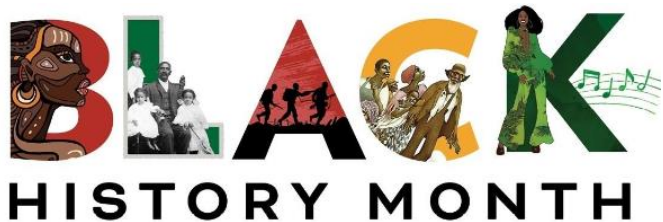


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Tours: Today Helen our Early Years Lead took new prospective parents on a tour of our fantastic school. They really enjoyed it. If parents have any friends or family interested in joining our school community, please encourage them to join one of our tours. The next two tours are scheduled for **Friday 7th October and Friday 4th November at 9:30 am.**



Next week is full of national theme days. We are going to be very busy! October is black history month. As part of our history curriculum children across the school will learn about key black figures in history. There are lots of events and experiences planned across the month. Southwark local authority is passionate about celebrating diversity. You can find a full programme of events for families on the council's website.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage>

Cycle to School Week: Next week is cycle to school week and I was impressed by the number of scooters and bikes appearing in school this week. Well done and keep it up next week too! Exercise improves mental health, gets children ready for learning and keeps them fit too!

Space Adventure Lunch: If your child normally has a packed lunch persuade them to try a school dinner on the 6th of October and join the SPACE ADVENTURE! This is one of our themed food days for more information see below. Please let the office know if you would like your child to have a school dinner on this day. We need to know so we can make sure there is enough intergalactic food for everyone!

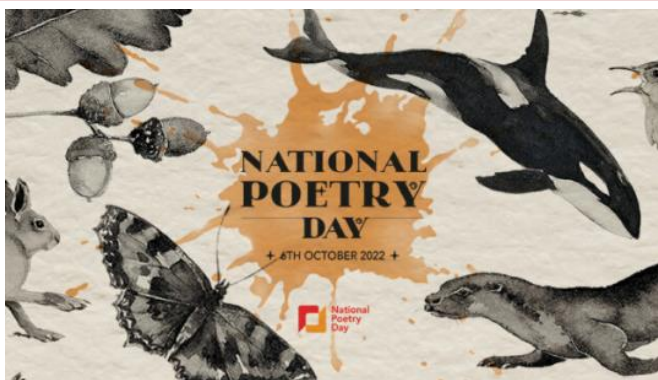


The 5th of October is World Teachers Day. Why not encourage your child to produce a card or letter to say thank you to our wonderful teachers who work extremely hard.

School Council Elections: 6 children will be campaigning on Wednesday to become this year's school council chair and vice chair. They are busy honing their speeches ready to present to the school. Good Luck year 6.

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa (Head of School)



National Poetry Day is on Thursday 6th October. Children will be reading and performing poetry within their classes on this day. The theme this year is the **environment**. Poems are great to share at home. They can be performed or even sung. Why not read some of the poems about nature that I have shared or check out poems on this website click [here](#). The national [literacy trust](#) has lots of activities for families to engage in and the [national poetry day](#) website has lots of information about authors and sample poems to share.

What You Can Do

When you see litter in the streets
And the air smells of pollution
When you feel like it's all piling up
Remember there is a solution

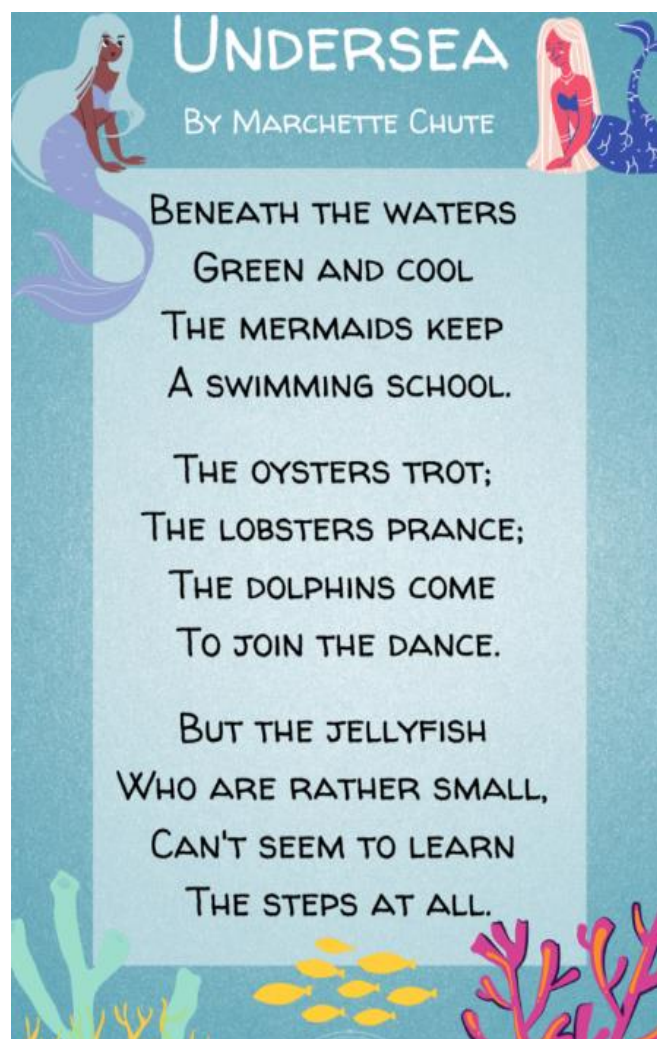
There's something each of us can do
To keep the rivers clean
To keep fresh the air we breathe
And keep the forests green

Help clean a beach
Or recycle bottles and cans
Learn about the problems we face
And help others understand

It doesn't have to be a lot
If we each just do our share
So take time out on Earth Day
To show the Earth you care



Dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat – let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health! Calling all Rotherhithe children to come to school in something yellow on Monday 10th October. We will be spending time on this day discussing important issues of mental health and wellbeing. Please donate generously to this worthy cause. All money supports young people's mental health.



We love music!

Learning to play a musical instrument is not only fun it is known to increase self-discipline and your cognitive ability. At RPS children in year 4 & 5 are learning to play the ukulele a specialist provision we purchase from Southwark's music service. Children will also learn to play the recorder as well as many other percussion instruments. Additionally, they have the opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument and the keyboard. What a musical school we are!



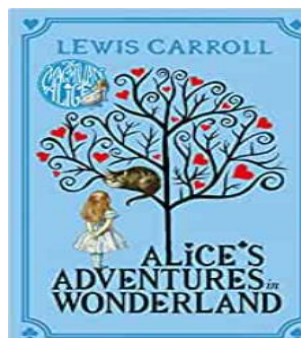
Dates for your Diary

3rd October	Black History Month starts Harvest Moon
	Yoga teaching for classes starts.
	Fantastic Fred Experience: NHS mental health workshop
5th October	World Teacher Day
	School council Elections
6th October	National Poetry Day
7th October	Girls football trip
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (world mental health day)
17th October	Fleet class – trip Fire concert
18th October	Parent cooking workshops
20th October	Mr B autism parent workshop
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 November	Parents evening
Week beginning 14th November	Children with SEND parent meetings
14th November	Anti-bullying week
28th November	British Math's Week
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: Alex Montgomery

Favourite Book: Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll



One of my favourite books is the classic novel Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. It was first published in 1865 for children. It is a humorous fantasy novel about a child's dream world with strange people and animals. The language used is simple and the book contains drawings to make it fun to read. The reader sees 'Wonderland' through Alice's perspective and listens to her unique inner monologues. I particularly like the unusual way it was written as the author using "nonsense verses", playing strange word games with apparently no signification, presenting absurd rhymes and asking riddles that had no answer. All these different aspects make it an entertaining novel.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Wandle class 98.7%

Walbrook class 99.5%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

It always seems impossible until it's done.
- Nelson Mandela



Whale	Nandana	Nandana has worked extremely hard this week and has been improved his attention and focus during class carpet sessions. Nandana has also been a great support to his friends and has made exceptional progress already with his work, particularly his writing. Well done, Nandana!
Coral	Christine	For being ambitious and always setting high standards. This week Christine ensured she completed unfinished work without prompting. She has also been very kind and helpful to her classmates. keep it up!
Seal	Lina	Lina has shown great enthusiasm in her learning this week. She has a wonderfully cheerful attitude towards all aspects of school life. Superstar!
Effra	Isaiah	Isaiah has worked hard to listen to the swim coaches' instructions. He is now able to confidently float and glide on his tummy. His swimming has really improved. Great effort!
Walbrook	Jayden	Jayden has demonstrated amazing listening skills during lining up time by following all the instructions given by his teacher. Jayden has also taken feedback from adults and has become more independent in his writing. Keep it up Jayden!
Ravensbourne	Alexander	For always making good choices regarding his behaviour and modelling a positive and hardworking attitude towards his learning. A true role model in every way.
Wandle	Scarlett-Rae	Scarlett-Rae has shown such diligence to her learning this week. She has been working hard to include all that is asked of her, particularly in her writing, and always shows exemplary behaviour.
Fleet	Rayann	Rayann always sets a fantastic example throughout the school day. She has been working so hard in all subjects and produced a wonderful diary entry.
Lea	Ibrahim	Ibrahim has built his confidence this week and read to the whole class during reading sessions. Amazing!
Thames	Alexander	For writing an informative autobiography incorporating appropriate relative clauses and adverbial starters to vary his sentences. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it! Well done!



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!

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.

