

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Music: I can't believe it is half term already! On Wednesday teachers started planning their Christmas performances which will be the first in-person Christmas performances since December 2019! With this in mind the music curriculum will now focus on learning songs and practicing ready to impress you. Music lessons will therefore be led (for the next half of term) by class teachers rather than Margaret's Music. Margaret's Music will resume teaching in January.

Shoebox Appeal: Monday 17th of October was Eradication of poverty day. And the whole school assembly led by Kealan, focused on the Samaritans Operation Christmas Child appeal. We have a target of collecting 20 boxes full of gifts, but if we can get even more that would be amazing! If you would like to get involved, please check the leaflet sent home and give your shoebox to your teacher by Friday 11th November. If you would prefer to make a donation instead these will be gratefully received.

Trips: Two school trips that have occurred this week have been linked to the Great Fire of London. On Monday Fleet class travelled to Milton Court Concert Hall to take part in a 'Fire' themed concert. The children had a great time and were very well behaved.

On Friday Year 2 explored the path of destruction of the Great Fire of London. First,

they admired the iconic Monument, which was designed as a memorial to the Great Fire. Their next stop was St Paul's Cathedral that was damaged by the fire. Finally, they went to The Museum of London for a workshop which retold the events through drama. The children had a fantastic time. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us on this trip.



Parents Evening: You should have received parents evening letters this week. These letters enable you to select a preferred date and time for your parent's evening appointment. They also let you choose whether you would prefer an in-person meeting or a virtual one. Please return your appointment slip by Wednesday 2nd November.

Children return to school on **Monday 31st October**. Have a wonderful half term.
Lisa (HoS)

We love learning!

This afternoon, Wandle Class (year 4 & 5 children) got busy in the kitchen creating some culinary masterpieces in the form of Pizza! Their pizzas were made using pitta bread for a base topped with some delicious tomato paste and some mouth-watering, mozzarella cheese! The children loved cooking and of course, loved eating! Especially delicious pizza.



Whale Class have been looking at Churches as part of a cross curricular activity combining art, Science and RE. You can see clearly how focused they were.

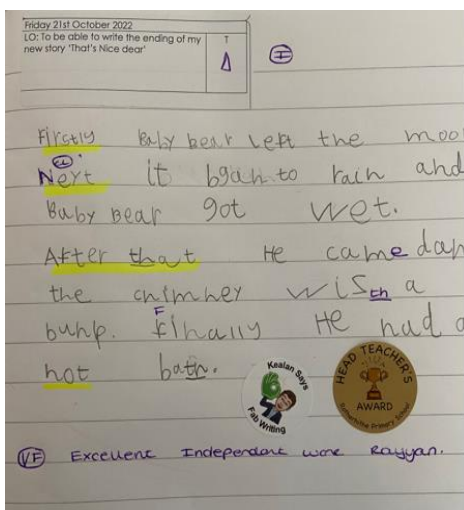


The children were developing their fine motor skills of cutting and sticking and then they explored what happens when you look through coloured plastic.



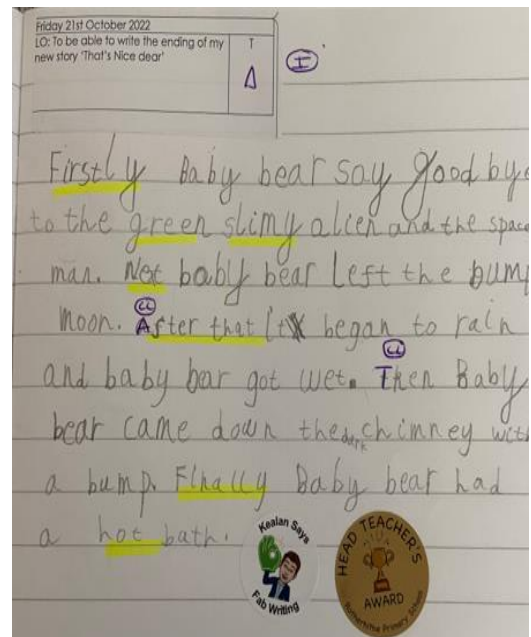
Fantastic Writing!

