

RPS Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was amazing to be finally able to welcome parents into the playground on Monday. From now on gates will open at 8:50 am. All children should be in the playground by 8:55 am, so that children are in class ready for learning at 9 o'clock. Children in year 1 to 6 should be collected at 3:15 pm.

We ask parents to remind children that they are not to run or climb in the playground during drop off and collection times. Children must walk with their bikes or scooters while on school property.

Bikes and scooters: We 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.

Shoebox Appeal: There is still time to collect together a shoe box of goodies to ensure that a child gets to smile this Christmas. All shoeboxes need to be handed in at the school office or to your child's class teacher by Friday the 11th of November.

Debate mate: Our debate mate team visited the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster to take part in a competition with 30 other schools across the borough. Students aged 6 to 16 will develop key 21st-century skills such as confidence, communication and empathy. They will take part in a range of engaging and interactive activities, working alongside their peers from around the world and their university mentors. This debate-led methodology puts

students at the center of their learning and equips them with the critical-thinking and leadership skills required to tackle big topics such as Law, Philosophy and Shakespeare.

Our team initially watched other teams debate on whether children should be allowed to choose their own Headteacher. Our team had the opportunity to ask questions during the debate.

The Debate Mate club will be starting next **Wednesday on the 9th of November** where our team will have the opportunity to get involved in some debating of their own.

Parents Evening: We look forward to welcoming parents to our first parents evening of the year. You should have received a slip for next week. If you did not please approach the class teacher and request an appointment.

Year 1-6 parents evening is on Tuesday the 8th of November and Wednesday the 9th of November. **Reception and Nursery** parents evening is on Wednesday the 9th of November and Thursday the 10th of November.

Effra class parents evening has been cancelled. Unfortunately, Amber will be absent from school next week due to personal circumstances.

I still have some spaces for the parents cooking on a budget workshop. Please let me know if you would like to attend. It will be fun! Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa

Art Ambassadors

To prepare our pupils for future life, we encourage pupils to take on roles of responsibility within the school, one of them being the role of an Art Ambassador. This position is open for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 with a representative from each class.

Our Art Ambassadors show commitment to their role and give up their own time to carry out their duties. The role of the Art Ambassador is to help with the smooth running of Art across the school. They meet regularly to have their voice heard with an emphasis on how to develop the Arts and promote each Art form.

We aim to provide exciting opportunities for the Art Ambassadors to visit other schools within the borough, assist in organising Art Week and represent pupil voice. This helps develop ideas- keeping our Art curriculum vivid and varied.

Our Art Ambassadors are selected for their passion, interest and skills.

This year's Arts Ambassador duties include:

- To participate in school assemblies
- To create a pupil questionnaire to gather pupil feedback on Arts within RPS, administering the questionnaire, collating the results and analysing feedback.
- Assisting in the organisation of an Arts Week
- To judge competition artwork
- To take photographs in Art Sessions as practical evidence
- To support in organising Art resources



We proudly present RPS Art Ambassadors



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)

Thought of the Week

SUCCESS IS THE SUM OF SMALL EFFORTS, REPEATED DAY IN AND DAY OUT.

- ROBERT COLLIER



Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Helen Walsh

One of my favourite books is: My favourite story is 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen.



I love this story because I love the rhythm and language Michael Rosen uses. It is really great fun to read with others because everyone can join in with the repeated refrains. Being able to play with expression and tone of voice when reading this story makes it an all-time favourite for me. Lots of other authors have been inspired by the structure of this story and created new versions based on this for example 'We're going on an Elf chase' and 'We're going on a Leaf Hunt'. Maybe you could write your very own version, what could you go and look for?



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Fleet class 97.9%

Whale class 96.9%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



Whale	Ella	Ella has worked extremely hard this week. She is becoming independent in her writing, and she is very resilient when she finds something difficult. Well done!
Coral	Coral Class	This week I was blown away by Coral class's positive attitude towards their learning. During group tasks, pupils shared resources and worked together kindly. Keep it up!
Seal	Seal Class	The whole class behaved impeccably on our trip to the Museum of London. They really did Rotherhithe proud. We had a fantastic time and we learnt so much about our new topic. Well done, everyone!
Effra	Jayden	Jayden is a very respectful young man, who always shows active listening and kindness towards others. As a result, he is making lots of progress in his learning. Brilliant!
Walbrook	Hudson and Tony	Hudson has a great attitude towards his learning, he is always eager to learn new things and is always sharing interesting facts with his class. Hudson has also shown resilience and never gives up. Keep it up! Tony has had a very positive week; he has demonstrated how to be a fantastic role model around the class and school by consistently meeting expectations. Well done!
Wandle	Hal	I have been so impressed with the way Hal has made links in his learning this week. He listens carefully during lessons and makes astute observations that draw on prior learning. I really value your contributions, Hal!
Fleet	Robert	Robert has a brilliant attitude towards his work. He is challenging himself every day and is completing all of his home-learning tasks. He has also impressed us with his excellent self-portraits and artwork. Well done!
Lea	Rosianna	Rosianna has worked extremely hard in Maths and her Arithmetic has improved. In English she has conscientiously thought about her writing, improved her sentence structure and use of literary devices. I am very proud of your efforts and positive attitude to your learning. Keep it up.
Thames	Mihran	For designing and constructing an excellent scientific model on our upcoming topic: the circulatory system. What fantastic work!



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 lchristiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk



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!



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:

EVFS/ 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**



WIN A CLASS TRIP!

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



2021 winner, layla aged 9

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**



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.