

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Historic England



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RPS is always so busy time seems to be flying past!

Promoting good mental health and wellbeing is a priority for us at school and this is why we have raised money to provide a mentoring programme for some year 6 boys. '**Future Men**' is a programme that aims to 'inspire boys and men to become dynamic future men, by giving them the confidence to discover what it means to be a man.' The programme seeks to promote 7 characteristics of positive masculinity.



Resilience

Able to recover when things go wrong.



Inclusiveness

Open to include all different people.



Reflectiveness

Learning from things that happen to you.



Empathy

Caring for others.



Resourcefulness

Able to make the best of what you have.



Curiosity

Interested in the world around you.



Non-violence

Can solve problems without hurting

The children have been introduced to their mentor and have started completing a 12-week programme.

Cycle to School Week: Cycle to School Week will run from Monday 3 to Friday 7 October across the UK. Do you want to

save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school? What are you waiting for... get on your bike or scooter for Cycle to School week!

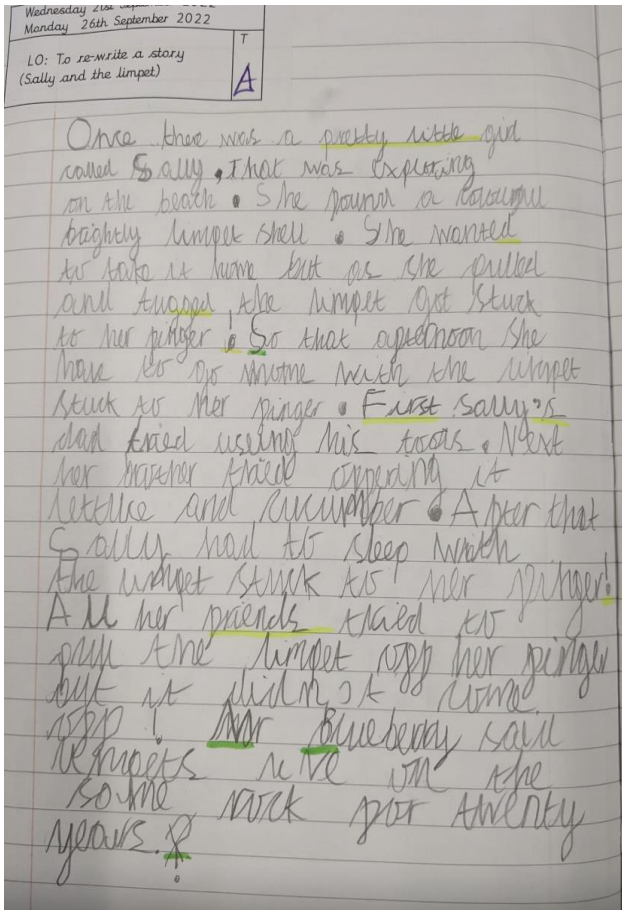
Heritage School Award: I am very pleased to announce that RPS has achieved a '**Heritage School Award**' for our teaching of history. Particularly our focus on local history. Amber, our History Lead, has been very busy over the past 2 years archiving the history of RPS. She has collected artefacts, organised and planned lesson content and found interesting local places for the children to explore. London History Day is always a great learning opportunity. Well done RPS and thank you to Amber for all her hard work.

Parent Coffee Morning: Do you have a family member who has autism? Why not come to our coffee morning on **Thursday 20th October** at RPS. This is your opportunity to meet Mr B (Post diagnosis Support Worker). Parents have found his advice very helpful. See link below or speak to Jennifer (SENCO) if you would like to come along.

Have a restful weekend.
Lisa (Head of School)

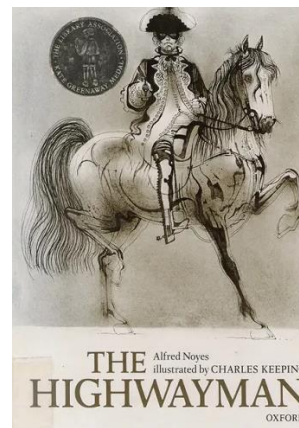
Star writing

It was a pleasure leading Star of the week assembly on Thursday especially, where I got to read this fantastic writing by Ruweyda in year 2. Amazing writing.



