

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Armistice Day: Today in assembly we talked about Remembrance Day. We considered why the First World War (1914-1918) was described as the 'Great War' and that in this context the word is being used to describe the size of the war – the number of people and countries that were involved.

We talked about the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives fighting on behalf of their country and the hope that one day we will all find ways of solving our differences in a peaceful way. We talked a bit about what the children will see on the news over the weekend. We played the 'Last Post' and held a collective silence together.

We also considered the history of the Poppy and how Moina Michael (an American woman - see below) came up with the idea of remembering those who had died in the war by making poppies. This was after she read the poem Flanders Field by John McCrae a major in the first world war, who described poppies growing on the scarred battle land.

Thank you to all parents who have made a donation to the British Legion! The money is used to support war veterans and their families.



Poppies made by Whale class.



Lost Property: Please make sure children's clothing is labelled with their name. We will always return labelled clothing to children, but we frequently find clothing that is not named, and it is then difficult to reunite them with their owner.

There is now a plastic box stored in the playground near the foyer that contains any lost property that is found.

Parents can check this box in the morning or at the end of the school day.

Bikes and scooters: Cycling and scooting to school is a great form of exercise. We now have space for bikes and scooters to be stored in school.

We do, however, recommend that all bikes and scooters that are left on school premises are locked with a chain. The school cannot accept any responsibility or liability for bikes and scooters left on school premises.

Please remind children they are not allowed to ride their bikes or scooters in the playground.



Have a restful weekend. Lisa HoS

We love collaborating!



Year 6 Designers at work!

Year 6 children have commenced their Design and Technology unit this term by exploring what is meant by 'fit for purpose design'. They have applied their understanding to their own research on children's toys to evaluate their form and function. They invited children from Year 2 to assist them with this very important step of the design process.



Food Tasting Session

School Food Matters exists to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy, sustainable food during their time at school. The organisation uses real-world experience of working in schools to strengthen their campaigns on children's health, access to nutritious school meals and food education. They supported the school to update the Food policy and ensure that the 'healthy option is the easiest option'!

I have enlisted their support once again. Sharon Conrad (Food teacher) delivered two children's workshops on Wednesday. The focus for these children was to touch, listen, smell and taste a variety of fruit and vegetables. They took this task very seriously as you can see from the pictures! Sharon then delivered a parent cooking workshop for parents that was focussed on healthy cooking on a budget. The parents were very complimentary and found it useful discussing ideas about how to get their children to try new food. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Sharon Conrad and School Food Matters for delivering such fun workshops and to the parents and children for being so engaged.



Attendance matters!

Good attendance is important. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to do well academically and build healthy social relationships. If a child's attendance falls below **90%**, they are considered by the Department for Education (DfE) to be '**Persistently Absent**'. You will receive notification by email if your child's attendance drops below this percentage within the school year. You will then receive regular emails until your child's attendance rises to above 90%. This is automatically generated, and parents should expect these emails even if there is a valid reason for your child's absence.

Celebrating 100% Attendance: We love to celebrate good attendance too. Children receive trophies for the class with the highest attendance in each phase. They then receive some extra playtime -which they love!

All children who had 100% attendance for the last half term block received a certificate. We then selected a group of children with 100% attendance from each phase to receive a treat. This will not be for everyone but a selection of the children in that half term who achieved 100% attendance. This week, 14 children from Coral class were lucky enough to go on a trip to Pizza Express, in celebration of their 100% attendance. They learnt about the origins of Pizza and had the opportunity to make (and eat!) their own. They kneaded the dough, spread out the tomato sauce, topped it with cheese and sprinkled on oregano. They had a wonderful time and devoured the pizzas once back at school! Well done for your excellent attendance, and well-done Coral class for having the highest attendance in KS1. We are so proud of you!

Next week it is children from Ravensbourne's turn to visit Pizza Express for some culinary fun. Ravensbourne class has the highest number of children with 100% attendance in Key Stage 2. Well done Ravensbourne.

Thank you to Nina Hall for organizing these trips.



