

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful seeing the fantastic learning that is underway in classes this week. Year 5 have particularly enjoyed acting out the **Highwayman poem**. Using drama in this way helps immerse children into their learning, increasing their vocabulary and this then improves their own writing. The **Seaside** is the topic for year 3 and they have been fascinated by the differences and similarities of holidays in the past and present. Did you know that it was the invention of the steam train that made holidays popular for ordinary people? Year 6 have been extremely engaged while exploring how **light** travels. Is it possible to bend light year 6? Look at how focused they are during art too. They demonstrated the important connection between working artistically and wellbeing while creating a design matrix. They drew different zentangle patterns in their sketch books. Amazing!

**Jeans for Genes:** Thank you to all parents for your generous donations for 'Jeans for Genes' day. During assembly on Monday, the children watched a short film clip that helped them to understand the impact of Brittle Bones condition on the lives of two extremely brave children Tiana and Star. You can watch this video by [clicking here](#). Raising money for charities helps children to develop empathy one of our core values. It is amazing that both you and your children are helping to make a difference in the lives of others. The children really enjoyed wearing their jeans too! Once again...



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

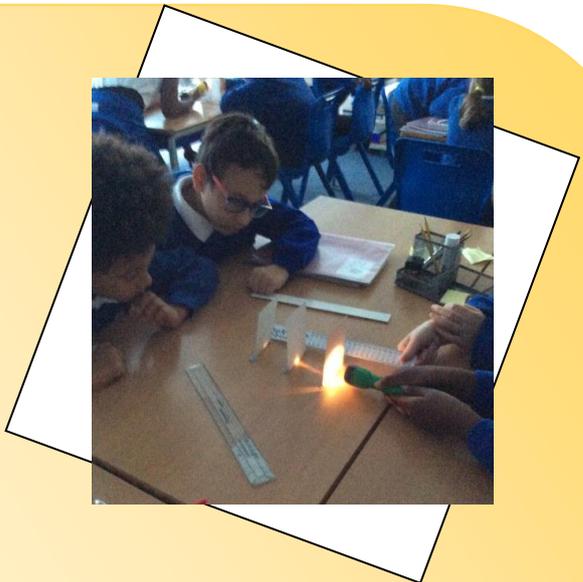
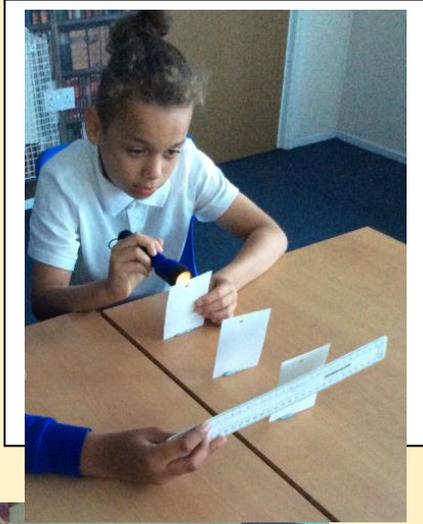
**Year 5 & 6 Gates:** I have approached the council who have agreed to reinstate the barriers outside the year 5 & 6 gates. I hope to see this happen soon. Parents please avoid standing in the road at the end of the day I am concerned about both yours and the children's safety. Thank you to all parents who are waiting alongside the railing which is safer for you and the children.

**Main Reception Gate:** To ensure that year 2 children have a clear pathway through the gates in the morning we will alternate gate opening. Children in year 2 will enter via the left hand side gate. Year 3 & 4 will enter via the right hand gate. Hopefully this will prevent year 3 & 4 children blocking the entrance when year 2 are entering. We will review this at the end of the week.

**Exit at the Reception entrance gate:** This gate has very limited space and when we release year 3 & 4 children, we gradually stagger the classes, so that we can see children safely to their parents. This is challenging as there are a lot of you! We cannot release all children instantly so please bear with us and allow time for this when collecting your children. This process is actually very fast. The alternative is to return to increasing the gap between the start and exit times, which I know parents found challenging last year.

**After School Clubs:** Our much loved after school sports clubs will start next week. Please ensure you collect your child/ren promptly at the end of the club.

Have a fantastic weekend!

