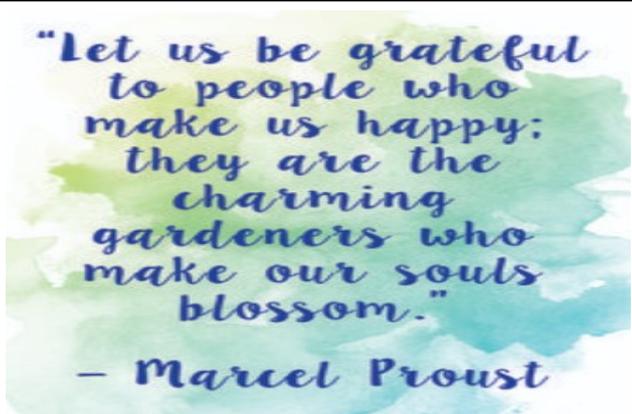


Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is the start of Anti-bullying week. Children will be engaging in activities to encourage them to be aware of the harm that bullying causes and to know how to look out and talk out against bullying. On Monday 16th we are inviting children to wear Odd Socks to represent that we are all different but equal. Please see parent pack on the website.



9.11.20	Maths Week
11.11.20	Remembrance Day
12.11.20	Flu vaccinations whole school
13.11.20	Children in Need- No-school uniform day
Week beginning 16.11.20	Virtual parents meeting for children with SEND
16.11.20	Parent governor nominations to be submitted
Week beginning 16.11.20	Anti-bullying week
7.12.20	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
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.



Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	95.8%	
Penguin	98.8%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	95.8%	
Octopus	99.5%	
Coral	97.1%	
Seal	94.3%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	95.2%	
Fleet	100%	 Amazing!
Brent	99.2%	
Walbrook	93.4%	
Ravensbourne	92.4%	
Wandle	97%	
Lea	97.9%	
Thames	93.6%	

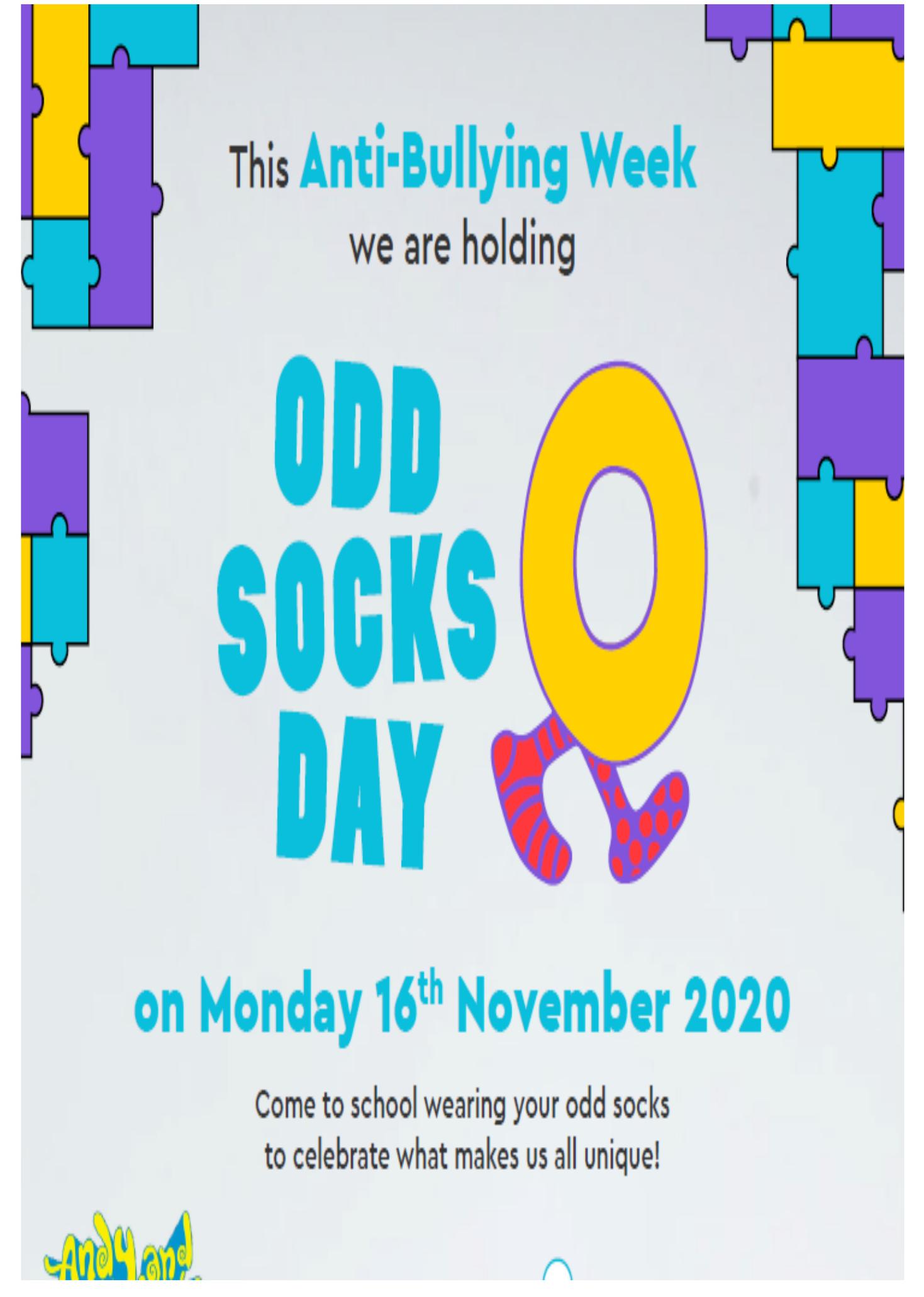
Well done to the classes with the best attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!!

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.



Octopus	Abdillahi	Abdillahi has worked extremely hard this week especially in his writing. He is using finger spaces and full stops independently. He is also spelling his common exception words correctly and really concentrating when writing. Keep up the good work!!
Coral	Nauru	For working hard in reading and using his phonics to decode unfamiliar words. Well done!
Seal	Brooklyn	For working really hard in improving her handwriting. Keep it up Brooklyn!
Effra	Safa	For her problem solving in and outside the classroom this week. Safa has set a brilliant example to all!
Fleet	Scarlett-Rae	Scarlett- Rae has worked incredibly hard in class and has displayed a wonderful attitude towards her learning. She also produced a lovely piece of homework for her topic project about climate zones. Amazing!
Brent	Sophie	Sophie is a kind and thoughtful girl, who helps solve problems during playtime, making sure everyone has someone to play with. You are so thoughtful well done!
Walbrook	Zelick	For his positive attitude and the consistent effort that he has put into all classroom activities. Fantastic!
Ravensbourne	Ollie	For trying very hard to stay focussed and completing his tasks. Keep up the good work Ollie!
Wandle	Issac	For amazing descriptive writing this week. I was so impressed with his use of metaphor. Well done Issac!
Thames	Yacquub	For his problem solving skills in Maths. He is constantly looking to challenge himself and shows a great level of perseverance and ambition.



This **Anti-Bullying Week**
we are holding

**ODD
SOCKS
DAY**



on Monday 16th November 2020

Come to school wearing your odd socks
to celebrate what makes us all unique!