

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with heavy rain and concluded it with lovely sunshine. This lifted the spirits of all the children and staff.

**COVID update:** Unfortunately, I had to isolate the Reception bubble this week due to an adult testing positive for COVID. Any adult or child who develops potential symptoms of COVID is still required to self-isolate based on DfE guidelines. I am aware that there is a lot of discussion and speculation in the media about changes to these guidelines and everyone is hoping and looking forward to a safe relaxation of restrictions. We are too. Meanwhile, we are still obliged to abide by the existing rules that are in place.

Staff have been busy organising home learning and we thank all the parents who are now teaching and supporting their children's education at home. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

**Dance Workshops:** On Monday and Tuesday all children from year 1 to 6 took part in dance workshops. These workshops were delivered by an inspirational dancer and linked to the theme of the Tokyo Olympics. The children absolutely loved the sessions and were extremely well behaved. I would like to say thank you to Colleen for organising this workshop.

**Phonics screening check:** At this time of year, children in year 1 traditionally take their year 1 phonics screening check. The official check has been postponed until

the Autumn term due to the interruption caused by lockdown. This week at RPS we have conducted a mock phonics screening check. The children have done extremely well taking into consideration the amount of disruption they have experienced.

**Visitor:** On Thursday RPS was visited by Nina Dohel (Director of Education for Southwark). She took a tour of the school. She was suitably impressed with the calm focus of the children at work and also by the new school build. We are very excited to see it taking shape.

**Marketing campaign:** We are working with a marketing company to get the message out about our fantastic new school building. We are looking for parents who are willing to be involved. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.  
[christiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:christiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk)

**Year 6 Zip Oyster cards:** It is time for year 6 children to apply for their zip cards ready to travel on public transport in September. You can apply using the following link:  
<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard>

**Enterprise Week:** Next week is the start of Enterprise week. There will be lots of fun activities related to building a new school.

Have a lovely weekend!



# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Octopus</b>	Deeqa	For working really hard this week to improve the presentation of her writing. She can now use pre cursive handwriting and writes all of her letters on the line. Well done Deeqa!
<b>Whale</b>	Hosna	For trying her best to ensure she sounds out the words as she writes them. She has also been working hard to improve her handwriting and edit her work. Well done Hosna!
<b>Coral</b>	Adil	For reading challenging texts fluently and really trying hard with his written comprehension by using strategies taught. Well done!
<b>Seal</b>	Ola	For working more independently and for working really hard at improving his handwriting. Keep it up Ola!
<b>Effra</b>	Ibrahim	Ibrahim has worked very hard this half-term. This last week during assessments he has continued to show really good focus and really impressive dedication to his learning. Well done!
<b>Fleet</b>	Astrid	Well done, Astrid for being a star pupil this week! Astrid wrote a lovely setting description this week in English full of adjectives, precise nouns and powerful verbs. Keep it up!
<b>Brent</b>	Lilly	Lilly has worked really hard on feedback given about her handwriting. She has focused to ensure that she writes smaller, on the line and that her letters are neatly joined. She goes back to check through her work for accidental capital letters. Great work Lilly!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Daniel	For his wonderful description of the mythical creature Grendel. He used a range of sentence starters and varied and rich vocabulary. Well done!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Cashara	For amazing artwork created for a local authority competition. Also, for always working very hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!
<b>Wandle</b>	Riley	Riley has impressed me so much this week. He's really engaged in our new top, 'The Titanic'. He is asking brilliant questions and even went home and did his own research, which he presented beautifully and brought to school for our display. Well done Riley!
<b>Lea</b>	Daniel	Daniel is one of those children who can always be celebrated because he always does the right thing and I never have to speak him about his behaviour. He is responsible, reliable, hard-working and has a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Well done!

# Year 6 Star Work

Year 6 have been enthralled by their English topic on Greek myths. I am sure you will agree that they have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. In art they have been exploring emotions and how these are expressed when drawing portraits. They have clearly put a lot of effort into them.

## Star Writer

As the sun blessed the day, the sacrifices sat down and did not mutter a sound. Thoughts were jingling around like jesters entertaining a power-hungry king. Tears hurtled down the faces of those entering a vacant spot for execution. When they arrived Theseus has entered the devil's palms. Chills sprinted down the warrior's spine. Never had he felt so feeble like an ant surrounded with arachnids. He realised that he only had a dagger and no long-range weapons like a bow, if he turned back now he would break promises along with his pride. Minutes felt like an eternity. But a sudden gust of wind brushed his neck. It was foul and rotten; before he could move an inch – he was smashed out of the way shattering his left arm. The beast charged for a final blow but Theseus had charged with the dagger and slated the beast. Theseus had done it.

