

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been very pleased to welcome back, both children and staff, after their recent absences due to COVID. We still have a high number of cases, but numbers are starting to drop. Despite the disruption COVID has caused to the school, there have been lots of exciting learning going on throughout the week.

Mystery disappearance: Posters appeared around the building advertising a missing bear in year 1. The bear belongs to John, class teacher in Octopus class. Children around the school have been reading the posters and hunting for him. They were very interested to know what the reward would be if they found him! Thankfully he has been found but he has clearly been on quite an adventure. How did he get up to the skylight? Do have a read of some of the wonderful posters the children have written below.

Iron Man Toys: Year 3 & 4 children have been designing and making pneumatic toys in the style of Iron Man. Next week they will be adding the mechanism to make them pneumatic. I can't wait to see them year 3 & 4!



Friday 28th January 2021

Holocaust Memorial Day: In the KS2 assembly this week we considered Holocaust Memorial Day. This day was marked on Thursday 27th January to remember the millions of people who died in concentration camps during World War II. The assembly considered the devastating impact of discrimination against others due to their religion, race, or culture.



New Build Update: It is very disappointing to have to inform parents and staff that there has been another delay to our move into the new school building. I will update you when we have further information from Southwark's Project Managers and Farrans Construction Company. This does however, mean that children will return to school on Monday 21st February after half term, as the orienteering days are now postponed. It will be fantastic when we finally move in.

I hope you have a restful weekend!

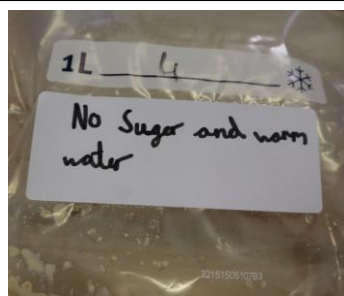
Lisa (Head of School)

Year 6 scientists!

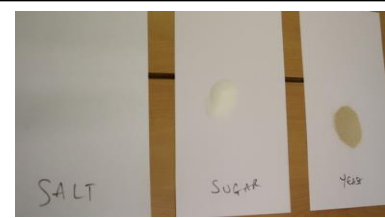
In Science, Year 6 have been looking at the many forms of fungi. Fungi takes many forms such as mushrooms, mould, and for this experiment they looked at yeast.

Yeast is a key ingredient in the art of making bread. This living organism is used to help make bread rise. Today Lea class conducted an investigation into the chemical changes that occur when you mix yeast with other substances, for example mixing it with warm water and sugar, or salt and cold water. They placed the substances in either bags or balloons.

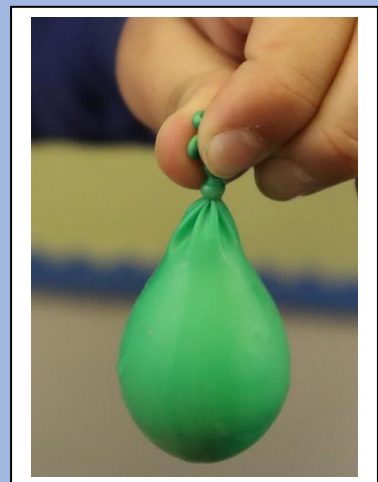
They found that in all cases, the yeast created gas, which started to fill the bag. Yeast, sugar and warm water were the substances that led to the quickest chemical reaction.



What do you think happened to the substances that were placed in a balloon?



A **chemical reaction** is a process that leads to the chemical transformation of one set of chemical substances to another.




Year 1 Teddy Hunt!

Friday 28th January 2022

10. To design a wanted poster for the lost teddy.

WANTED

Have you seen John's Teddy?



Name: Teddy

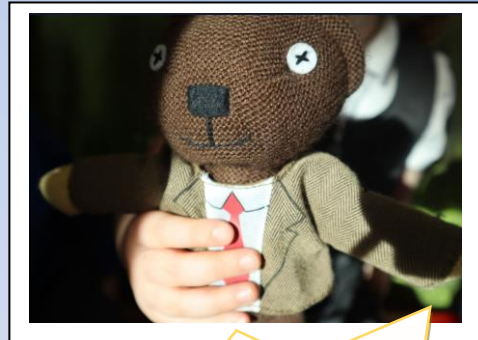
Age: 4 years old

Appearance:

He has got brown fur. He has a black nose. His ears are big and soft. He has a white shirt. He has a red tie. His eyes are black and white.

He has a brown nose shaped in a triangle. He has gotten brown pants. John's teddy is missing. Can you help him to find him please because he John really misses his teddy bear. He really loves to cuddle him all night. If you find him please bring him to octopus class please. Thank you!

