

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



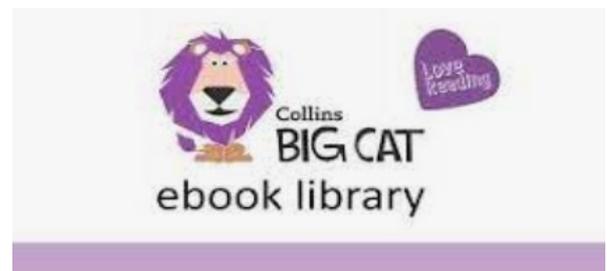
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Another busy week at RPS. Year 5 & 6 children continued their Science learning about animals and habitats with a workshop about Cheetahs and Nursery to year 3 children were given the opportunity to get close to and touch some police horses. The police officers all wore masks and adhered to COVID hygiene regulations. See some of the pictures below. This event was also reported on twitter.



**Assembly** this week focused on **Red Nose Day**. We explored why we attempt to raise money for charity through the story of Ethan, a young boy born with cerebral palsy. We were impressed by the innovative care and support that he had received, thanks to donations from charities such as comic relief. In the assembly I shared a few riddles and jokes. Emma in Seal class really made me laugh when she said they 'cheated' and looked up the answers on the internet! It was lovely to see the smiling faces of our superhero children today. Thank you for your generous donations and helping to make a difference.



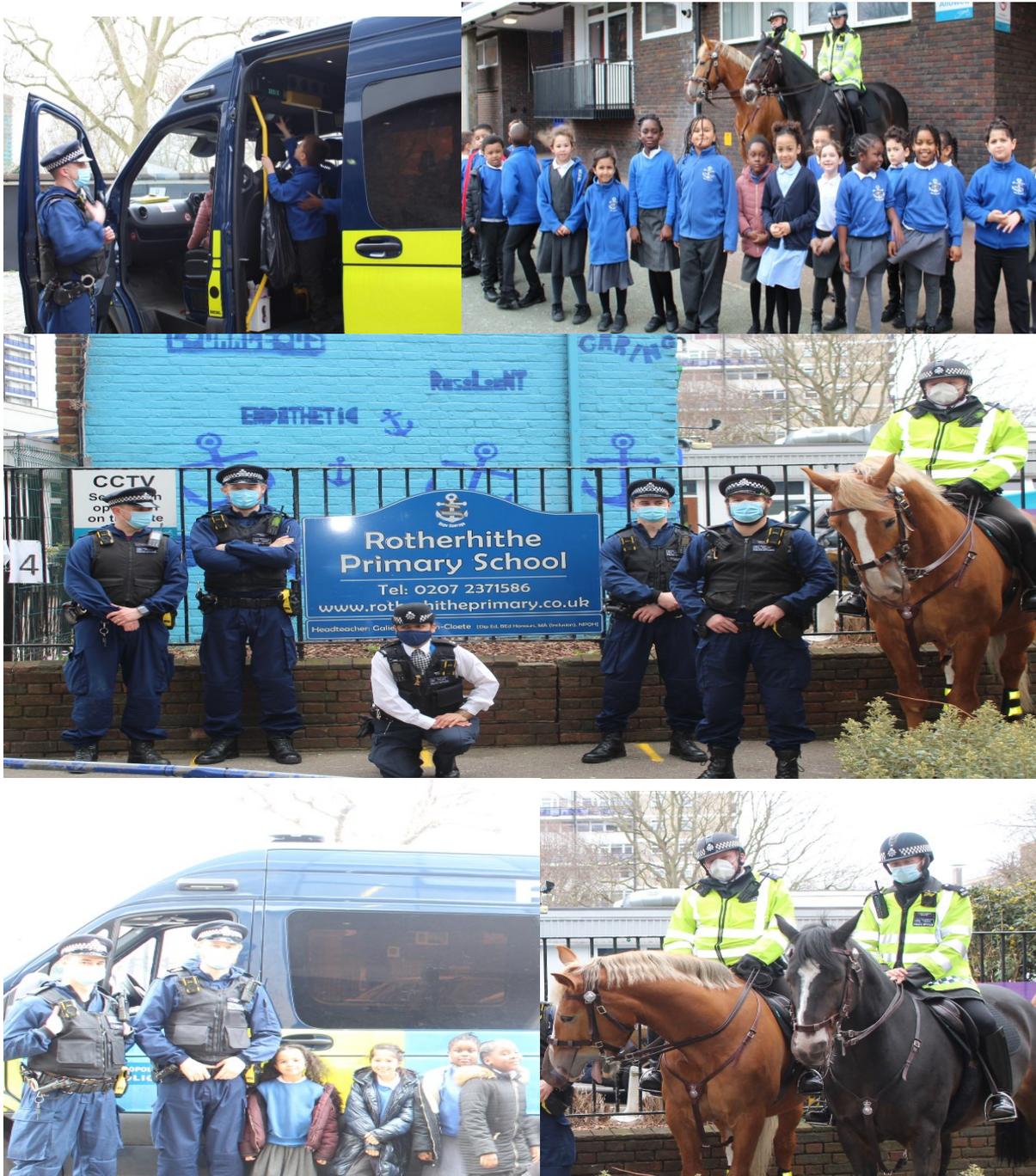
We are very excited to share with you our new online eBook library! This online library gives us access to thousands of decodable and chapter books that children can access from home. The books come with accompanying activities and an audio function so that children can listen to them too. For younger children, the books come with strategies and tools for you as parents to support your children. Teachers will be able to assign books to children linking to their work in class.