Developing Vocabulary and Communication

At RPS we have a focus on developing our children's vocabulary. We do this by introducing, explaining and demonstrating the meaning of words to children. We would love parents to support us in our effort. Reading is a great way to develop vocabulary. Don't forget to discuss the meanings of words as you read. Word games such as 'Guess Who' or 'Pass the bomb' are fun language games that help children practice using and describing new words. We would also encourage parents to turn their phones off when collecting children. Children learn a lot from the conversations they have with you as parents. Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about in school. Ask your children if they have learned any new words in the week. Why not have a word of the week at home?

Dates for your Diary

24th-28th October	Half Term break
31st October	Children return to school
7th November	Year 4 & 5 girls football lessons start
8th and 9th November	Parents evening
9th November	Taste Ed sessions for target children. 2pm – cooking workshop for parents
11th November	Armistice Day
Week beginning 14th November	Children with SEND parent meetings
14th November	Anti-bullying week starts Odd Sock Day
14th November	Year 1 & 2 movie night!
15th November	Year 3 movie night!
16th November	Childhood poverty trust filming on site.
17th November	Submission data for anti-bullying poster
18th November	Children in Need – let's get spotty! Dress up day.
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
13th December	Christmas Fair 3:30-4:15 pm
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

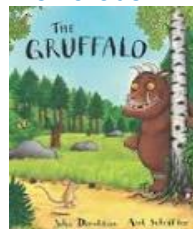
THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE
SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Teacher Book Recommendations

Admin and Finance Assistant: Sharon Hudson

Favourite Book: The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson



It's about a little mouse who goes through a dark, dark woods. On his way he meets a fox who thinks he will be very tasty to eat. The mouse is very cunning and says he is meeting a Gruffalo for tea. He describes him with terrible claws and terrible teeth. This makes the fox run away and hide. He does this with other animals too, but he eventually bumps into a Gruffalo.

The Gruffalo wants to eat him, but the quick-witted mouse outsmarts the Gruffalo by bragging that everybody is scared of him. The Gruffalo doesn't believe the mouse at first, so he follows the mouse through the woods to see. All the animals run away when they see them coming and the Gruffalo is convinced that the mouse is very scary and races away from the mouse at the end.

I love this book as the mouse is very quick thinking. The moral of the story is size does not matter and to always be brave and confident in whatever you do.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Walbrook 99.4%

Coral class 97.2%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



Whale	Yassin	Yassin has worked well this week and has shown excellent behaviour for learning. He has enjoyed our new class book 'The Little Red Hen' and has produced a beautiful piece of written work. Well done, Yassin!
Coral	Saifan	This week Saifan blew me away with his writing. He used a range of exciting adjectives and even edited his work independently. Keep it up!
Seal	Oyin	Sadly, Oyin will be leaving us soon. She has given 100% in everything she does, not just this week, but throughout her whole time at RPS. Keep up this great attitude in your new school, Oyin! We will miss you.
Effra	Whole class	For behaving sensibly and working hard while Amber has not been in school. Thank you and well done!
Ravensbourne	Tomiwa	For making huge improvements with his handwriting. He is really improving his penmanship across the curriculum. Keep it up Tomiwa, I really appreciate your efforts.
Wandle	Fatima	Fatima is such a kind and compassionate classmate and friend. She is eternally patient and always keen to help those around her who are sad or struggling with something. We are lucky to have you in our class!
Fleet	Leah-Rose	Leah –Rose has been a star performer in PE this week. She has shown great technique during invasion games, particularly with her defending in rugby. Well done!
Lea	Yasin	Yasin has worked very hard to improve his efforts across the curriculum especially in Maths and English. Keep up the positive attitude towards your work!
Thames	Goldie	For displaying a mature attitude when working with year 2 children in conducting a survey to research the form and function of a variety of toys. Keep it up!





ODD SOCKS DAY

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

**COME TO SCHOOL WEARING
ODD SOCKS TO CELEBRATE
WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT!**

**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
#REACHOUT
#ODDSOCKSDAY**

**ROTHERHITHE
Anti-Bullying
POSTER
COMPETITION**
14TH-18TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying
Week 2022
Reach Out

The Anti-Bullying Poster
Competition will be judged in 4
categories:

EYF5/ Years 1 & 2 / Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Closing Date :
Thursday 17th November 2022. Could you please
give your entries to your class teacher

ENTRIES MUST:

- ✓ Stand out with lots of colour.
- ✓ Clearly list the pupils name and
and year group. Use A4 paper.
- ✓ Include good grammar and
punctuation.
- ✓ Include pictures and Art.