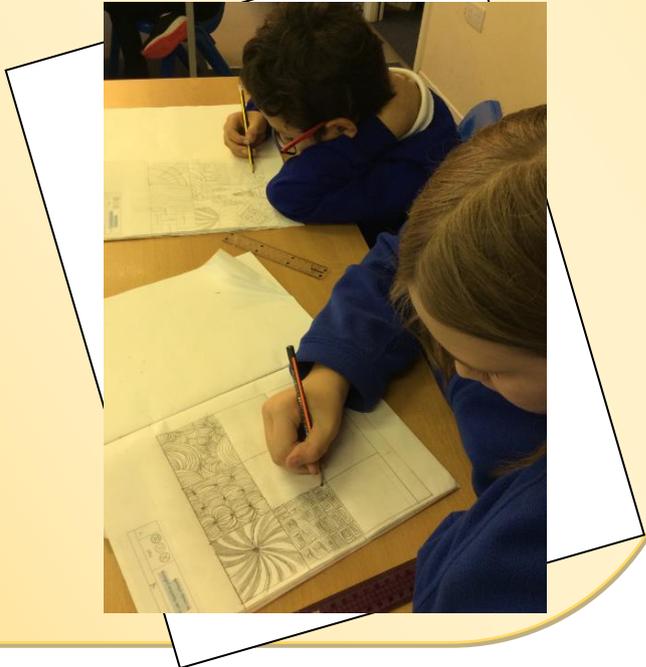
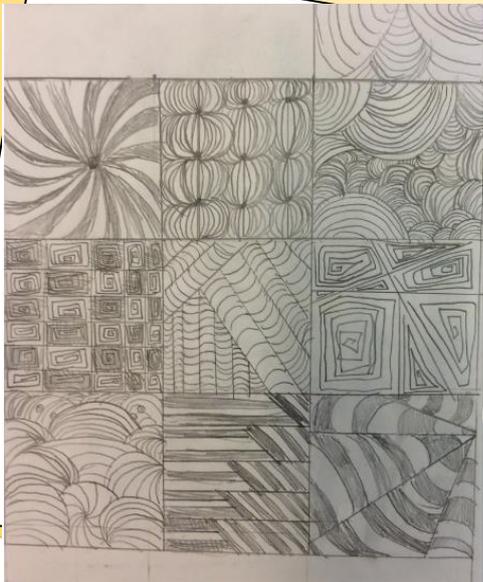
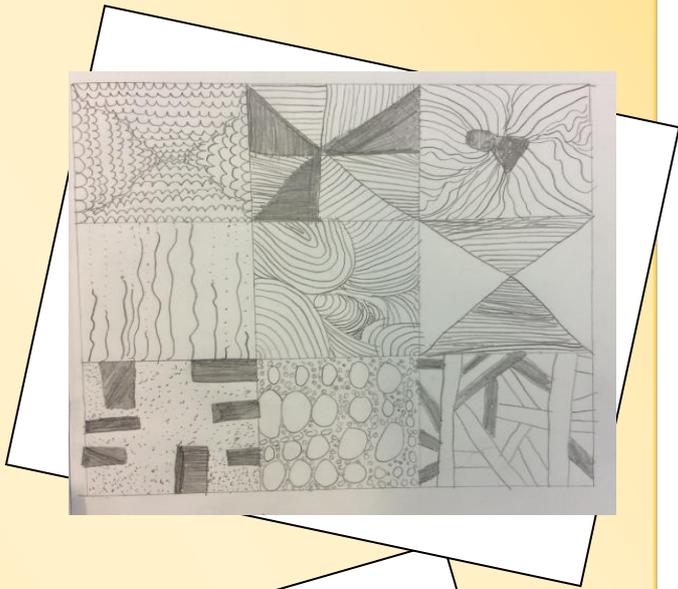


# Star Work

Year 6 testing the scientific phenomenon that light appears to travel in a straight line.