All children will be sent home with a Parent Guide and a personal log in, which explains how you can access the online library, so please spend some time familiarising your child with this. Class teachers will be assigning books to their classes as part of their Easter Holiday homework, linking to the units they will be starting in Summer Term. We can't wait to get started!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday!

# Police visit RPS!

On Tuesday, RPS had a very special visit from the mounted police unit and police territorial support group. The children (and adults) were very excited to see the police horses and speak with the police officers. They learned how they are used to keep us safe. This event was a great opportunity for our children to build good relationships with their local police as well as have new experiences and a lot of **FUN!**



## FSM Vouchers

If you are currently eligible for FSM you will receive a 'Wonde' voucher for the Easter holiday period.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties but are not currently eligible for FSM we are offering to help during the Easter period. We will provide nutritious food parcels for families who contact the school.

Please contact Sharon at the school office on 020 72371586 by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to request a parcel. These will be ready to be collected from the school office on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## Relationships & Sex Education Parent's Information:

RPS Primary in conjunction with DKH have created a brand new information video for parents covering "**Relationships & Sex Education**". The purpose of this video is to provide parents with information about the curriculum that will be taught at both schools.

As well as the very informative video guide, we also have a feedback form, which we would be grateful if you would take the time to complete. To access this information, please go to <https://bit.ly/3c1izQu> and click on the blue button on the right hand side of the page.

# Bottle Moments

As part of our mindfulness art work, the children have been participating in an art competition entitled 'Bottle Moments'. The children were asked to represent one thing the children would most like to do again when restrictions related to COVID are eased and everything is better and back to normal.

The Winners of the competition have the opportunity to have their picture drawn by Bottle Moments cartoonist, Rob Murray! This will then be printed on a special mug, and presented to them in person by Good Morning Britain host, Ben Shephard.

**What is your Bottle Moment? Here are some of the children's.**



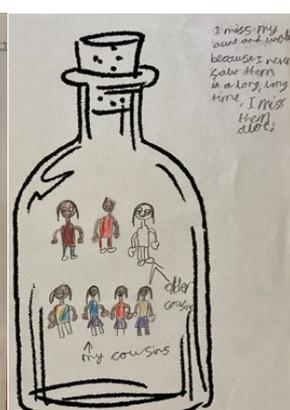
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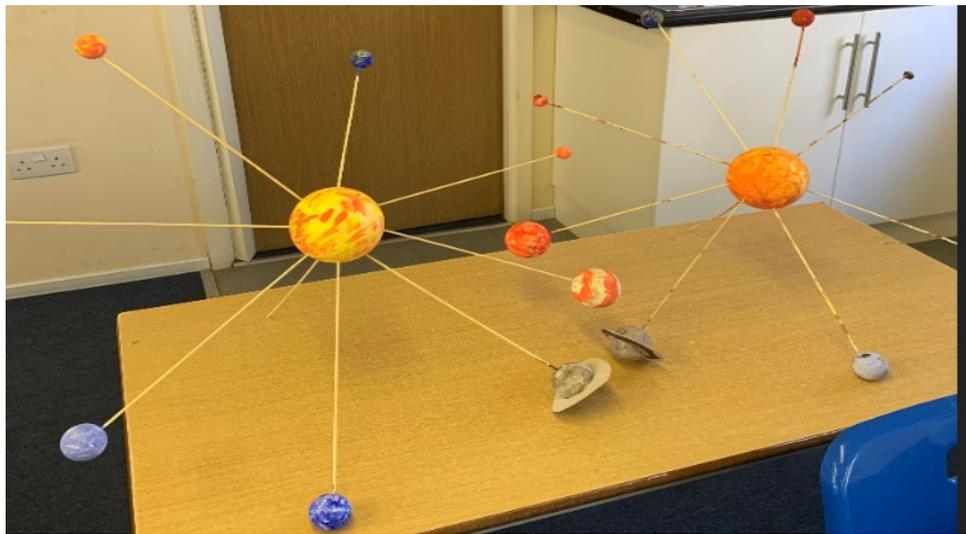
# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Reception</b>	Oyin	This week Jellyfish class welcomed Oyin as our new friend. She has adjusted to her new school and made many new friends. She is bright and full of imagination which has made us all smile. Welcome Oyin!
<b>Whale</b>	Ameliya	Ameliya has been very ambitious with her writing this week and she has been taking her time when completing tasks. This has improved her presentation, which she has noticed and is extremely proud of. Keep up the good work!
<b>Octopus</b>	Adel	For his wonderful writing this week. He has tried really hard this and has taken his time, adding lots of adjectives and his own ideas. He has also used his editing wand to correct his work. Well done Adel!
<b>Coral</b>	Isaiah	For using mathematical vocabulary to describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Excellent work!
<b>Seal</b>	Adela	Adela is star of the week for some brilliant writing about how the Great Fire of London started. She has worked really hard on her cursive handwriting and included conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs in her description.
<b>Effra</b>	Safa	Safa – For her amazing attitude! She has been attentive and bright every day of the week. Her approach to learning is something everyone can learn from!
<b>Fleet</b>	Jaida	This week Jadia has shown great resilience in class. In Maths Jaida worked hard and did not give up even when she found work challenging. Well done for showing a can-do attitude, keep it up!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Micahel Adeagbo	For his imaginative pieces of writing. Michael uses powerful and technical language to engage his reader. We all enjoy listening to his work! Well done
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	The whole class	They worked collaboratively in groups to produce fantastic models. We sent pictures to Colleen and we both agree that the whole class should be Star of the Week.
<b>Lea</b>	Muhanna	Muhanna has shown great diligence this week – I've been so impressed with her attitude to learning. She has been giving everything her absolute best and it shows in her work. Well done!
<b>Thames</b>	Aimen	Aimen has made me so proud this week. She has really grown in confidence and is putting her hand up more and more to share her brilliant ideas. Keep it up!

