

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 25th November 2022

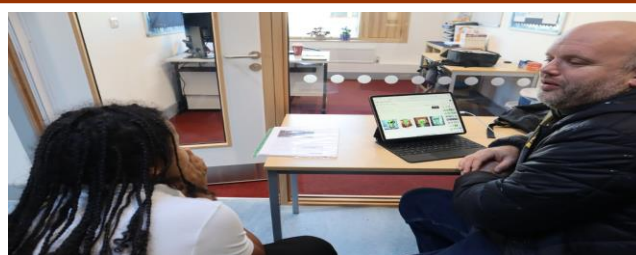
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy week with children rehearsing for their Christmas performances. There is a sneak preview of whale class practicing on the website. We have also had two guest speakers in assemblies this week.



The first guest speaker was Georgia from the 'Green School's Project' who joined a Key Stage 2 assembly on Monday. Georgia asked the children to consider the impact of pollution on our climate. She explained a bit about how greenhouse gases are heating up and damaging the planet leading to more extreme weather around the world. With support from the 'Green School's Project' Anthony will be running an after-school club that will start on the **5th of December**. The club will run on Mondays and the children will focus on designing projects to ensure we work towards becoming a zero-carbon school. The children were very excited. We can't wait to see what they accomplish.

Marc Craig Street Artist: Our second visitor was Marc Craig who led an assembly on Tuesday. He introduced years 1 to 6 to 'street art' showing them a range of mural projects he was completed over time (some are on very high buildings!). He talked about what collaboration is and how artists can produce exciting collaborative work. Throughout the week he worked with all the children in the school to use an A.I computer program that helps generate



images from words. The children had to select words linked to robots. The images they select will then be used to create a huge mural which the children will be able to visit. You can find out more about Marc's work by following this link: <https://marccraig.co.uk/>

School Photographs: On Tuesday the children had their school photographs taken and should have brought these home for parents this week. Year 6 will receive their pictures on Monday. If you would like to purchase any of the photographs, can you please follow the payment instructions in the pack. Orders need to be made by **Friday 2nd December**.

Design Technology: On Monday Conor (our DT Lead) and I had the pleasure of talking to children across the school who were working collaboratively on a variety of design technology projects. I can't wait to see the finished pneumatic toys year 3 were making and I look forward to seeing how Coral class use their newfound sewing skills!

Our children are very excited to be performing live Christmas shows for parents this year. Please add the dates to your diaries (see below). We have been busy collecting prizes for our grand Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Fair. There are some great prizes on offer. We will be selling raffle tickets in the playground and in the school office.

Have a great weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Year 6 visit the cinema

Children across the school have had the benefit of a free cinema trip over the past few weeks. As part of their Art & DT topics, Year 6 children were lucky enough to get a trip to the cinema in Leicester Square to watch the preview of the new movie "The Amazing Maurice" compliments of In2Film (founded by Johnny Depp in 2021)

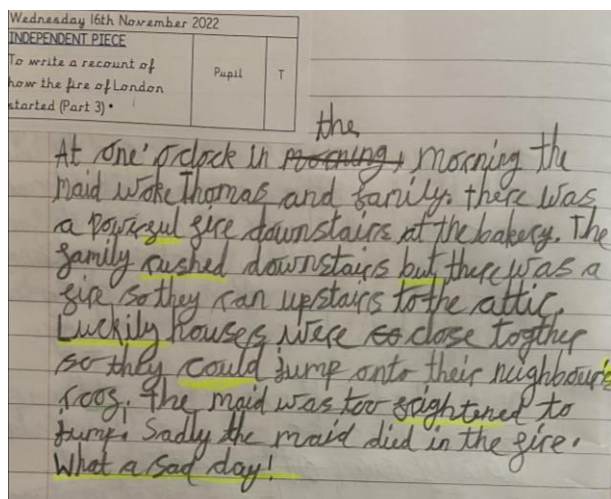
"The Amazing Maurice" story follows Maurice, a goofy streetwise cat, who has the perfect money-making scam. He finds a dumb-looking kid who plays a pipe and has his very own horde of rats, who are strangely literate. The children had an amazing day as they got to experience lunching in Trafalgar Square by the world-renowned Nelson's Column.

They were very well behaved and represented the school brilliantly.



★ Star Writing ★

It was a pleasure reading this star writing from Elizabeth in Seal class about the Great Fire of London. Well done, Elizabeth!



