

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to our delightful children and parents. I hope you had a fun-filled half term. The children have really impressed us with their sensible behaviour. It has been a pleasure visiting classes and seeing the great learning that is taking place. Well done all! Thank you to all parents for ensuring your children are dressed in full school uniform.



Pupil Profile: Please check the pupil profile forms that have been sent home carefully. These set out important contact information for your child. Please provide the school office with any changes that need to be made. It is increasingly essential that we have an email address to communicate with parents so please provide one. Additionally, we require emergency contact details for each child.

Drop of and Collections: We still need to stagger start and exit times due to the limited space at gates. We have made the time between classes entering and exiting school far shorter than last year to help parents. I would like to thank parents for their patience with these new arrangements. To aid safe transfer of children to parents can I kindly request that parents avoid talking to staff at gates during this time. I would like to thank parents for moving away from the school grounds as quickly as possible once children have been dropped or collected as this reduces congestion.

Year 3 & 4 Drop off: Can I kindly ask that parents of children in year 3 & 4 encourage

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their children to stand away from the gate until they are called in the morning. This ensures that access is clear for year 2 children.

Year 5 & 6 Gates: I am concerned about the safety of parents at home time as parents are standing in the road outside of the gate. I have requested that the local authority reinstate the former barriers that were erected last year and will update you if this is possible. It is safer if parents line up against the railing side that has been allocated for each year group and bear with us while we release children. We will come out of the gate to identify parents. I will be reviewing these arrangements with the local authority.

Attendance and Punctuality: Please arrive promptly for collection times and aim for attendance of 96% or over. Statistics related to attendance show that children with good attendance make greater progress.

Secondary School Applications: It is time for parents to start the process of applying for secondary schools. To help explain the process I have created a short video that is now accessible on the school's website. You can also find the 'Starting Secondary School in Southwark' 2022-23 brochure on our website and I highly recommend you read through this. You can find all these resources by clicking on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3A4p0fl>

Have a fantastic weekend and Happy Rosh Hashanah!



On Friday 17th we are inviting all children to wear their **jeans** to school in exchange for £1. COVID has hit children and families affected by a genetic disorders extraordinarily hard and at RPS we want to help. We are aiming to raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder, while helping to fund projects that make a difference to the lives of those affected.

For further information about the charity please take a look at their [Funding in Action](#) page on their website to learn more about the lasting impact your Jeans for Genes donations make.



Now that Margaret's team have returned to school, we are thrilled to announce that music clubs and Instrumental lessons will all be starting next week. Some of the music clubs will held at lunch time and some will run after school. If you would like to sign up for instrumental lessons and clubs then please complete the google form which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

You can email Margaret at: info@margaretsmusicltd.com or call her on: 07588 845042 if you have any questions about music clubs.

Meet the Teacher Presentations: Parents and carers are invited to attend a virtual meeting with their child's class teacher. The meeting will be a great opportunity to learn more about what your child will be doing this year, discuss expectations and ask questions. We would love to see you there however if you are unable to attend, the presentations will be available on our website and we encourage you to review these, and contacting the class teacher, via email, if you have any questions. If you have not received an email with the link to the meeting please contact your teacher via email or call the school office.

Meetings will be at 4pm	
Wandle Class	Thursday 9 th
Year 1	Monday 13 th
Year 2	Tuesday 14 th
Year 6	Wednesday 15 th
Year 3 & 4	Thursday 16 th
Ravensbourne	Friday 17 th
Jellyfish Class	Monday 20 th

Do you want to practice your maths and phonics in a fun and active way?

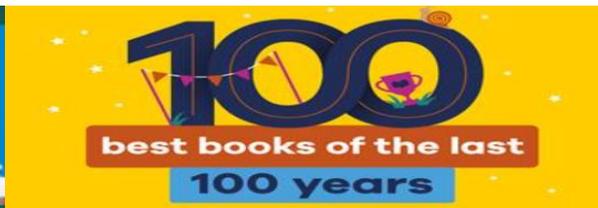
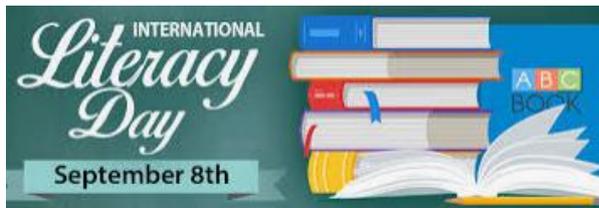


Try out these links for cross-curricular learning that is on the move! We would love to see you taking and share some of your efforts on our website. If you are learning on the move, send us a video!

[Click here for the numeracy playlist](#)

[Click here for phonics on the move](#)

[Click here for the full channel of active learning videos!](#)



Did you know that 773 million adults and young people across the world, lack basic literacy skills? Wednesday 8th September was **Unesco International Literacy Day**. The focus of this day is to raise awareness and promote literacy internationally. The children in school engaged in a range of fun reading activities in class: sharing books, creating bookmarks, completing comic strips to name a few.

As parents you are your children's first teachers. Your help with teaching children to read is essential. Please make sure you read with your children every day. Taking your child to the library is an enjoyable way to promote reading with your child – and it's free. [Click here](#) to access a list of highly recommended children's books to look out for.

Why not try some of these fun activities at home with your children.

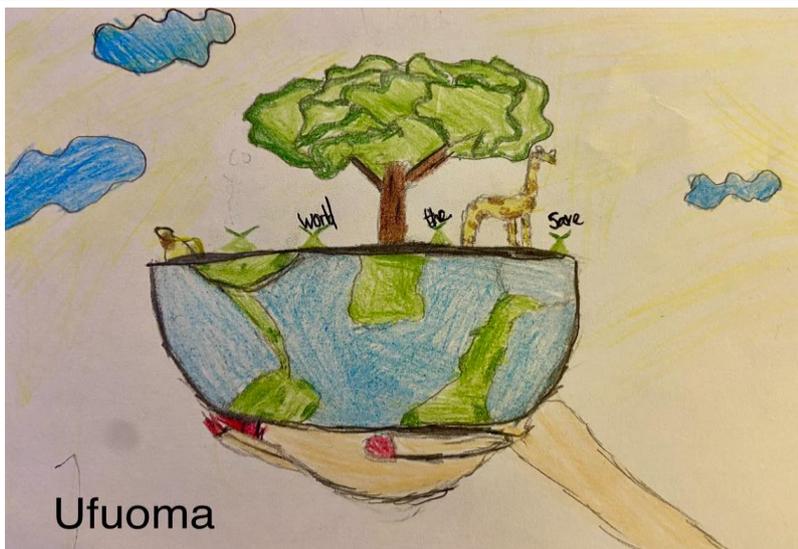
1. **Get Older Siblings Reading to Their Younger Siblings.** It's great practice for big bro or big sis to explain big words or summarize the story, and it's also an opportunity to demonstrate a love of reading to little bro or sis.
2. **Practice Reading "Popcorn" Style.** Each family member can read a page or two and then "popcorn pass" to the family member of their choice.
3. **Take Turns** choosing the book or the book reading location of the night.
4. **Plan Themed Reading Nights.** Pitch a tent in the living room and "camp out" while you read, or build a "bear cave" fort and read books about bears. Let your imagination take your themes to the next level.
5. **Incorporate Fun Accessories.** Make your own bookmarks or sand timers.
6. **Involve Distant Family and Friends.** Books can be read aloud over FaceTime or Skype. Record your child reading their favorite book and send the video to loved ones.
7. **Read and Watch.** Choose a book that has been turned into a movie. Read the book first and then schedule a family movie night to see the book come to life on the screen.
8. **Schedule It.** Reading should be an activity as important as our children's various practices, lessons and play dates. If it's on the calendar, it will become a higher priority.
9. **Book Swap.** Get other families involved in a periodic book swap where children can lend and borrow books from friends in the neighborhood or other social circles.
10. **Dinner Talk.** Books can be a topic of discussion at family dinner. Ask family members to share about the latest books they've enjoyed, or how the plot is twisting in their latest chapter book.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Christine	Christine has worked extremely hard to settle into year 1. She has been resilient by always trying her best, even if something is difficult. She is helpful and a fantastic role model to her peers. Well done!
Octopus	Nathan	Nathan has made a brilliant start to the school year. He listens really carefully, is kind to his classmates and tries his best in everything he does. Keep it up, Nathan!
Coral	Marcelina	Marcelina has had a wonderful start to the term. She has been very focused and engaged in class. She has shown determination in writing and has used her phonics knowledge write a wonderful setting description. Keep it up!
Seal	Ayaan	Ayaan has become really independent since starting back. He is really determined and focussed and is completing his work to a high standard independently. Well done Ayaan!
Effra	Lucy	Lucy has worked hard in English since she returned to school. She will ask many insightful questions and uses a dictionary to up-level her vocabulary.
Brent	Elaf	For a wonderful outlook and approach to everything she does. She is careful and considered with her work and kind and helpful to her friends. What a great start to the year!
Walbrook	Tamarah	Tamarah for an amazing start to life in Year 3 and setting a good example for her classmates to follow.
Ravensbourne	Ayham	Ayham for showing such maturity at the beginning of the year and always focusing on his learning without prompting.
Wandle	Al	For phenomenal magic 3 sentence work in literacy - The Highwayman. He even included a metaphor to describe his final item.
Lea	Frankie	For a fantastic introduction to his autobiography. It was so well written it gave me goosebumps! Amazing Frankie!
Thames	Asia	For displaying exemplary learning behaviour in all areas of the curriculum and for always being positive, courteous and polite to her peers and adults. Such a fantastic role model to have in Thames class!