It made my day when Nandana, Rayyan and Aurura in year 1 came to share their fantastic writing this week. They explained confidently that they were focusing on writing the middle part of their stories - their own version of the Whatever Next by Jill Murphy.

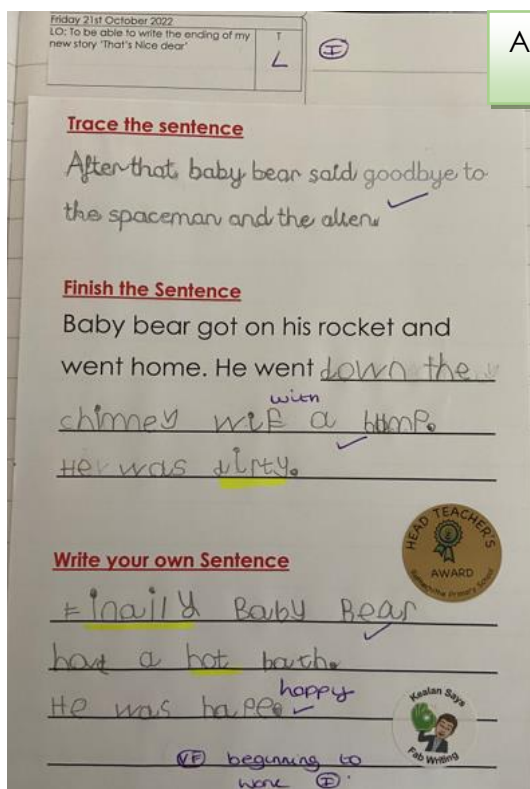


Rayyan

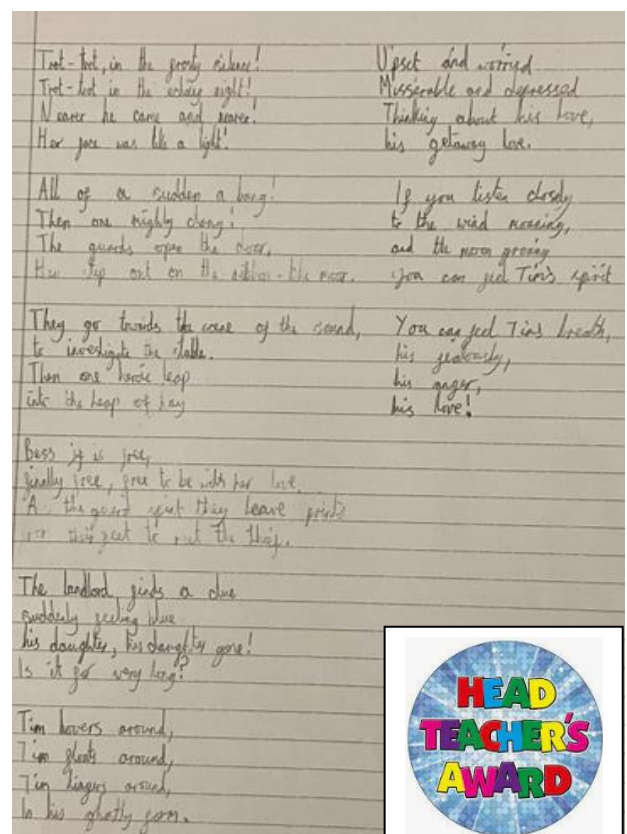
Nandana



Jasmine S, Maqdis and Jasmine M in Wandle class, have been so inspired by the poem **The Highwayman** that they have produced this brilliant poem together. Well done girls!



Aurura



Dates

for your Diary

October	Black History Month
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (world mental health day)
16th October	Year 1 Film Festival
17th October	Fleet class – trip Fire concert
18th October	Parent cooking workshops
20th October	Mr B autism parent workshop
21st October	Year 2 - Museum trip
	Break up for half term (close normal time)
24th-28th October	Half Term break
31st October	Children return to school
8th and 9th November	Parents evening
Week beginning 14th November	Children with SEND parent meetings
14th November	Anti-bullying week
22nd November	School Photographer taking individual pictures and pictures of siblings
28th November	British Math's Week
29th November	Health and safety audit
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

Teacher: Kealan

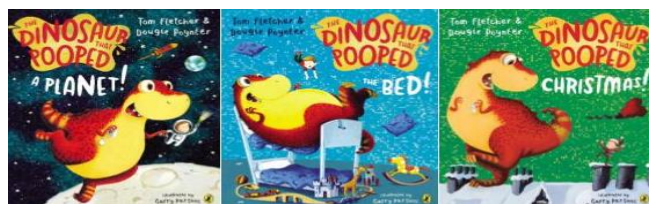
One of my favourite books is: The Dinosaur that pooped a Princess.