Starting Reception in 2023?

If you or your friends have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will start Reception in September 2023. Today Helen (Early Years Lead) conducted a tour of the school for prospective parents. Parents can request a tour by contacting the school office.

To help you make your choice for your child's first steps onto their school learning journey, we have created a video of our Early Years learning environment for you. [Click here.](#)

Parents must apply online for Reception places. The deadline for applications to be completed is the **15th January 2023**. For more information about applying for a school please ready the Southwark brochure on our website. <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Starting-Primary-School-in-Southwark-Brochure-2023-24.pdf>



Rotherhithe Primary School Christmas Performances 2022

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us
on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 6th December

Year 3 at 9:30 am

Year 4 & 5 at 2:20 pm

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 at 9:30 am

Year 6 at 2:20 pm

Thursday 8th December

Nursery am children at 9:30 am

Nursery pm children at 2:20 pm

Friday 9th December

Year 2 at 9:30 am

Reception at 2:20 pm

Entrance is free.

We will collect any donations that parents are generous enough to make and these will go towards providing additional, enriching activities for pupils at RPS.



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter



25th November 2022

Issue 2

Hello, we welcome you to this week's special art newsletter where street artist Marc Craig has come to visit the school, he has let the children create characters using A.I. for a hoarding. The mural Marc Craig will create will be in the local area the local. In a few days when it is done, feel free to come see this special mural with various colourful characters! As well as this, the children in Year 5 have been making pop-up books based on various children's stories such as Jack and Jill.



Today the children have been looking at the street artist: Marc Craig (born the on 13th December 1972) who makes art on hoardings. When creating murals, one should wear a respirator to prevent potential paint poisoning. Marc Craig has created many murals (some over 80m wide) with lots of different designs and colours that the children have seen, also he has worked with schools such as Queen Mary University. The children even got to meet Marc Craig!



One way to create a mural is simply just creating it yourself, but sometimes it gets lonely or hard, so sometimes people collaborate (when you work with more than one person) which can create wonderful artwork pieces! Also another way to make art is with A.I. generation : where you type in a subject (a word prompt) on a search engine (e.g. google) and type anything you can think of and it will generate an image related to the word prompt. Additionally, you contact our staff for any questions you have of this topic. The main ideas for the characters are :aliens and robots. We can't wait to see our characters on the mural!



REMINDER

Don't forget the 'Go Ape' design a Christmas card competition! Entries due by 16th December.

Contributors: Alexander, Zara, Sabawoon, Sophie, Godwyn, Cristina, Niko, Jade, Liam, Iqra, Jena, Daniel, Jahzi, Kloe, Kodi, Amelia, James, Faith, Anwar, Thea



RPS Christmas Raffle

£2 for 5 tickets

(For sale at the office or at the gates)

PRIZES:

Kid's Scooter	Swimming Vouchers
M&S Chocolate and Champagne Hamper	Christmas Cake
M&S Luxury Italian Food Hamper	Art Pack
Percy Pig chest of sweets	Children's games Hamper
Drinks Hampers	Photo display Hamper
Bollinger Champagne	1 Sealife Entry voucher
Luxury Beauty Hampers	

Drawn on Tuesday 13th December at the Christmas Fair at 4pm




SAVE THE CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Get Ready for some festive fun!

Christmas Jumper Day is on **Thursday 8th December**. So get designing a new jumper for Christmas. How creative can you be? Can you add tinsel, baubles or even lights? We will be dressing up to raise money for Save the Children. We will also be holding our **Christmas Dinner** on this day. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to join in the festivities and have a delicious roast dinner, please let Sharon in the school office know.



Dates for your Diary

21st November	Carbon-zero – special guest speaker
23rd-25th November	Marc Craig art workshops
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
5th December	Bowling competition Carbon Zero club starts
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
13th December	Christmas Fair 3:30-4:15 pm
14th December	Achievement Awards
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

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.

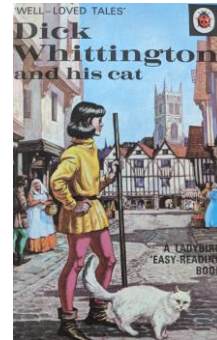
We do, however, recommend that all bikes and scooters that are left on school premises are locked with a chain. The school cannot accept any responsibility or liability for bikes and scooters left on school premises, playground.

