

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the recent sunshine.

Local Elections: I would like to say a huge congratulations to Naima (one of our parents) who has recently been campaigning in the local council elections. I am pleased to report that she has been successfully voted in as one of Southwark's local councilors. Well done, Naima!

Phonics Workshop for Nursery Parents: On Thursday 8th May Parents and Carers joined Nursery children for our very first Nursery Phonics Workshop. These workshops were delivered by "The Half Moon Theatre Company" and are designed to help Parents participate in creative play with their Children.

Half Moon is a London based organisation giving young people from birth to 18 an opportunity to experience the best in young people's theatre, both as a participant and as an audience member. This new workshop is a four-week programme offering a morning slot and an afternoon slot to our parents. The morning slot starts at 9am and the afternoon slots at 1pm.



Friday 6th May 2022

Forest School: Is back! It was with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm that groups of Reception children donned their wellies and marched off to Forest School this week. Laura has been undergoing Forest School practitioner training and is now our Forest School Lead. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed exploring nature in the wild! (All that studying was definitely worth it Laura!) Forest School has many benefits and can help develop children's

- Language skills
- Improves their personal and social development
- Increases their learning and respect for the natural environment
- Helps children to develop problem-solving skills
- Building positive relationships.
- Encourages emotional wellbeing

Parent Workshop: Due to the New Build move in date being set as the 13th June, we have changed the dates for the Resilient families parent workshops. Please do contact me if you would like to be take up this opportunity.

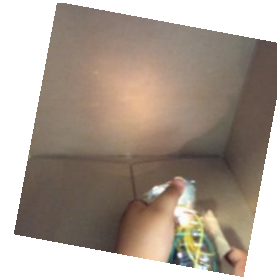
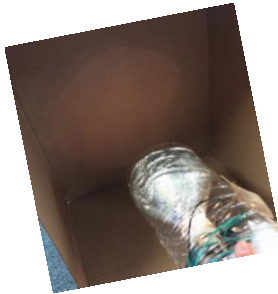
Year 6 SATS: I would like to wish all year 6 pupils' good luck during their SATs next week.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

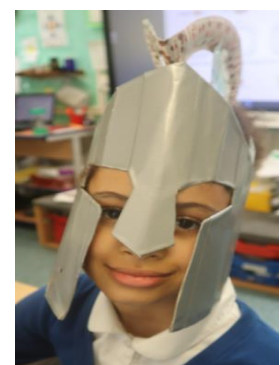
Year 3 & 4 Torch Designers

Just before the half term, Brent Class got very technical and extremely resourceful during their Design and Technology class by making a working torch out of an old plastic bottle, some tin foil and a few lengths of cable. This week they finished them off. The children were so proud of their finished torches. They worked a treat!



Year 3 & 4 Helmet Designers!

More amazing Roman helmet designs from Walbrook class. Fantastic creativity and a great way to get into the feel of the era!



Early Years nature explorers!

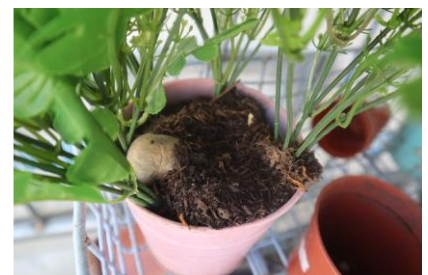
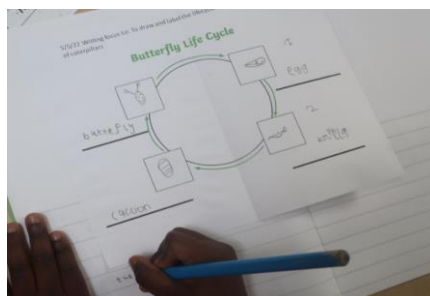
The topic in Reception is mini-beasts and this week the children have been exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. They have studied caterpillars with fascination and have enjoyed getting dirty in the mud kitchen!

They are also looking at plants and how things grow. They have explored their outside garden to find things to paint. I think we have some budding artists!



Isata is a superstar writer! It was a pleasure reading her writing today, which set out the lifecycle of a butterfly beautifully.

Keep it up Isata!





STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Christine	Christine has worked brilliantly this week. She is showing super and independent learning. Christine has also been supporting her friends when they are finding something tricky. Well done Christine!
Octopus	Tori	Tori has worked her socks off in English this week. Every day she is trying her best to improve her handwriting and she is using her sounds and her word bank to help her spell words. Keep it up, Tori!
Seal	Skylah	Skylah has worked extremely hard in Maths this week. She is able to show her working out for every question and is able to solve word problems independently.
Effra	Lemuel	Lemuel has worked hard in history this week. He has been really interested in learning about the Romans and thought about how the life of a Roman compares to today. Amazing!
Brent	Ishraq	This week, Ishraq has impressed us all with her work in our English retelling of Romulus and Remus. Ishraq has written excitingly and impressively using a variety of sentence starters and addressing the reader with a direct address! Keep it up Ishraq!
Walbrook	Whitney	Whitney is a very kind and helpful member of our class and always has a smile for those around her. She has shown a great level of maturity this week whilst also putting her all into her work. Whitney is a great role model for others to look up to- keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Dylan	In math, there are seven mathematical practices and the first one is "make sense of problems and persevere in solving them". Dylan's perseverance in math is admirable. She asks questions and has continued working after school to complete an assignment. Keep it up, Dylan!
Wandle	Sophie	For excellent delivery and participation in debate mate. Sophie delivered her points clearly and posed an excellent argument. She was confident and showed real potential! Congratulations Sophie.
Thames	Ben	For displaying great resilience with his reading comprehension. His fluent reading is complimented by his clear understanding, which is evident in his written responses. He is also showing progress with his stamina in timed tasks. Excellent work Ben!

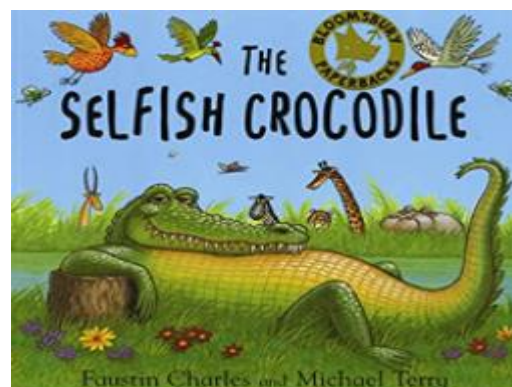


Tuesday 19th April	Children return to school for the start of the summer term.
Thursday 28th April	Parent Healthy Zones coffee morning
Week starting 9th May	Year 6 SATS tests
Month of May	Year 2 SATs testing window
Week starting 23rd May	Year 6 Condoover Hall Trip
Thursday 26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Thank a teacher day ➤ London History Day
Friday 27th May	Break up for half term
30th May-6th June	Half Term holiday
7th June	Children return to school
8th June	Local Authority Deep Dive
8th-10th June	Phonics screening check administered to year 1 & some year 2 children
13th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Full Governing Body Meeting ➤ Year 4 Multiplication Check administered ➤ Money Week
23rd June	Year 6 Kooth Transition Workshops
Week starting 27th June	Art & DT week
4th July	KS1 Sports Day
5th July	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
6th July	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
7th July	EYFS Sports Day
11th & 12th July	Healthy Living Dance Workshops
13th July	Year 5 Splash concert
14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Year 3 & 4 Young Readers Event ➤ Year 6 prom
15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reports home and new classes announced. ➤ Healthy Eating Day
18th July	Meet your new teacher
19th July	Parents Evening
21st July	Last Day of term. 11:30 – year 6 graduation Award ceremony.

Teacher Book Recommendations

Head of School: Lisa Christiansen

One of my favourite books is: The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles



This story contains a moral lesson and is great to read aloud. The main protagonist is a snappy crocodile who is a classic bully. Every day he intimidates the other animals. "Stay away from my river! It's My river! If you come in my river, I'll eat you all!" But one day the selfish crocodile find he needs help... will anyone be brave enough to help him?



The author Faustin Charles

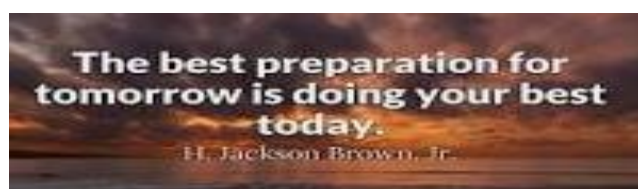
Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Ravensbourne 96.3%

Thames Class 95%

Well done and keep it up!



Attendance Matters!