Star writing

The Highwayman is an atmospheric narrative poem written by Alfred Noyes in 1906. The poem tells the haunting and tragic love story between a highwayman and an innkeeper's daughter. Children in year 4 and 5 are currently studying this text and it is clear to see from their writing that they are already inspired.



By Hal in Wandle Class

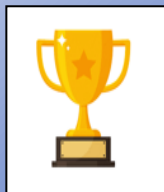
Peering through my stable, I saw King George's men clattering and clashing on the pavestones. They marched inside, drank the Landlord's ale and bound Bess with the toughest and roughest knots they could find. Grrr!!! I called them to protect her not to hurt her. They gagged her while holding a musket to her breast. My heart was twisted in anger as they sniggered at the thought of killing the highwayman. Two men knelt at her casement while she wriggled and wriggled, and one stood at the foot of her bed.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Thames class 97.9%

Effra class 96.8%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

“ No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. ”

Dates

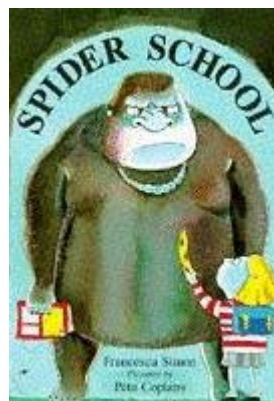
for your Diary

Monday 5th September	Children Return to School
Week beginning 5th September	Teacher parents' meetings for nursery children. Home visits for Reception parents.
8th Sep	Year 4 & 5 Meet the teacher meetings
9th Sep	Secondary School transition meeting 3:30pm
12th September	Year 6 Meet the teacher meetings
13th September	Year 2 Meet the teacher meetings Roald Dahl Day
14th September	Year 1 Meet the teacher meetings
	SENDCO Jenni hosting meetings with nursery parents.
15th September	Year 3 Meet the teacher meetings
16th September	TA appreciation Day Jeans for Genes (dress in jeans for charity)
16th September	After School Clubs start
29th and 30th September	Harvest Festival
3rd October	Black History Month starts Harvest Moon
5th October	World Teacher Day
6th October	National Poetry Day
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (world mental health day)
21st October	Break up for half term (close normal time)
24th-28th October	Half Term break
31st October	Children return to school
8th and 9th October	Parents evening
Week beginning 14th October	Children with SEND parent meetings
Week beginning 5th December	Christmas performances
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

Teacher Book Recommendations

Head of School: Lisa Christiansen

Favourite Book: Spider School by Francesca Simon



Have you ever got out of bed on the wrong side? It is Kate's first day at school and she is not looking forward to it. Then she makes the mistake of getting out of bed on the wrong side! Her day goes from bad to worse and becomes increasingly strange. Imagine finding out your teacher is a gorilla and that lunch will be a stew of spiders, snails and snakes! Yuck!

I love reading this story to children when they return to school after the long summer holidays. It is a fun way of exploring how children are feeling.

Francesca Simon is the much loved author of the Horrid Henry series.



"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future." Queen Elizabeth II



Whale	Anwar	Anwar has tried really hard this week to be an independent learner. He has shown confidence and he has been a great role model for the other children in his class. Well done Anwar.
Coral	Mary	This week in Art, Mary wowed us with her amazing observation drawing skills, when drawing a teddy bear. She used different mark-making techniques and carefully added detail. She also worked exceptionally hard in writing this week. Keep it up!
Seal	Ruweydah	Ruweydah has worked really hard in improving her sentences and handwriting in English. Amazing!
Effra	Kloe	Kloe is a wonderful role model for all as she always shows respect to her peers and adults. She listens to instructions and applies herself to her work diligently. Keep it up.
Walbrook	Jena	Jena has implemented the school values in her learning by demonstrating true resilience. She has continuously pushed herself to be the best she can be and has always given things a go. Jena has also showcased her amazing handwriting in all her written tasks. Keep it up Jena!
Ravensbourne	Walid	This week Walid demonstrated maturity and resilience during a math session. He worked above and beyond of what was expected and his behaviour was exemplary. Well done, Walid, your work was recognized!
Wandle	Sabreen	Sabreen showed real resilience at swimming this week. She persevered with a tricky technique and was successful by the end of the lesson. We're so proud of her!
Fleet	Jonathan	For displaying exemplary learning behaviour in all areas of the curriculum and for always being positive, courteous and polite to his peers and adults. Such a fantastic role model to have in Fleet class!
Lea	Al	For always working enthusiastically on his tasks and sharing ideas in whole class settings. Keep up the positive attitude towards your work Al.
Thames	Zelick	For displaying diligence with his daily reading and for also making pertinent comments about what he has read. Well done!



