

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What lovely weather we have been enjoying this past week. Spring is definitely in the air. Don't forget that the clocks go forward this weekend.

## Consultation for joining the Nexus Trust

The consultation closes today at 2pm. Governors will meet on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> March to meet with Nexus briefly to finalise any last-minute questions and then they will make a decision to resolve on whether or not to join NEXUS. Galiema will update us by the end of the week.

**Sports for Schools:** The children had a fantastic time being put through their paces by Fredrick Afrifa on Thursday – it was very loud! Sports for Schools have given children until **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** to collect and hand in their sponsorship forms and money. If you have collected money (including if you donated online) you must send in your **sponsorship form**. If the form is not returned to school children will not receive their well-earned prizes. The prizes will be given out after the Easter holidays.

**COVID:** As you are aware we were put on a COVID alert this week due to a number of reported COVID cases. Staff continue to do daily lateral flow tests and we encourage parents to continue to encourage children to practice good hygiene measures. If children have COVID symptoms, they should not come to school and should do a PCR test.

**Dance Workshops:** On Monday and Tuesday children across the school took part in dance workshops provided by 'West End In Schools'. The younger children performed (through the

of dance) the story 'Where the Wild Things are' and the children in Key stage 2 acted scenes from 'Gangsta Granny'. The children were very creative. [Click Here](#).

**Scholastic Book Fair:** This has arrived this week and over the next few days children will get to visit for a browsing session. Children are able to use their World Book Day tokens to purchase books. Parents will be permitted to visit the book fair with children. We ask that you enter the school via the ICT gate. We will run the book fair afterschool on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in our intervention room.

**SATS tests:** We are fast approaching the statutory assessment window which starts in May and June in primary schools. We hope that parents have found the webinars about the tests useful. If you missed the link you can access them here:

[Year 6 SATs webinar](#)

[Year 4 Multiplication Check webinar](#)

**School Photos:** We hope you are enjoying the first school photos for the past 2 years! You can order and pay online or in school by the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Science Week** is all about spring and growth. Please support the children's learning and carry out as many of the activities as you can that are listed below.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

# RPS gets active with Frederick Afrifa



Frederick is  
literally



Keep going  
everyone!



Get those arms and  
legs moving!





# Dance Stories

The children really got into the character for their dance routines. [Click here](#) to see the gallery of pictures.



Quietly does it!



Great Teamwork!



# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Whale</b>	Emre	Emre has worked really well this week. He has really tried hard to improve his handwriting and worked hard with his maths learning. Emre is also now able to re-read his work and make edits to his work when needed. Well done Emre!
<b>Octopus</b>	Reggie	Reggie has worked really hard in all subjects this week. He has especially excelled in phonics. He has learnt a new sound every day and is applying his sounds in his reading and writing. Well done Reggie!
<b>Coral</b>	Ameliya	Ameliya produced an excellent report about Foxes. She used both conjunctions and brackets to add additional information. Keep it up!
<b>Seal</b>	Annabel	Annabel has worked really hard in English this week. She has used lots of amazing adjectives, used a variety of punctuation and made sure her handwriting is amazing. Well done Annabel!
<b>Effra</b>	Ola	Ola has worked hard in swimming to use an aid to float and kick his legs. He has really enjoyed gliding around the pool. Well done Ola!
<b>Brent</b>	Scarlett-Rae	Scarlett-Rae has made a monster effort with her timetables in the past 3 weeks. She has worked hard at home and at school and is now completing practice tests without dropping any marks!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Samuel	For working really hard in school and coping with changes well! Keep it up Samuel!
<b>Wandle</b>	Astera	For a fantastic use of a colon in her writing this week! Astera is using punctuation for effect confidently! Great progress – keep it up!
<b>Lea</b>	Shaydon	I am so proud of Shaydon for working so hard at improving in Math, English and a significant improvement in his handwriting. Keep up the positive attitude to your work!
<b>Thames</b>	Mohammed	For excellent diary writing in the role of a WW2 child during the Blitz. He has included a variety of sentences types and punctuation and paid particular attention to the presentation of his work. Well done!

## Star parent!

I would like to nominate **Gary (Daniel's dad)** as Star Parent of the week. He is always supportive of the school and led a fantastic science session with our Reception class this week. Thank you Gary the children loved it!



	Half Term
<b>Week starting 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 1 mock phonic screening check
<b>21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	West End School Workshops – stories into dance. (PE kit!)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Athlete visit
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Poetry Week Science Week
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception parents phonic workshop- by invitation. Speak to Helen.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	100% attendance awards.  Easter Bonnet Parade  Last day of term. Break up for the Easter holidays.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children return to school for the start of the summer term.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Parent Healthy Zones coffee morning
<b>Week starting 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS tests
<b>Month of May</b>	Year 2 SATs testing window
<b>Week starting 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Conover Hall Trip
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	National Thank a teacher day
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May-6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term holiday</b>

### Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award

Ravensbourne 96.4%

Lea 96.3%

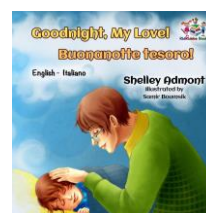
Well done and keep it up!



