RPS Weekly Newsletter







Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week of performances we have had. Christmas is definitely coming soon!

The children in Reception and Nursery looked extremely cute. Reception elves hunted for the 'Tenth Present' that had gone missing and nursery penguins marched and twirled across the floor in their Penguin Show.

Year 1 wowed us with their polished performance of the **nativity story**. From the angel to the shepherds to Mary and Joseph and everyone in between, all children spoke their lines with such confidence and conviction. And the songs - incredible! With actions used to help tell the story, it felt like we were watching a West End production.

Year 2 treated us to the much-loved 'Whoops a daisy angel'. Their singing was fantastic, and the children performed with flair. An extremely memorable performance.

In Key Stage 2 the children presented a range of Christmas concerts. Year 3 delighted with their 'Spirit of Christmas', which included a musical instrumental that showcased Santa's trip across the sky until he got stuck in the chimney! I was impressed by how many poems they had memorized.

Year 4 & 5 performed the story of the 'Little Match Girl' one of my all-time Christmas favourites! Their orchestral concert was extremely impressive -with brass band performances, great narrations, and beautiful singing.

Year 6 finished the Key Stage 2 performances with their concert 'Twas the very first nativity'. They truly sang like angels and their Christmas version of Bohemian Rhapsody was spine tingling.

Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work. We know parents enjoyed the opportunity to see children perform live. Thank you for your donations to school funds.

Photographs & Filming: Can I please remind parents that any photographs of films that you took during performances should not be posted or shared on social media. We took a lot of photographs, and you can see them on our website: Click here.

Christmas Dinner on Thursday was a huge success. The children had fun singing along to Christmas tunes while telling each other Christmas jokes.

Christmas Raffle: not long now until the Christmas Fair. I've heard Santa is putting in an appearance! If you haven't bought a raffle ticket time is running out! Don't miss your chance to be a winner. You can purchase tickets from Sharon in the school office at £2 per strip of tickets.

Class Parties are on Thursday. Please send in a donation of a $\pounds 1$ so that teachers can buy party food. Children can wear sensible party clothes on Thursday.

Early closure: Don't forget we close early at 2pm on Friday 16th December.

Have a fun filled weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Christmas comes to Nursery







Christmas is a fantastic learning opportunity in nursery. From sharing Santa stories to writing a letter to send him in the North Pole. Of course, we must remember to post our letters in the postbox on time too!





The children also had the important job of helping the Elves in Santa's workshop decorate presents and sort and order them in size.



The children also created their own stories using Story maker and then created props and acted them out.





How Steady is your hand?

Year 6 completed their Design Technology unit by inviting Year 2 children to test/review their 'Steady Hand Game'.

Janae said: 'I like Drake's game because all of the others make beeping noises and it's very annoying but Drake's lights up when you touch the metal'

Nathan said: 'It's cool because when you touch the metal, the propeller spins

around'



















Attendance Matters!

A group of children from RPS were rewarded for their fantastic attendance all term with a trip to the Hollywood Bowling alley last week. They had a very memorable time. Wassim from year 6 said 'It was really fun! I thought it was going to be hard at first because the bowling ball was really heavy, but I managed to get a STRIKE!' Tyler: 'I liked using the bowling ramp because this helped the bowling ball go faster. We had to use our arms a lot. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it.'

The children were extremely well behaved and even managed to win a bronze medal while having a lot of fun! Keep up the fantastic attendance!





Attendance: We will be handing out 100% attendance certificates on Friday for this half term block. We are busy booking a range of treats for children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term, including another pizza making lesson at Pizza Express. Will you be chosen to go?

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. 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. <u>Click here.</u>

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

Thought for the Day

Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas - perhaps -means a little bit more!

The Grinch

Reception and Nursery

























Year 1 & 2 superstars!

























Key Stage 2 Concerts

































Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

Issue 4

Greetings all, since Christmas is coming up, the whole school have created amazing snowflakes for the recent Christmas Plays that some of you may have seen or been to. They have made these snowflakes by folding a piece of paper multiple times, then carefully cutting said pieces of paper, to then unravel them, then at that point you have formed a wonderful, unique snowflake! There are thousands of possibilities for snowflakes that even you at home could create yourself!

The children's snowflakes were also stuck on the back off the wall for their performances for a bit of Christmas spirit to lighten the mood and make parents and family members happier. All of our children at this school worked really hard to perfect their performances and everyone enjoyed it so we are really happy and grateful for all of the parents who attended to see and hear all of their wonderful children singing and dancing!!

For the first time in this newsletter, we are adding a 'favourite artist' section. First up are students from year 3!

EMINDER: The Christmas Card Competition is due on the 16th of December, Friday, the last day of term. For more information of this subject, visit our website

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My uncle is my favourise artist because he does a ot of good details



My dad is my favourite arrist because he does great details

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







SNOWY JOY & THE GRIOTS This is no Ordinary Show! Oozing from the leaves of realistic, fantasy – SNOWY JOY (2019) written by Sade Fadipe and adapted for drama and musicality by Margaret Omoniyi is a truly cultural, festive, Storytelling experience for Families.