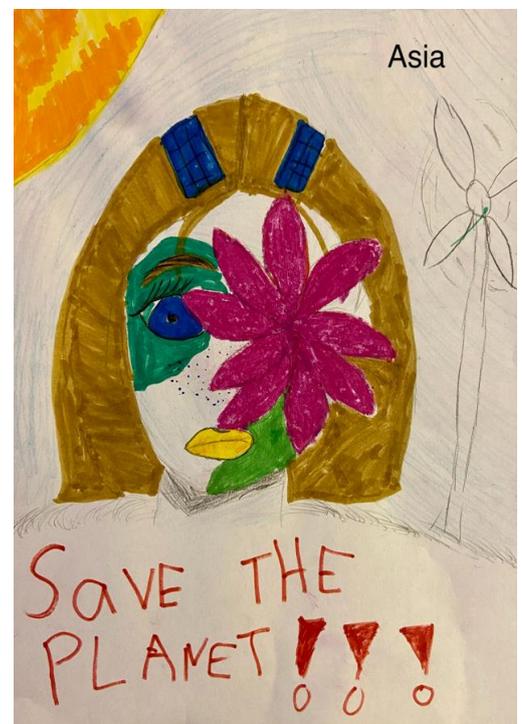
Year 6 Star Work



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In celebration of the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference this November, children from Rotherhithe Primary School have been invited to enter the 'Save our Wildlife' competition to produce a piece of art to demonstrate how we can save our wildlife and care for our common home.

Year 6 have got straight on to the task and these are some of the fantastic designs that they have created.





2nd September	Children Return to school
8th September	International Literacy Day
10th September	Music lessons resume
10th September	Secondary School applications video available on the school's website
Week of 13th September	Meet the Teacher open sessions
17th September	Jeans for Genes Day
17th September	Music after school clubs start
1st October	Black History Month begins
6th October	Walk to School Day
12th October	School Council elections
18th October	Anti-slavery Day
25th-29th October	Half Term
31st October 11:59pm	Deadline for Year 6 secondary school admissions application
Week beginning 1st November	Parent conference meetings
10th November	World Science Day
11th November	Armistice Day
3rd December	International Day of people with disabilities
6th December	EYFS Christmas performances
7th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance
8th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
10th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance
15th December	Class Christmas parties
16th December	Last Day Early school closure 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

Attendance

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

Class	Total	Best attendance
Early Years		
Jellyfish	N/A	
Key Stage 1		
Whale	95.4%	
Octopus	98.2%	
Coral	94.5%	
Seal	97.4%	
Key Stage 2		
Effra	99%	
Brent	97.1%	
Walbrook	92.3%	
Ravensbourne	91.9%	
Wandle	89.6%	
Lea	97.4%	
Thames	93.7%	

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.



SOUTHWARK SINGS!

Join us for **FREE** weekly music making and singing sessions for families with babies and toddlers living in the London Borough of Southwark

Four taster sessions in parks around Southwark in August 2021

Weekly sessions on Tuesday mornings in Nunhead from September 2021



For more information and to sign up, please email genniejoy@southwarkmusicservice.org.uk

Places are **limited** and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

YOUTH MUSIC



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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 SE1 1SD

➔ NEXT STEPS

Head to thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: joe@lpressn.org.uk



Nature Explorers

After school on Mondays from 20th September till 8th November at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE
from straight after school till 5pm.

Find out about the wildlife on your doorstep with activities, crafts and games.

Free weekly after school course for parents and children with the London Wildlife Trust. Bird watching, pond dipping, minibeast hunting, getting to know trees, planting and lots more.

Suitable for parents and their children of any age.
Southwark residents only.



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