I enjoyed this book because: Danny and Dinosaur are convinced that a damsel in distress needs their help - they just need to find her. But there are twists in store . . . Can Dinosaur make it through Fairy Tale Land without eating everything in sight? And do all princesses really need to be rescued? This book is full of humour and comedy. The story is packed with cheekiness, girl power and lots and lots of poop.

One of my favourite authors: Tom Fletcher and Doug Poynter

Look out for these books:

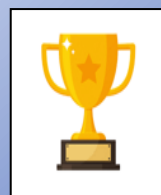


Thought of the Week

“A BIRD DOES NOT SING
BECAUSE IT HAS
AN ANSWER.
A BIRD SINGS BECAUSE
IT HAS A SONG.”

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



Wandle class 97.6%

Seal class 95.1%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



Whale	Amari	Amari has had a fantastic week. He has shown excellent behaviour for learning, and he really tries his hardest with his writing. Well done, Amari.
Coral	Lola	This week, Lola showed our school value empathy and has been a kind and caring friend. When she saw her friend was upset, Lola gave her a calm down kit and a timer. Keep it up!
Seal	Reggie	Reggie has blown us away by recalling all of his number facts under ten. He is now beginning to apply these number facts to words problems. Well done, Reggie!
Effra	Skylah-Rey	Skylah has been working hard to improve her resilience. It is evident that she is growing in confidence in all areas of her learning, especially swimming. Keep it up!
	Annabel	Annabel is doing so well in her swimming lessons. She is now able to crawl the length of the pool with confidence. Brilliant!
Walbrook	Roselyn	Roselyn has been an amazing role model this week, she has worked hard in her lessons and has really impressed me with her listening skills. Roselyn has also demonstrated fantastic carpet sitting and walking around the school. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Nikola	For her increased participation in whole class discussions. It is great to hear your wonderful ideas. Keep it up!
Wandle	Cristina	Cristina wowed us with her incredible art work this week – a mixed media portrait of Nelson Mandela. The care and precision she took to bring her vision to life was wonderful to see!
Fleet	Rana	Rana behaved impeccably on our trip to the 'Classical Roadshow'. She sang all the songs beautifully and was a caring and supportive friend to her travel partner. Well done!
Lea	Rahma	Rahma has settled very well into Lea class and the school. She is a very hard-working individual and very respectful towards her peers and adults alike. Well done, Rahma. I am super proud of you.
Thames	Ivan	For settling in well at Rotherhithe. He has shown great perseverance with his reading comprehension and is able to accurately answer retrieval questions. Well done!



Heritage School Status!

Well done to Amber for all her hard work that has enabled RPS to achieve a Heritage School Award. She was presented with a plaque by Harriet from 'Historic England' in recognition of the fantastic local history projects that Amber has developed over the past two years. She was also awarded a certificate for being a brilliant lead teacher. Well done Amber- we are very proud of you.



Healthy cooking on a budget!

RPS is a healthy school. We have worked hard to ensure that the healthy option is the easiest option.

We would like to extend some of our hard work to supporting families. We know that currently it can be tricky for parents to manage financially due to the current economic climate. With that in mind we have organised a Food Teacher to come and deliver a cooking class with parents.

This event will take place in our practical room and parents will learn how to cook an inexpensive healthy meal that children are sure to love, whilst picking up some tips to ensure that you eat well on a limited budget.



Date: **Wednesday 9th November at 2pm.**

There are limited places so please contact me in person or by email to confirm a place at christiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk



Welcome to this newsletter from Southwark's Autism Support Team. World Mental Health Day happened on Monday October 10 2022. The official theme is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'.