Amelia C to the rescue



John's missing teddy.
How will John sleep at night?


Lizzie

Friday 28th January 2022

10. To design a wanted poster for the lost teddy.

WANTED

Have you seen John's Teddy?



Name: Teddy

Age: 4 years old

Appearance:

He has a smart red tie. His blazer is brown. He has a black nose.

He has black and white eyes. His ears are short. His nose is black. He has a white shirt. John likes to cuddle his teddy at night. Can you please help to find John's teddy? If you find him please can you bring him to John.

Surely someone will find him Lizzie?


Jami

Friday 28th January 2022

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WANTED

Have you seen John's Teddy?



Name: Teddy

Age: 4

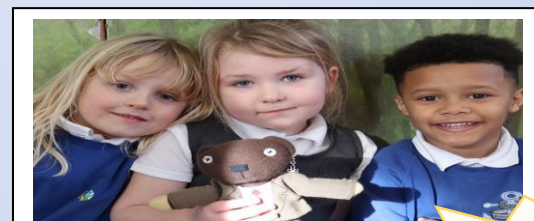
Appearance:

He has black eyes. He has a brown fur. He has a small nose. He has a red tie.

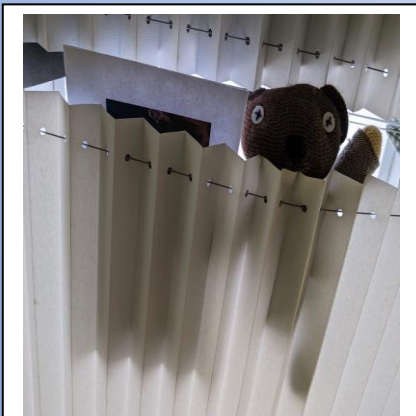
He has big ears. He has a white shirt. He has a black nose. John likes to cuddle him. If you find him please bring him to John.

Jamie can help too!

Phew! Found him! How did he get up into the skylight? What an adventure he must have had.....



Reunited!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Harper	Harper has done some fantastic learning this week. She has really improved in her independent writing and even got a special handwriting award sticker from Kealan. Harper has really impressed Kealan with her behaviour for learning and listening skills. Well done Harper.
Octopus	Elizabeth	Elizabeth has worked really hard on improving her writing. She produced an excellent description of John's missing teddy. She used lots of amazing adjectives, interesting vocabulary and a variety of sentence types. Keep up the Great work, Lizzie!
Coral	Absher	This week Absher has worked incredible hard in all areas of the curriculum. In guided reading he used his phonics knowledge to read a tricky text with increased fluency. He has also made great improvement to his writing and presentation. Keep it up!
Seal	Joshua	Joshua has done really well in writing this week. He has really enjoyed the topic of Great fire of London. He has used some fantastic adjectives and has used his own ideas to improve his writing. Well done Johsua!
Effra	Esther	Esther has been inspired by DT learning last week about designing and creating our own pneumatic toy. She independently decided to go home and create her own pneumatic toy. It was great to see Esther excited by learning at school.
Brent	Amer	Amer has gone from strength to strength during his time in Brent class. He is a diligent worker and always takes on board comments about his work or support from adults. As a result, he is doing very well in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up!
Walbrook	Vina	Vina is our 'Star of the Week' for displaying sensible behaviour throughout school. Vina has been really helpful this week and many teachers have commented on her lovely manners. Well done!
Wandle	Harry	For brilliant progress on extending his use of fronted subordinated clauses to coordinate two events! He has worked so hard and his writing has really impressed me this week! Well done Harry!
Lea	Olivia	For following advice to improve her writing and being resilient at solving reasoning problems on her own before seeking help. Keep up the positive attitude towards your work.
Thames	Jacob	For displaying excellent learning behaviour throughout the week. He has also been resilient at solving reasoning questions and helping his peers during mathematics. Fantastic work - keep it up!



4th January	Children return to school.
12th January	Healthy Zones workshops
20th January	Year 5 – Idling in Action workshops
3rd February	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
7th February	Poetry week Mental Health Awareness Week
8th February	Internet Safety Day
9th February	Children break up for half term normal time
	Half Term
21st February	Orienteering Day/ Home learning/Timed tours of the school
22nd February	Orienteering Day/ Home learning/Timed tours of the school
23rd February	All children back to school in the new building!
1st March	LA Science Review visit Parents Evening
3rd March	World Book Day – Costumes to the ready! Parents Evening
7th March	Parent meetings for children with SEND
10th March	Athlete school visit-special Assembly
17th March	School photographer in
18th March	Red Nose Day
25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
28th March	Poetry Week
1st April	Break up for Easter holidays

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Amber Weldon

One of my Favourite Books is: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis



I enjoyed this book because: I was bought the Chronicles of Narnia collection when I was young. My mum used to read the books with me until I was able to read the books independently. I really enjoyed the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe the most because it was the first book I had read with a magical land and mythical creatures- I really enjoyed getting to know each character. I also had seen the film on T.V and it really bought what I had imagined when reading the book to life.