**YOU CAN
WIN
PRIZES**

'Reach Out' is this years theme for Anti Bullying
Week 2022. We must do something positive which
helps to counter the harm and hurt that bullying
causes.
All entries must reflect the 'Reach Out' theme and
manifesto. We welcome positive messages as
well as work which reflects the challenges of
bullying experiences and shared efforts to
reduce bullying.
Try and ensure your poster is positive and shows
positive ways in which we can tackle bullying.

Judging and Winners

Your entries will be judged by Kealan. The
winners will be announced in our newsletter and
website on Friday 18th November and winning
entries will win a certificate and a prize.

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT
OUR WEBSITE:
ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY**

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Children in need 2022

Come together with BBC Children in Need and join *The Great SPOTacular!*

Children in need 2022 takes place on

Friday 18th November 2022

Children are asked to *Wear spots* and bring in a **£1.00 donation** for this extremely worthy cause.

Let's get spotty!



Movie Nights

Rotherhithe Primary School is pleased to announce the return of the much loved **"Movie Nights"**, which take place on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November 2022**. This is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event to raise money for school-based events.

Key Stage 1 (Seal, Coral and Whale) classes will have the opportunity to join us for the **Monday 14th seating**. The movie starts at **3:15pm** and runs through to **4:30pm**. Tickets are **£5.00 per**

child and include popcorn and a drink. If you have not bought a ticket for this showing and your child would like to attend, please visit the school office for a form and to pay for your ticket.

Spaces are limited so tickets are being sold on a first come, first served basis. Please send your £5 in cash in with your child to your child's class teachers.

Years 3 will be invited to movie night on **Tuesday 15th November. 3:15 – 3:45pm** and the same price. Again, please book your ticket as soon as possible.

Join the PTA: Calling any parents who can offer their time, expertise and local knowledge to volunteer time to supporting PTA events. If you are interested, please contact Alex Montgomery or speak to a member of staff at the school gates.



GO APE DIGITAL CHRISTMAS E-CARD COMPETITION

Reindeers, Christmas trees and snowmen...oh my!

The festive season is just over the horizon and Go Ape is inviting our mini adventurers to take part in an all-new exciting Christmas challenge with our biggest prize to date.

We're calling all 4-11-year-olds to showcase their artistic skills and passion for adventure to be in with the chance of winning an action-packed class trip to Go Ape for their school AND a Go Ape family ticket for any national Go Ape site for themselves! The winning design will be featured on our Digital Christmas E-card with the winner's name, age and school included.

What could be a better early Christmas present?

To enter simply submit your design following the theme "Christmas Outdoors". Every school that enters will win a copy of our 'Go Ape the School Trip' book for their school library. Entries can be submitted as an individual on behalf of their school or entries can be made collectively as a school.

Let your creative side shine and share your outdoor adventure designs with us to be in with the chance to make even more magical memories with our truly fantastic prizes!

How to enter

Pupils should create a coloured design on a piece of white A4 paper (either portrait or landscape). Colouring pencils, paint, crayons and felt tips may be used but please do not stick added material onto the entry. The design should be made up of image but should not feature any text.

Once created, the design can be sent to Go Ape in one of the following formats:

- Email competitions@goape.co.uk
- Submit via the online form <https://goape.co.uk/groups/schools/christmas-card-competition>
- Post your entries directly to George Nolan at Go Ape Banana HQ, The Drift, Bury Saint Edmunds IP31 1SL

The competition will close on Friday 16th December 2022 - perfect timing for end of term activities!

Competition Terms and Conditions

- There is a limit of only one entry per pupil.
- Entrants must be aged between 4 and 11 years old.
- Please do not stick any added material onto the entry, such as sequins, glitter.
- All entries must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 16th December 2022. Please allow time for the designs to arrive to us if you are posting your entries.
- The card should not include copyright infringing material or offensive or libellous content.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the team on 01284 852229.