Victor – Lea class



Theseus had clutched his chest - hands Theseus begged himself out of the labyrinth to see the light of day. With tears in their eyes the children begged Theseus while thanking him for his sacrifice. They were cheering with joy so they created a circle around the noble prince. With gratitude they were excited to spread the great news. Their victory was so sweet that Theseus had forgotten his solemn promise to Ariadne which was to go back for her after his victory. Desperately waiting near her beautiful Ariadne found every ship sailing for Theseus to come for her but she watched as it sailed away without ever stopping. She fell on her knees and cried but sadness turned into anger.  
"Do you really think you'll celebrate without me?" she cried.  
"I can't believe I was betrayed like this!" she whispered.  
"May your celebration be cut off short by tragedy!" she muttered.

Naomi



Yumna

# Year 6 Star Work

Ruby

Elliot



Theseus and the Minotaur  
 Theseus set sail that morning, as soon as they arrived he could smell the deathly stench coming from the labyrinth. He stood at the entrance as he slowly looked up a drop of greek slimy goop dropped on his face and slowly made his way down it until he heard it drop on the floor. He made his way in.  
 As the king was showering outside Theseus was scared for his own life but he continued walking as he got closer and closer to the Minotaur his way guided with mazes and maze mazes if they wasn't dead they were traumatized. As Theseus was trying to find his way around he felt a weird texture bumpy wall he soon realized there was a cockroach infestation embedded in the walls.

Theseus and the Minotaur  
 Turning the corner of the twisted pathways (which were covered in past victims blood) Theseus approached the dullish creature within its territory. In an instant Theseus came upon the cruel monster face to face, he saw his death place before his eyes. Ready for a brutal battle he dove to slay the Minotaur as his first attempt was unsuccessful and as a result he was thrown wearing high up with the large bulky horns landing heavily onto the rock hard ground. Every last breath was sucked out of his body, the powerful, strong, strong man with a nearly white yellow claws across the face with powerful wings. Now he had, he stood up with energy and fell for the dagger within the darkness with the tip of his dagger was the killing blow. Blood spouting from down his cut and around his makes it even more difficult to fight. Theseus drew the dagger cautiously waiting for the killer blow that he held his dagger high with power and triumph. The dagger in the victor of a death like a warm cupped embrace falling the girl of mine fell with a sighing that he had done what was his duty. It was all over. The Minotaur was killed many were saved and all thanks to this.



Eliana

Sydney



5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> July	Enterprise Projects in school
12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day year 5 & 6
14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Travel bus training
15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day year 3 & 4
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home and new classes announced.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet your new class teacher
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Day appointments
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Healthy Zones Breakfast club celebration
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Parents Day appointments
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 graduation – children leave at 12:30 (only year 6)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Break up for the summer term.</b>

### Head Teacher's Award

I would like to give a special **Head Teachers Award** to Asia from Wandle class. I was very proud to hear of how thoughtful she is when a parent asked if I could recognize her in some way for the kindness shown towards her son. Kindness is a beautiful quality to be recognizing Asia for!



### Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
<b>Early Years</b>		
Jellyfish	N/A	
Penguin	N/A	
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Whale	95.6%	
Octopus	96.4%	
Coral	95.3%	
Seal	98.7%	
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Effra	95.7%	
Fleet	94.3%	
Brent	90.5%	
Walbrook	96.9%	
Ravensbourne	95.7%	
Wandle	89.6%	
Lea	91%	
Thames	91.4%	

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  
Summer  
Fun *wifeth*

## London Bubble Theatre

- ☀️ Learn new theatre skills
- ☀️ Make friends
- ☀️ Create your own theatre performance

2nd -6th August 2021  
6-8 year olds 10:00-12:00  
9-11 year olds 13:30-16:30

**To book a place, or discuss access needs please email  
[amelia@londonbubble.org.uk](mailto:amelia@londonbubble.org.uk)**

London Bubble Theatre, 3-5 Elephant Lane, London, SE16 4JD



Rotherhithe Overground  
Bermondsey Tube  
381, C10, 188, 47, P12 buses