Special Head Teacher's Award

Presented to Gladys-Martyna in whale class for being a fantastic role model. She has demonstrated our school values by being kind and caring to another pupil. Super star!



SPACE ADVENTURE

JOIN US FOR
INTERGALACTIC FOOD
ADVENTURES ON

Join us for a Space Adventure Lunch

Our school lunches are DELICIOUS. If your child has not tried one of our school lunches for a while, we are encouraging all children to take part in a special Space Adventure Lunch on **6th October**. If your child normally has a packed lunch, they may want to have a free school lunch on that day.

Please let the office know if they will be joining the SPACE ADVENTURE! We need to know so we can make sure there is enough intergalactic food for everyone!

Menu highlights include:

Main: BBQ Beef Meatballs with mini-Potato Asteroids, Green and Orange Space Rocks (Peas and Carrots) Plant based menu also available

Dessert: Warm Raspberry Ripple Crater Cake or Space Rocket Chocolate Crispie cake

Yum!

AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM

PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Join us for an informal and friendly coffee morning with Blagoje Vucinic (Mr B), Autism Post Diagnosis Support Worker from Autism Support Team.

This is an opportunity for parents of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder(ASD) to ask questions about the diagnosis, to discuss practical strategies for meeting the needs of your children, to meet other parents, to share information and experiences, or simply just to listen.

To book your place please complete the registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/wp5f5NZC8NC>

Please arrive ten minutes before the event to sign in. Looking forward to meeting you! Email: Blagoje.vucinic@southwark.gov.uk Mobile: 078 0286 0871

School	Address	Date	Time
Surrey Square	Faunce St SE17 3TR	14 th September 22	9:30 – 11:30
Harris Primary Academy E. Dulwich	173 Lordship Ln SE22 8HD	28 th September 22	9:30 – 11:30
Snowsfields	Kirby Grove SE1 3TD	7 th October 22	9:30 – 11:30
Rotherhithe	Rotherhithe New Rd SE16 2PL	20 th October 22	9:30 – 11:30
Robert Browning	89 East St SE17 2DH	3 rd November 22	9:30 – 11:30
Tower Bridge	Fair St SE1 2AE	8 th December 22	9:30 – 11:30
Michael Faraday	Portland St SE17 2HR	18 th January 23	9:30 – 11:30
Angel Oak	Burcher Gale Grove SE15 6FL	3 rd February 23	9:30 – 11:30
Cobourg	Cobourg Rd SE5 0JD	3 rd March 23	9:30 – 11:30
Peter Hills C of E	2 Beatson Walk SE16 5ED	17 th April 23	9:30 – 11:30
Galleywall	Galleywall Road SE16 3PB	3 rd May 23	9:30 – 11:30
Riverside	Janeway Street, Rotherhithe SE16 4PS	8 th June 23	9:30 – 11:30
Dulwich Wood	Lyall Avenue, Dulwich, SE21 8QS	22 nd June 23	9:30 – 11:30

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HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	Events / Days	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	INSET DAY 1 & 2 Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th September 2022	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 24 th October 2022 Friday 28 th October 2022	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December 2022	
	INSET DAY 3 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Closed
SPRING TERM 2023		
Children Back	Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 10 th February 2023	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 20 th February – Friday 31 st March 2023	
SUMMER TERM 2023		
	INSET DAY 4 Monday 17 th April 2023	School closed
Children Back	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 26 th May 2023	
MAY DAY	Monday 1 st May 2023	School Closed
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 29 th May 2023 Friday 2 nd June 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 19 th July 2023	
	INSET DAY 5 Thursday 20 th July 2023	School Closed

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.