One of my favourite authors: C.S Lewis

Look out for these books:
Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Silver Chair and Prince Caspian.

Attendance Matters

The following classes are the winners of the attendance award this week.

Whale

98.3%

Well done and keep it up!



Amber Alert – COVID Outbreak Update

As you are aware we are currently on an **Amber alert**, due to having an outbreak of COVID in school. Thankfully lots of staff members are now returning. However, we do currently still have 4 staff members absent due to COVID. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have been flexible, hardworking and have covered others during these absences, ensuring that we are able to remain open and provide face to face teaching for our children.

We still have high numbers of COVID amongst our year 6 children in particular. I have taken additional measures to reduce mixing with other children across the school wherever possible.

Lateral Flow Testing: Staff will continue to complete 2 weekly Lateral Flow testing. Staff and children in year 6 have also been asked to do daily lateral flow tests for another week.

Parents: I have been advised to ask parents to complete lateral flow testing on a two per week basis.

Year 2: As numbers of cases have dropped now in year 2, I am asking parents of year 2 children to complete a one off lateral flow test next week.

I will continue to monitor the number of cases and keep in touch with Public Health. I will keep you informed of any further actions if they are required.

Face Masks: Lifting of restrictions does not apply to schools when there is an outbreak. I have been required to ask staff to increase their mask wearing around the school including at drop off and collection times.

Parents should wear a **face mask** if coming on to the school site.

Thank you for your support.

FREE SUPPORT FOR SOUTHWARK PARENTS AND CARERS ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

We are pleased to offer a fantastic programme of free webinars covering key areas of online-safety and digital-resilience. These sessions are open to any parent or carer that lives or works in Southwark.

Online Gaming: What you need to know

Thursday 27th January, 5pm-5:30pm

Exploring the benefits and risks of the world of online gaming.

Digital Wellbeing and Screen Time

Thursday 3rd February, 5pm-5:30pm

Managing screen time and helping your child's wellbeing.

Online risks, extremism and misinformation

Thursday 10th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How to adopt a "digital resilience" approach to keep your child safe online

Helping your child stay safer online (primary-age children)

Thursday 24th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How you can help your child explore their online world safely.

Being Internet Brave (primary-age children)

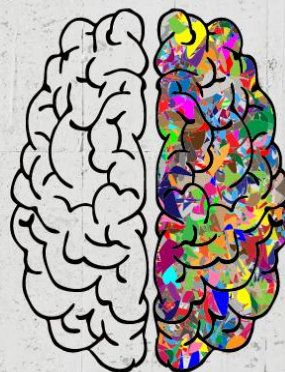
Thursday 3rd March, 5pm-5:30pm

Communicating with your child about online safety.

To sign up, visit:

<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>

Rotherhithe Primary School CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Donate
£1

Dress to
Express

Wednesday 9th Feb

Express yourself during Mental Health Week by dressing to express yourself. Wear your favourite colour, a range of colours or a whole unique outfit to express yourself.

BE PROACTIVE AND TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

PIONEER DANCE

HALF TERM WORKSHOP

STREET DANCE, HIP HOP, MODERN DANCE & MORE AGE 5-11YRS



LOCATION : SOUTH LONDON

Pioneer Dance Half term Workshop
[South London] 1 Day

£24.99

Thursday 17th February 2022
6 hours session from 9am - 3pm

Exclusive One Day Workshop, exploring the theory and practical aspect of Dance. Dance Styles Include: Street Dance, Modern, Hip Hop Dance & More.

Ages from 5 - 11 years.

Limited Spaces! SIGN UP TODAY.

Location: Rotherhithe Primary School, Rotherhithe New Rd, London SE16 2PL

NOTE:

In the special instructions section please include your child/children's full name.

Once Payment has been made you will receive a confirmation email.

Any questions contact dance@pioneerdance.com

Limited Spaces! Here is the link to sign up:

<https://pioneerdance.bigcartel.com/product/pioneer-dance-half-term-workshop-south-london-1-day>