Happy crafting and best of luck to all you little active adventurers!

Season's greetings, **GO APE**



Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Autumn Timetable 31st Oct-16th December 2022

We are now operating a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre.
A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Monday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (1-5 years) 10am-11:30am

Learning through play and stimulating activities whilst meeting other families with our team on hand to support you with any queries.

Boogie Miles (0-5 yrs)

Times: 1:30pm-2:15pm
Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years)

9:45am-12:00pm
From: 14th November
Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only 10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Canada Water Library

21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

Blue Anchor Library

Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10:00am-11:30am Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills for children with additional and special educational needs such as Autism, Global Developmental Delay, Social Communication Delay, ADHD, and any other additional needs.

Baby Massage (8 weeks old-pre-crawlers) Booking Required

Dates: 8th Nov-29th Nov (4 weeks)

Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years)

9:45am-12:00pm

From: 15th November

Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Venue: Ellen Brown

Communication and Play (18m-5 years)

1:30pm - 2:30pm

6th/13th/20th December

Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play.

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Toddler Time (2-5 years) 10am-11:30am

An opportunity for toddlers to learn and develop through fun by exploring, being active and creative, supporting next steps into nursery education.

Chattertime (18 months-5 years) 1:30pm-3:00pm Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play with a top tip every week and support from a Speech and Language Therapist.

Session cancelled on 30th Nov due to training

Venue: Ellen Brown

Save a Baby's Life and Mental Health Workshop

30th November ONLY 1:30-3:30pm

For parents/carers with children under 1.

To book please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only

10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years)

9:45am-12:00pm

From: 16th November

Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby and Me (0-12 months) 10:00am-11:30am Booking Required

Bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

Baby and Me (0-12 months) 12:30pm-2:00pm Booking Required

Bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

Please read below

Bookings will open on Mondays 9am until Tuesdays 4pm. You will be informed of your space on Wednesdays by email.

To book, please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

(Your name, child's name, and child's date of birth) and indicate which session you would like to attend.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only)

10am-12:00pm

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in Breastfeeding Café

From 8th December

10am-12:00pm (Please arrive by 11:30am)

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

1:30pm-2:30pm 10 weeks programme

Dates: 6th October - 8th December

Contact the centre for more details

Friday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months) 10:00am-11:30am

An opportunity for you and your child to play together and actively explore the environment through stimulating learning opportunities

Venue: Rotherhithe

Boogie Miles (0-5 years)

Times: 10:00am-10:45am

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Healthy Movers (0-5 years)

OUTDOOR SESSION - Weather permitting

11:30am-12:15pm

Interactive and fun physical activities to help you and your child stay fit and healthy, both physically and mentally.

Babies/Non walkers: Please bring a sling to carry your baby for safety reasons.

Speech and Language Additional Support

Are you concerned about your child's communication skills? Contact us to book an appointment for the **WellComm** session to receive one to one support and advice on next steps.

Email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Autumn Timetable 31st Oct-16th December 2022

Speech and Language support

Virtual Chattertime and Drop In Sessions

Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Do you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills? Please book onto a session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net

Website:
www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage

Facebook: @EvelinaSLT



Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.



HENRY Programme

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

To book please email:

gst-tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net

For more information, please visit
<https://www.henry.org.uk/>



Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE5 or SE17
If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email ccadmin@pilgrimsbay.southwark.sch.uk



Contact us!

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE16 2PF

South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre

Tenda Road, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilgrimsbay.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

<https://br-cc.org.uk/>



We have gone paperless to help save the environment. Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable.

50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play, and learn.



Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:
ccadmin@pilgrimsbay.southwark.sch.uk



Cygnal Parenting Programme (Families with children over 5yrs) Booking Required

Venue: Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre **Time:** 12:00pm-2:00pm **Dates:** 14th November-19th December 2022

6-week course delivered by the Autism Support Team to provide you with support, understanding and advice following a diagnosis of Autism.

Our registration form is now available to complete on our website

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

Please complete this if you are new to attending our Children and Family and Centres.

Sign up to our mailing list and be the first to know everything that is happening in the Children and Family Centre.