Date: 17th Dec 2022

Time: 3-5pm

Adult only £5.00 / Child's Ticket £2.50 Family Ticket (1 Adult & up to 3 Children) £10

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/snowy-joy-the-griots-a-tale-of-kindness-refuge-tickets-469863463267

Dates for your Diary

21st November	Carbon-zero – special
	guest speaker
23rd-25th	Marc Craig art workshops
November	
22 nd November	School Photographer
	taking individual pictures
	and pictures of siblings
28th November	British Math's Week
29th November	Health and safety audit
Week beginning	Christmas performances
5 th December	
5 th December	Bowling competition
	Carbon Zero club starts
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner
13 th December	Christmas Fair 3:30-4:15
	pm
14 th December	Achievement Awards
15 th December	Christmas parties
	All after school clubs finish
16 th December	Break up for Christmas
	holidays
	(Early Closure at 2pm)

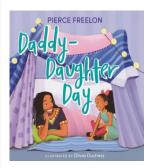
The Southwark Food Action Alliance is a resource for anyone who cannot afford to buy food or cannot access food by applying to crisis support, find ways to increase their money or by using local food banks, community pantries or low-cost food options. If you are unable to afford enough food, there is support available in Southwark.

Free and confidential advice and support is available, including for those who are refugees, asylum seekers or have NRPF. There is also help to make sure that you're getting all the money that you are entitled to as well as vouchers to help pregnant women and parents of young children to afford healthy food. You can contact the alliance by completing the Southwark Community Support online referral or by emailing communitysupportalliance@southwark.gov.uk or by Telephoning them on 020 7525 5000 and choosing option 3.

Teacher Book Recommendations

Safeguarding and Intervention Officer: Kofi Danquah

Favourite Book: Daddy- Daughter Day by Pierce Freelon



My daughter chose this book for us to read, because she said the daddy in the story looks like me. It always makes me smile as I think he might!

The book is about a daddy and daughter planning a perfect day together. Will they play hopscotch in the park or build a pillow fort and stay inside? Or maybe they will frolic like princesses or find a big tree to climb? Their relationship is a joy to read.

Why not try out these books featuring dads and their children.