Zentangle Patterns





# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Whale</b>	Mary	Mary has been a fantastic member of whale class this week. She has completed some fantastic independent work and has been helpful in supporting other children in her class. Well Done.
<b>Octopus</b>	Amelia N	Amelia consistently demonstrates all our school values. In art she has shown creativity when producing a beautiful piece of abstract art, influenced by the Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhaze. Amazing Amelia!
<b>Coral</b>	Devine	Devine for actively listening during carpet sessions and having a wonderful attitude. She also showed great skill during PE this week. Keep it up!
<b>Seal</b>	Heaven	Heaven has tried really hard in all areas this week but especially writing. She can now produce joined up writing and uses some excellent adjectives. Well done Heaven!
<b>Effra</b>	Ryan	Ryan has shown real resilience this week when asked to move into a different maths class. He settled immediately and worked hard on his independent task showing that he was confident when working through the maths problems. Well done!
<b>Brent</b>	Aidan	Excellent effort in English this week. During our re-telling of Little Red Riding Hood, Aidan worked very hard at using speech correctly and punctuating accurately. Excellent work Aidan!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Tierra-Lee	Tierra – Lee wrote a fantastic retelling of Little Red Riding Hood with a very amusing alternative ending. She has shown focus and determination in all subjects this week. Well done!
<b>Wandle</b>	Abdul	Abdul – His work in editing this week was fantastic. He listened so carefully to advice from his peers, applied it excellently and even up-levelled his Highwayman description using reference chains to avoid repetition. Keep it up Abdul!
<b>Lea</b>	Ollie	This week's Star of the Week is Ollie. He has settled into Year 6 with a very positive attitude and has persevered with challenges in his work. Well done Ollie keep up the positive attitude!
<b>Thames</b>	Joseph	For trying really hard with his spellings and for independently using conjunctions in his writing. Well done!



<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Music after school clubs start
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Black History Month begins
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Walk to School Day
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Council elections
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Anti-slavery Day
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 11:59pm</b>	<b>Deadline for Year 6 secondary school admissions application</b>
<b>Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Parent conference meetings
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	World Science Day
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Armistice Day
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	International Day of people with disabilities
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas performances
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Class Christmas parties
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day Early school closure</b> Reception at 1:45 pm Year 2 and 5 leave at 1:55 pm Year 3, 4 and 6 at 2pm Nursery at 2:05pm



We would like to welcome **Monica Atkoth**, who started on the 1st of August, as the new School Business Manager. We are delighted to have her join our Federation.

## Attendance

All children should aim to have above **96%** attendance. Children with good attendance make greater progress nationally.

Class	Total	Best attendance
<b>Early Years</b>		
Jellyfish	90.6%	
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Whale	<b>97.3%</b>	
Octopus	<b>96.8%</b>	
Coral	<b>96.2%</b>	
Seal	<b>95.7%</b>	
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Effra	<b>97.7%</b>	
Brent	92%	
Walbrook	92%	
Ravensbourne	92.8%	
Wandle	91.6%	
Lea	91.9%	
Thames	89.7%	

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 to take into account any quarantine requirements if you are travelling abroad.**



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# Creative Dance

Explore your body's movement potential using imaginative games, storytelling, songs & poetry.

Develop creative thinking, confidence, co-ordination, self-expression & social skills.

starting 16th September

**THURSDAYS**

**6.30PM AGE 4-9**

**7.30PM AGE 10-15**

**Your teacher: Izabella Finch**

Hello! I'm a dance-theatre maker, singer/songwriter & educator, working with children & adults for 15 years. I love supporting people to discover their creative genius & express their uniqueness. See you on the dance floor!



For all enquiries & to sign up contact Izabella:

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# Have Fun!

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## The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

### TIME AND DATE

Every Tuesday from 14th September 2021

### LOCATION

Marlborough Sports Gardens, 27 Union St, London SE11 1SD

### NEXT STEPS

Head to [thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats](https://thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats) to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: [joe@lpesn.org.uk](mailto:joe@lpesn.org.uk)



# REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

To keep ourselves, families, and the community safe:



Get vaccinated if you are eligible



Keep social distancing and avoid crowded areas if possible



Wear a face covering (unless exempt) in crowded places and on public transport



Wash your hands regularly or use sanitiser



If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a test at: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)



Meet outside, or ventilate rooms for indoor visitors



Check in at venues for test and trace

Check the latest COVID-19 information: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)  
Visit [southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus) or sign up to our digital newsletter at [southwark.gov.uk/followus](https://southwark.gov.uk/followus)