**"DON'T BE AFRAID.
BE FOCUSED.
BE DETERMINED.
BE HOPEFUL.
BE EMPOWERED."**
—MICHELLE OBAMA

Teacher Book Recommendations

Intervention Teaching Assistant: Lucy Kerr

Favourite Book: Dick Whittington (particularly the Ladybird version)



I grew up reading this well-loved tale and found a favourite copy in school recently. This is the story of an orphan lad who makes his way to London because he has been told that the streets are paved with gold! Unfortunately, he finds that they are not. He gains work in the house of a wealthy merchant where the housekeeper is cruel, and his attic room is overrun with rats and mice. Whittington buys a cat from the market and the cat quickly rids him of his problem. Sadly, Whittington gives his beloved cat to the merchant to take overseas on his ship. His attic room is overrun with vermin once again.

Whittington's cat proves to be invaluable as a rat catcher both on the ship and on foreign lands. Whittington is rewarded well on the merchants return and becomes a wealthy man, who eventually become mayor of London. This book is beautifully illustrated it made me so nostalgic to read it once again.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Thames Class 97.7%

Coral class 96.3%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

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Whale	Simeon	Simeon has been a great reader this week. He has tried his best in phonics and has already shown accelerated progress in his blending skills. He has also been helping his friends with their phonics. Well done Simeon
Coral	James	James has shown tremendous resilience this week in English. He has had such a positive attitude towards his learning. Keep it up!
Seal	Kodi	For putting so much effort into improving his handwriting in school and at home. Well done and keep it up!
Effra	Ayana	Ayana was ambitious in her tests during assessment week. She took her time, ensuring that she read each question carefully before answering. Well done on being resilient for questions you were unsure of.
Walbrook	Divine	Divine has produced a great piece of writing in her English lesson. She has tried hard to use the literacy devices she has been learning and implementing them into her work. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Kaiden	Kaiden was nominated by his peers this week for being a helpful and supportive partner when working collaboratively. He shows kindness when helping others to understand challenging ideas and overall is a wonderful student to work with.
Wandle	Seth	Seth wowed me this week with his writing – a flashback narrative about a soldier at war. He wrote with such control and really drew the reader in. He also used an impressive range of emotive vocabulary – well done Seth.
Fleet	Fabian	Fabian has made huge efforts to improve on his behaviour and this has not gone unnoticed. He quietly gets on with his work staying motivated and completing tasks without needing any reminders. Keep up the hard work and great attitude!
Lea	Jaden	For showing resilience during assessment week even if he found something tricky. He is very helpful in class and always ready to support adults around the school. He is also very supportive in PE.
Thames	Precious	For displaying great determination in applying mathematical knowledge which is evident in her making accelerated progress in her assessments this week. Well done!



RPS CHRISTMAS



Fair



TUESDAY 13TH 2022

DECEMBER 3:30-4:15 PM

Santa's Grotto

Face Painting

Tattoos



Christmas Food and drinks

Brass band



Merry

Christmas!



Learning With Parents (LwP)

As parents you are your children's first teacher. Learning With Parents is a great interactive homework program that encourages mathematic learning through a range of practical activities around the home. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have access to this platform. If you haven't accessed the program with your child yet, please do. Speak to your child's teacher if you require any further advice or assistance.

LwP are running their Winter Winners competition once more. Please see on the right for what you need to do to get involved.

I look forward to seeing who earns a certificate after the Christmas holidays.



Winter Winners Competition!



What do you need to do?

Complete at least **one activity for every topic** set for you on Learning with Parents this term.

When do you need to complete them by?

Friday 6th January

What do you win?

A certificate and a virtual trophy!



hello@learningwithparents.com



Step Ahead

Introducing free - funded service for Southwark residents

Worried about the rising cost-of-living? Get into work with our support

Access part-time vacancies, get paid the London Living Wage or above, get trained, and grow in your career while supporting your family during the cost-of-living crisis.

Find out how by getting in touch with us. Email your full name, phone number, and postcode to Sahan@stepahead.co.uk or call 0745 814 3136



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Shape Your Space Community Activity Weekend

Free activities include:

Art classes
Cafe
Creche
Bike Repairs
Boxing
Football
Music
Table Tennis
+ more

Next to John
Kennedy House

26+27th November
10am-6pm





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 Mites (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 Mites (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

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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



Cygnat 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.