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Coral class 97.7%

Fleet Class 94.7%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

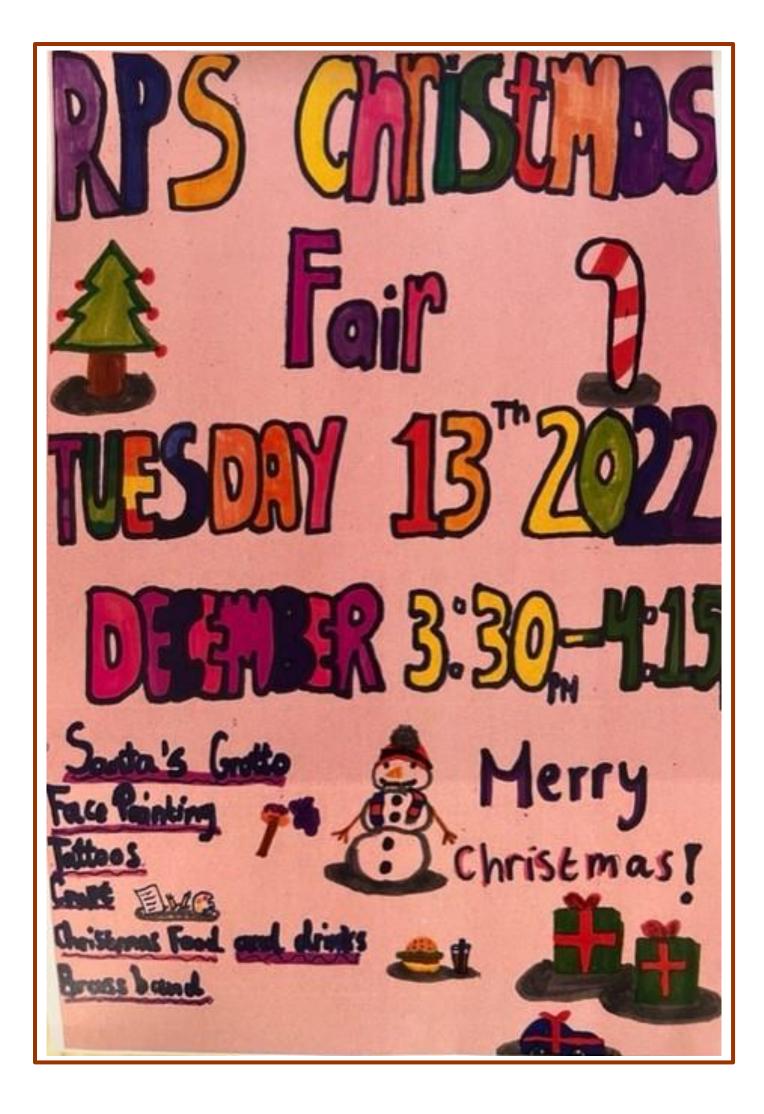






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Whale	Yasmine	Yasmine has had a fantastic week this week. She performed well in our nativity and was an excellent Angel Gabriel. Well done, Yasmine.
Coral	Charlotte	For her hard work during our multiplication unit of work in maths. She did a fantastic job visually representing calculations using arrays and bar models. Well done, Charlotte!
Seal	Lizzie	For being an R.E expert! Lizzie is always willing to share her experiences and knowledge of Christianity with the rest of the class.
Effra	Jayden	Jayden is always ready to listen and learn. He shows respect to his peers and teachers. He is well liked by all, and they respect the decisions he makes. Superstar!
Walbrook	Whole Class	For the fantastic behaviour and efforts rehearsing for the Christmas production. You were amazing and I am proud of you.
Wandle	Georgina	Georgina has showed such resilience in swimming lessons this term and has improved hugely. And she always does it with a smile on her face. We're proud of your Georgina!
Fleet	Adil	Adil has been working hard to improve the quality and quantity of his writing. We have all enjoyed reading his work this week. Well done!
Lea	Raheemah	Abigail requested that I present this to Raheemah for kindness towards her in the rain. She escorted Abigail with her umbrella to prevent her getting wet. Super star!
Thames	Emil and Paige	For working collaboratively on researching, designing and constructing a steady hand game that incorporates the use of electrical circuits. Well done!









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Date: 06 December 2022

Dear Parents/ Carer

RE: Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun, 2022

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter, Southwark Council will be hosting Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme wants to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays.

Each programme will provide:

- · Free, healthy and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- · A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- · Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

I encourage you to book a place for your child/children to ensure they have an enjoyable and memorable winter holiday period.

Rest wishes

Yours Sincerely



Cllr Evelyn Akoto Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing







West Central MILLWALL COMMUNITY WINTER FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAME Southwark Ages: 5 to 16 Bethwin Road Adventure Playground, Bethwin Road, SE5 0YY **ACTIVITIES 4 U** 07903 245 058 Ages: 8 to 16 South Bank University, Trafalgar Street, SE17 2TP stells@millwallcommunity.org.uk www.millwallcommunity.org.uk © 020 7735 8181 admin@activities4u.org.uk www.activities4u.org.uk PARENT SKILLS2GO & LITTLEPEOPLE'S WORLD Ages: 8 to 16 St Matthews Church, Lilford Road, SE5 9HY BRANDON TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (TRA) Ages: 6 to 16 07725 818 283 07507 443 737 Rachel Leigh Community Hall, 32 Andrews Walk, SE17 3JQ admin@parentskills2go.com www.parentskills2go.com 07523 943 819 youngadvisors@southwark.gov.uk SPRING COMMUNITY HUB HOLIDAY CLUBS **BURGESS SPORTS** Ages: 4 to 16 Ages: 5 to 16 Site 1: St Giles Parish Hall, 161 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL Surrey Square Primary School, Surrey Square, SE17 2JY Site 2: St Georges C of E Primary School, Coleman Road, SE5 7TF 07458 302 333 Site 3: St Paul's Church, Lorrimore Square, afruja@burgesssports.org www.burgesssports.org Lorrimore Road, SE17 3QU Site 4: Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Programme, UAL Foundation, Modular Building, JAEGAR HOLIDAY CLUB 1 Wilson Road, SE5 8LU Ages: 4 to 11 Site 5: Teens Programme, United Reform Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE Lyndhurst Primary School Grove Lane, SE5 8SN Site 6: The Clubroom, Samuel Lewis Trust Estate, Warner Road, SE5 9LY © 020 3576 0715 07988 138 997 info@jaegarhc.co.uk www.jaegarhc.co.uk holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk www.cschub.co.uk



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.

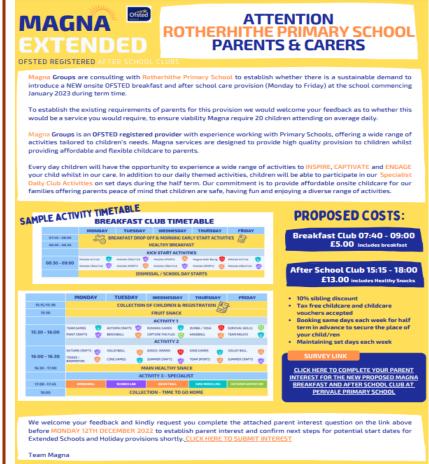
LwP are running their Winter Winners competition once more. Please see on the right for what you need to do to get involved.

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









BOOK YOUR MAGNA EXTENDED SCHOOL TODAY!

www.magnagroups.com 333 012 4984 info@magnagroups.com

Wrap Around Care Magna Groups are consulting with RPS to establish whether there is a demand to introduce a NEW onsite OFSTED breakfast and after school care provision commencing January 2023.

To establish the existing requirements of parents for this provision they would welcome your feedback as to whether this would be a service parents and carers would require and use. Please do complete the survey clinking on this link.

This will allow parents and carers to register their interest.

Magna services want to provide high quality provision for children whilst providing affordable and flexible childcare for parents. They will be offering a 'Question & Answers' session for RPS parents on Tuesday 13th December at either 8 am or 9 am.