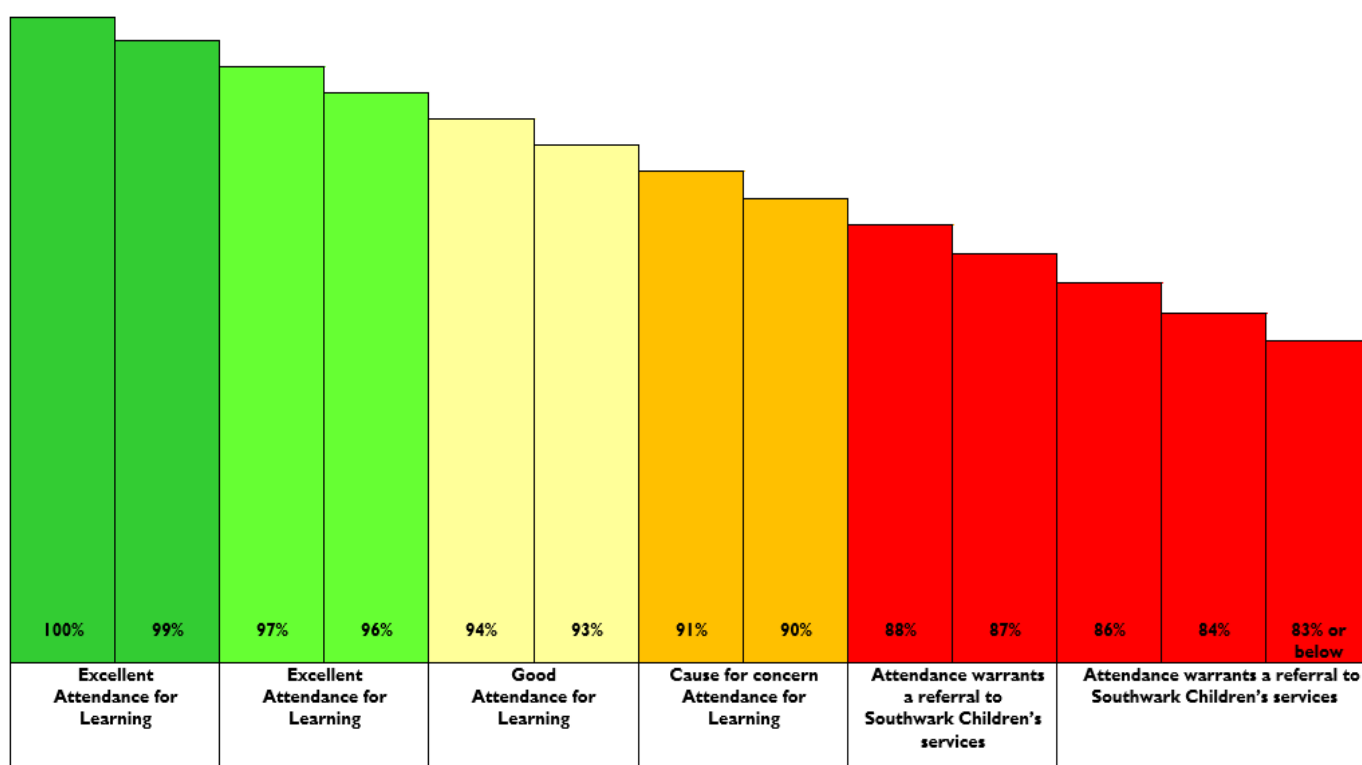
All parents and carers want the very best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with schoolwork. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to always find the extra time to help children to 'catch up' with lost learning.
- They may not achieve their full potential.
- Children miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance often affects their friendship groups. Children with lower attendance are more likely to find it difficult to make and keep friends – a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery and through-out their school journey will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have poor school attendance records may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Kofi Danquah, if you need support or are concerned about your child's attendance.

Persistent Absence: Please note that parents have a legal responsibility to inform the school of any absences. If a child's attendance drops below 90% they are considered to be 'persistently absent' and the school will request a meeting with parents or carers. At this point the school may consult with the Education and Inclusion Team to discuss attendance concerns.



ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL **INFORMATION SESSIONS** - for all parents and carers



How to support your child to be the best learner they can be, today and in the future.



ABOUT THESE SESSIONS

Find out:

How to raise resilient children.

How we teach about resilience in school

How to keep our children safe online

Where to get help and support

**Monday 16th & 23rd May,
Monday, 20th, 27th June
and
Monday 4th and 11th
July**

Breakfast will be provided.
Parents who attend all sessions will receive a
£50 voucher.
Childcare may be possible if requested.

**Venue: Rotherhithe Children and
Family Centre, Southwark Park**

OUR MAIN TOPICS



**PSHE, RSE & MINDFULNESS
UNDERSTANDING
RESILIENCE and how
this affects learning**



**WORKING TOGETHER and
supporting each other.
BECOMING A PARENT
MENTOR**



020 7237 1586



office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk