

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It really feels that we are fully back at school and the children are focused on their learning.

Virtual Coffee Morning

On Wednesday Gemma Dunn, specialist support teacher from the Autism Team visited RPS. She spent the day observing children and providing recommendations on how best to support our children in class. She also provided training for support staff and ran a virtual coffee morning for parents. Gemma is a very inspirational trainer and the staff found this most useful. We hope those parents who joined the session found it informative.

Attendance

As you all know, good attendance supports good learning. Evidence shows that children who have good attendance achieve well academically throughout their educational careers. The government's national expectations for attendance is 96% attendance or above. We continually work hard as a school to improve the attendance of children but need help from our families. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to Kofi Danquah or Lisa Salkeld-Townsley.

Punctuality: Please ensure your children arrive on time to school for their allocated start times. Core lessons English or Maths are typically taught first thing in the morning and arriving late impacts on your children's understanding of the lesson.

Art Specialist Teacher- Lily Hawkes: An artist (Lily Hawkes) from Southwark Park Galleries started working with year 4 children this Wednesday. She is working on a range of 2D and 3D art projects with small groups of children. She is currently working with children in Brent Class. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson in Lily's care and we can't wait to see the art they produce!

Victory over Europe Day: Tomorrow is the 76th Anniversary of VE Day. In our virtual assembly this week the children learned about VE day. They also discovered our Queen joined the celebrations with her sister when they were both princesses!

On Tuesday we have a **photographer** at school taking photos of year 6. Please ensure your children are smartly dressed in full school uniform. Have a lovely weekend.

RPS Art Gallery



Year 4 have used the traditional design style 'Willow Pattern' (designed by Thomas Minton) to depict the story of Romulus and Remus.

The children enjoyed learning about the Willow Pattern Story and used different techniques to create varying tones with ink.



This week's skill builder challenge focuses on Positive Thinking.

Staying Positive

★ Skills Challenge

Monday 3rd May 2021

Sit quietly for 5 minutes to think and make a list of all the things you can do that make you feel happy and positive, even if something has gone wrong. Share your list with others in your household. You may have ideas that would help and support them in difficult times.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How does this activity make you feel?

Intermediate: How could you use this activity to feel more positive when something goes wrong?

Advanced: How could this help you to look on the bright side of something?

Mastery: How can you manage your emotional response to best support others?

✓ Staying Positive

See all Skills Challenges

STAR OF THE WEEK




Whale	Anas	Anas has been working very hard this week particularly with his writing. He has been taking his time to think of and hold his sentences beforehand and has been very ambitious with his vocabulary. Keep up the good work Anas!
Octopus	Reyaan	Reyaan has been working so hard this week in all areas of his learning, especially writing. He has shown a great positive attitude and gives everything 100%. Well done Reyaan!
Coral	Jonathan	For excellent work with mathematics especially in identifying patterns when using the 'make ten' strategy to add. Well done!
Seal	Dior	Dior is our star this week for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Dior has shown great progress in writing and has produced some wonderful writing in role pieces, linked to our text the Pea and the Princess. Well done Dior!
Effra	Rui-Xi	For wonderful singing in the Year 3 performance. She brilliantly sang song from Oliver Twist and was a shining example for all. Amazing!
Fleet	Nida	For lovely manners inside and outside the classroom. Keep it up!
Brent	Astera	Astera has been working hard to listen to the teacher so that she can independently access her learning. Keep it up Astera!
Walbrook	Alexander	For his detailed character description of Ruskin Splinter. Alexander made great use of magic 3 sentences, similes and brackets. We all enjoyed listening to what he had written. Keep up the great work!
Ravensbourne	Mitchel	For excellent Diary and Letter writing in English over the past few weeks. Also, for using all the literary devices asked from him. I am super proud of you Mitchel!
Wandle	Damian	For a fantastic diary entry about being on board the Mayflower - great use of metaphors independently. Well done!
Lea	Victor	For incredible and imaginative writing for a suspense paragraph – Victor has a very vivid imagination, which lends itself perfectly for narrative writing. Well done!



3rd May	Bank Holiday – no school today
4th May	Governor's meeting
11th May	School photographer taking photos of year 6 children.
17th -21st May	Walk to school week
19th May	Governor's meeting
24th May & 25th May	School photographer in May
27th May	London History Day celebrations Year 6 Little Fish - Transition Workshop
28th May	Break up for half-term
7th June	Children return to school
14th June	Year 4 Multiplication check
22nd June	Full Governing Body meeting
28th June	Year 1 mock phonics screening check
5th July	EYFS Sports Day
6th July	KS1 Sports Day
7th July	KS2 Sports Day
8th July	KS2 Sports Day
12th - 16th July	Enterprise Projects in school
15th July	Year 6 Prom
16th July	Reports sent home and new classes announced.
19th July	Meet your new class teacher
20th July	Parents Day appointments
21st July	Parents Day appointments
22nd July	Year 6 graduation – children leave at 12:30 (only year 6)
22nd July	Break up for the summer term.

Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	92%	
Penguin	96.4%	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	84.5%	
Octopus	96.6%	
Coral	96.4%	
Seal	86.6%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	98.6%	
Fleet	95.5%	
Brent	87.5%	
Walbrook	91.7%	
Ravensbourne	97.7%	
Wandle	92.5%	
Lea	92.5%	
Thames	93.4%	

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.



FREE
THROUGHOUT
APRIL & MAY

YFC VISTA GRASSROOTS ACADEMY

Days:
Saturday

Time:
10am - 11am

Ages:
7-9 years old (School Years 2 - 4)

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