# Ravensbourne Star Scientists!

Year 5 have continued their Science learning this week with a focus on space. Chris and Colleen were so impressed with the models they produced that they have given the star of the week to the whole class. Their models have been testimony to their hard work.

Well done Ravensbourne. I have been really impressed with how well behaved and focused you have been this week too!



## Star writing from Adela in Seal class:

*Thomas Farynor was a baker who lived in Pudding Lane in London. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1666 he was baking biscuits for the navy and bread for King Charles the II. Tom would put yummy biscuits and bread in the hot oven to bake. He would put wood underneath the oven to keep it steaming hot. At 7 o'clock he would usually sweep the dusty floors but he was exhausted so he just left it there. He quickly tiptoed upstairs for super and then he saw his family fast asleep together.... I can't wait to hear the end Adela!*



Date	Event
30.3.21	Achievement Awards
30.3.21	Police workshops with year 6 children
31.3.21	Police workshop with year 5 children
31.3.21	<b>Break up for Easter</b>

## DWP Kickstart scheme at DKH

We are excited to be taking part in the fully funded Department of Work and Pension initiative, KickStart Scheme. This scheme enables 18 – 24 year olds to develop employable skills for future employment in various establishments. The placements last 6 months to support skill and knowledge development of the individuals. We have currently filled four new placements. All individuals working within the school meet our safer recruitment guidelines, and have all received DBS clearance.

## 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](mailto:shudson@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk) or [office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk)

## Challenge yourself can you solve this weeks problem?

### ★ Skills Challenge

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Think of something that happens many times during the day in your household - like boiling the kettle to make a hot drink, or opening the fridge door. Each time it happens, challenge yourself to have what has become known as an 'exercise snack'. Do a quick exercise like 10 star jumps or sit ups - whatever you fancy. The idea is to get your body moving. Set yourself a goal of having maybe 3 exercise snacks in the day.

Extension: Can you keep this going for a week or longer? Could you ask others to join you in your 'exercise snacking'?

#### Reflection Questions

- Beginner:** How do you know if something is too difficult for you?
- Intermediate:** Why is it important to be willing to take on new challenges?
- Advanced:** What resources might you need to achieve your goals?
- Expert:** What steps do you need to put in place to make your goals happen?

## Sponsor a Chick to Help End Loneliness

Sadly, 1 in 12 older people in England are chronically lonely. To help our local community of older people feel connected this Easter, Age UK Lewisham and Southwark (AUKLS) will be delivering hand-made Easter Chicks with cards to residents. The chicks will be a bright and a welcome reminder that our older residents are not alone. You can get involved by sponsoring a chick to be hand-delivered to local older people. Sponsor your chick by clicking [here](#). To accompany the chicks, our children will be designing cards at school with a positive message to share with older people.

**Help us reach out to others, so they know we are thinking of them.**



## Lights, Camera, Action!

The Dulwich Players is a leading amateur theatre group based in Dulwich. They are committed to developing new ways to perform and reach their audience. You can now view their Virtual Productions on their own YouTube channel.

The Dulwich Players have recently become the Dulwich Storytellers for a new adaption of *Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie. There are nineteen Storytellers, lost boys, pirates, and even a dog! They have their work cut out for them, bringing this much loved story to life via Zoom. However, the talent and enthusiasm of the cast promises this will be a Virtual Production to make you smile and think "what on earth is going on?" in equal measure.

Chapter One will be premiered on 18th March at 7pm. Successive chapters will then be premiered every weekday at 7pm until 9th April. [Click here to view all the chapters on Youtube as they premiere, including an exciting new teaser!](#)

Where: [Peter Pan can be viewed on the Dulwich Players YouTube Channel here](#)

When: From the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm on Weekday Evenings until the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The videos can be viewed any time after they have premiered.

You can see the trailer for the production [here](#).



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