Training

We have courses for parents where children have a diagnosis of Autism. Click on the links below to register your interest in attending and someone from the team will contact you when a place is available. Some of these courses run online and some are in person.

- [Next Steps](#) -for parents with children under 5
- [Cynet](#)—for parents with children over 5
- [Puberty, sexual wellbeing and relationships](#) -for parents with children over 9

To be added to our newsletter mailing list or to contact the team

AutismSupportTeam@southwark.gov.uk



Activities

As we come out of lock downs clubs and activities are opening up and more is available.

A list of Southwark Holiday play schemes can be found [here](#)

Holiday club for families in receipt of free school meals [here](#)

Physical activity clubs [here](#)

Performing and visual arts and music clubs [here](#)

After school, toddler and youth groups [here](#)

Social activities for young people ages 16-25 [here](#)

General culture and Heritage event on in October—including Black History Month [here](#)

Mental Health

Autism is not a mental health problem. It's a developmental condition that affects how people see the world and interact with other people. Just like everyone else, autistic people can have good mental health. However, people with autism can experience mental health problems. According to Autistica 7 in 10 autistic people have a mental health condition such as anxiety, depression or OCD.

Southwark Mental Health support for young people with SEN [here](#)

National Autistic Society information regarding mental health [here](#)

Support for Siblings of children with SEN is available [here](#)

Information about Southwark's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) [here](#)

A course for parents to support child with their worries [here](#)



GET RID OF AND
DONATE

OPEN HOUSE

FREE CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD,
TOYS & BOOKS

Come and choose what you need.
All items are FREE

WHEN?

Starting Monday 17th October

Open House - Coffee Morning at 10:00 - 11:30

No items will be available outside of
these times or on other days

WHERE?

St. Faith's Community Centre
Red Post Hill, Dulwich
London SE24 9JQ

Train: North Dulwich Station

Bus: 37 or P4

CONTACT US

07944 102 112

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ALL PROFITS TO BENEFIT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LONDON POPPY APPEAL



We're
Going on a
Bear Hunt

THE FILM: LIVE IN CONCERT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2022 AT 1PM, 3PM, 5PM

REGENT HALL, 275 OXFORD STREET, LONDON

*A 40-piece Orchestra of the Household Division accompanying the animated classic!
With a fun introduction to the music and singalongs to George Ezra's theme song "Me & You"*



SCAN ME FOR
INFO & TICKETS!

FUTURE STORIES

How would you tell **YOUR** story? Join us for a week full of creativity and fun while you discover artistic ways to share your ideas, feelings and dreams!

FUTURE STORIES is a 3-courses programme for 7–18-year-olds interested in **theatre**, **filmmaking** and **visual arts** happening during the October half-term. Through theatre games, improv, creative writing, documentary, collage and drawing, participants will explore confidence, well-being and relationship-building in a fun, educational and constructive way!

Where: Theatre Peckham

When: Monday 24 – Friday 28 October

Times: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 – 4:00 pm

£3 per course*

*Fee support is available if you can't afford it. Please let us know answering question 6.

Please sign up by filling out this form <https://forms.office.com/r/kJeGL9Qcd6>

A poster for 'Future Stories' by Theatre Peckham. The background is blue with a torn paper effect at the bottom. In the center, a group of diverse young people are shown in various poses, some standing, some sitting, some holding objects. The text is arranged around this central image. At the top left is the Theatre Peckham logo. To the right of the logo, the title 'FUTURE STORIES' is written in large, white, block letters. Below the title, a red banner contains the dates 'Monday 24- Friday 28 October (half-term)' and the time '11 - 4 pm'. To the right of the banner, a red circle contains the text 'Ages 7-16'. Below the banner, on the left, is a paragraph of text: 'How would you tell YOUR story? Join us for a week full of creativity and fun while you discover artistic ways to share your ideas, feelings and dreams!'. To the right of this text, three green stars are followed by the words 'Filmmaking', 'Spoken word', and 'Painting'. Further to the right, another red circle contains the text '£3 per course'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'SUPPORTED BY MAYOR OF LONDON', 'Southwark Council', and 'ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND'. Below these logos, the contact information '020 7708 5401', 'THEATREPECKHAM.CO.UK', and '221 Havil St London SE5 7SB' is listed.

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