## Teacher Book Recommendations

Teaching Assistant: Erin Corrigan

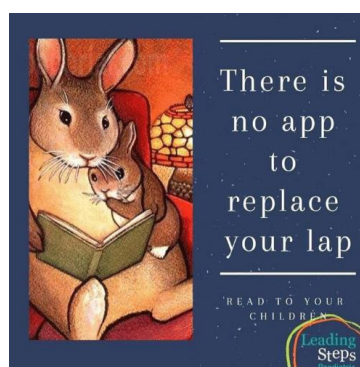
One of my favourite books as a little girl was called "Buonanotte tesoro!" written by Shelley Admont. It's an Italian book that means "Goodnight my love!" and it's one my mum used to read to me every night to help me sleep; it's also where my love of Italian literature comes from, in particular the works by Dante Alighieri.



This story however, is about a little boy named Alex, who finds it hard to go to sleep so he starts making up excuses. After reading a bedtime story, his Dad suggests planning a dream that Alex would like to see when he falls asleep.

Find out where their imagination takes them, as father and son plan a dream together.

This bedtime story will help kids feel loved and relaxed, preparing them for a peaceful, sleep filled night.



### Thought of the Week

Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations. ~ Dr. Mae Jemison



## **Rotherhithe Science Week - At home activities**

### **Monday - Scrap Vegetables**

<https://www.apieceofrainbow.com/vegetables-herbs-regrow-kitchen-scrap/>

#### ***What you'll need:***

- Vegetable scraps - carrots, onions, lettuce, beetroot and celery work well.
- A tray and / or some empty jars
- Water



### **Tuesday - Paper flowers**

[https://pstt.org.uk/download\\_file/4023/873](https://pstt.org.uk/download_file/4023/873)

#### ***What you'll need:***

- Different types of paper or card (or just one will do!)
- Scissors
- A bowl or tray of water
- Different liquids, e.g. milk, cooking oil... (optional)
- Paper and pencil to draw what you observe (optional)



### **Wednesday - Milk Carton Sprinkler:**

<https://www.iop.org/explore-physics/at-home/episode-6-milk-carton-sprinkler>

#### ***What you'll need:***

- A piece of string (how long is up to you!)
- An empty juice carton / plastic milk bottle
- A pair of scissors
- Water
- A washing up bowl / or just a regular bowl



### **Thursday - Daffodil dissection:**

<https://sloely.com/dissecting-daffodils-pollination/>

#### ***What you'll need:***

- A daffodil
- Paper and pencil to draw what you observe



### **Friday - Plant your sunflower seed!**

#### ***What you'll need:***

- A plant pot filled with compost.
- You can recycle some old food packaging - a yoghurt pot, plastic bottle, etc. Get an adult to help you make some drainage holes in the bottom.  
If you don't have any compost, you can collect it from school.
- Your sunflower seed (from school)



# Easter Bonnet Competition

Design an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in to school on **FRIDAY 1ST APRIL**. Bonnets will be judged by the Art Ambassadors and a **PRIZE** (for each Key Stage) will be given to the best bonnets in the following categories:

- \* Most Creative
- \* Home-made
- \* Reflects the story of Easter



The children will then parade their creations by the Computer Suite gate playground (see times below). Parents welcome to attend!

Year 1 & 2 @ 2:30pm

Year 3 & 4 @ 2:45pm

Year 5 & 6 @ 3pm



**Free Easter Holiday Family Activities with the London Wildlife Trust**  
at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening 28 Marsden Road SE15 4EE

**Monday & Tuesday 4th & 5th April 10 till 3**

## Brilliant Birds

A fun two day course for families living in Southwark to discover garden birds, make nests, find out about spring migration, play games, learn to use binoculars, stories and crafts.

**Monday & Tuesday 11th & 12th April 10 till 3**

## Marvellous Minibeasts

A fun two days for families living in Southwark to discover the important little animals in our garden and have fun exploring different habitats such as the pond, the log pile and the trees. Games, crafts, trails, animal Olympics. Supports school learning too.



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Limited places. To book visit <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events>

Email [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk) or phone 07740 717930



## For Parents/Carers of children 5-19 years old at school in Southwark or Lambeth



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Evelina London School Nursing Service.

As a parent/carers of a child(ren) at school you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help, we work in teams across Southwark and Lambeth and you can contact us for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Please let us know if your child has medical or physical and/or emotional health needs that they need support with.

**We are able to discuss your child's needs and see children:**

- Face to face in school
- Face to face in a health centre
- Text
- Telephone
- Virtually
- Home visit

**For advice and support please contact the School Nursing Service:**

**Text:** If you need advice or support regarding your child, you can confidentially text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

You can find out more on [w: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline)

**If you are a parent or carer**

**You can text a school nurse on  
07520 631 130**

**Telephone:** You can call the School Nursing Central Hub: **tel: 020 3049 4777**, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

**In an emergency, call 999 or go to your local Emergency Department (A&E)**

### Your information

We might inform someone if we are concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would usually try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic records and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111.

**The School Nursing Service can assist with:**

Support with managing medical needs in schools

Bedwetting

Sleep

Emotional health and wellbeing

Weight management

Immunisation advice  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/)

Healthy lifestyle

Keeping safe

Puberty and relationships