

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic holiday, and it was great welcoming our children back to school for the start of the Spring term. We wish you good health and happiness for the new year.

World Religion Day is this Sunday 15th January. We considered this day in the whole school assembly on Monday. The intention behind World Religion Day is to encourage all faiths to celebrate their similarities and common beliefs. I was impressed by children's abilities to identify similarities between faiths and their knowledge of religious symbols. We focused on the 'Golden Rule' a thread that runs through all religions which is to treat others the way you would want to be treated. The children also listened to some hymns.

Safeguarding your children is our first priority at RPS. Every year schools receive new recommendations from the DfE and local authority to support us in our mission to protect our children. The DfE update is called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE). You can read part 1 of the document which all staff working with children are required to read online. There is also an online translating tool to enable the document to be read in a number of languages. [KCSIE online - click here.](#)

We have recently made an amendment to our policy to take into account some recommendations from the local authority. Please read the policy by [clicking here.](#) If a parent ever has a safeguarding concern or question we are always here to listen. Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility.

Safe Collection of children: Please ensure the office staff or class teacher is informed if a different adult is going to collect your child. We will not release children to adults unless this has been agreed with you. We will only release to young persons who are age 16 years or older.

Please be aware that if children are not collected after school and we are unable to make contact with a parent to establish why, we are advised to call social services.

Contact Information – Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the school office. In the event of an emergency the school require at least 2 but preferably 3 emergency contacts.

Scooters: Please ensure children do not ride scooters in the playground.

Music lessons: It was a pleasure welcoming Margaret and her team back to RPS this week. At RPS we value music provision highly which is why we use specialist music teachers to teach this subject and to provide brass band tuition. Learning to play an instrument has been linked with improvements in mathematical thinking as well as developing language skills, creativity and supporting expression. The children quite clearly loved seeing the team return today. Aurora in year 1 impressed everyone by singing a solo sea shanty. Please watch her by following this link: [Aurora music solo.](#)

Happy World Religion Day. Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

We Love Learning!



Music: Reception class was joined by Lily of Margaret's Music today who gathered the children together to create a song using everyday items such as fruit.

The children started with a stretching warm up to get their bodies moving and then some vocal exercises to get their voices ready. It was clearly very exciting and interactive for the children. You can watch a short clip of the lesson [here](#).



Art: Whale class were learning about print design using shapes and paint. In this case, the children were using different Lego blocks dipped in a variety of paint colours to make printed patterns. The children very quickly got creative with their colour schemes.

Well done children. We clearly have some budding artists in the making within Whale Class.

In **Science**, Wandle Class have been experimenting with solutions to understand the processes available to scientifically separate mixtures.

Through the experiment the children consider which solutions were either soluble or insoluble. The methods used during their experiments were as follows:

1. Evaporating and condensing
2. Decanting
3. Magnetism
4. Filtering and
5. Sieving

You can see more pictures of the scientists at work by following this [link](#).



Children learn a lot through games and play such as how to share and take turns. In Nursery today the children were also getting to grips with counting by using a dice driven board game. In this example you can see the children throwing dice to see which number out of six they have. They then move their coloured block forward to a new square on the board.



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

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Issue 5

Hi all, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we hope you had an amazing holiday break! Mural update: Marc Craig's (street artist) progress on the mural can be seen here. Take a look for yourself on the corner of Alfred Salter Primary School. In Year 6 Lea class visited the Dulwich Picture Gallery as they had been given an opportunity to participate in a project called 'Marc Makers' which has been developed to support year six students in their final year of Primary School as they start to think about the transition to Secondary School.

Marc Craig's Mural Progress



This week, in Year 1 they have been creating various drawings of animals. They was someone who's drawing we wanted to share with you since it was outstanding: Nikita from Whale Class and this is how he created the dinosaur 'First, I used a circle for the eye. Then, I did his mouth, with sharp teeth. Then, I did the body, then the spikes, then I did the arms, and the legs the spikes and the tail. He has got sharp pointy claws'

In Year 5, students have been looking and recognising at the different features of houses and they have also been drawing different types of houses. In addition, they have been making another page of the pop-art books that you may of remembered from a few months ago, they have made various stories like A Christmas Carol (Scrooge) , The Whipping Boy (a book they have been learning about) and the famous Nursery

In Year 6, aside from visiting the Dulwich Picture Gallery have been creating tags, which is a stylized signature of your name.



Year 1 Animal Drawings

Year 6 Signature Tags



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



Whale	Yassin	Yassin has shown excellent behaviour for learning and has produced exceptional work this week, especially in English and science. We are so proud of Yassin. Well done.
Coral	Jayda	This week Abigail was very proud of Jayda during her reading intervention. She was able to form her own opinion different from her peers and was able to support her reasoning. Good job!
	Sofijie	This week Sofijie has been on fire during our Maths lessons. Whilst learning to tell the time, she has shown incredible focus and a wonderful attitude towards her learning. Keep it up!
Seal	Ruweydah	Ruweydah has worked hard to improve her writing. She is forming smaller letters, using amazing adjectives and even included alliteration in her last piece of writing. Well done!
Effra	Ayaan	Ayaan is trying hard to improve in all his subjects. He is determined to develop and is listening to all advice given in order to try and improve. Keep it up!
Walbrook	Daniel	Daniel has always handed his homework in on time. He has continuously presented and produced amazing work. This week Daniel created a hat made for an Egyptian Pharaoh. He has added a lot of detail and effort into his artwork. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Rui Xi	Rui Xi has consistently shown growth and hard work across the curriculum. She has demonstrated her writing abilities in the last two units we've worked on, and her Scrooge character description was eerily accurate. Her contributions are insightful, and it is such a pleasure having her as part of our classroom family.
Wandle	Anisa	For a fantastic observational drawing of a house. The scale of the sketch was really accurate, and she included lots of detail.
Fleet	Leah-Rose	For the improvement in her reading and handwriting. Leah-Rose has also shown improvement in her listening and her enthusiasm with completing all her tasks. Keep it up!
Lea	Dami	As a new member of Lea class Dami has settled in very well. She is very respectful and friendly, and we can see that she will do very well at Rotherhithe Primary School. Welcome to our school Dami and I know you will do yourself and us proud.
Thames	Joshua	For displaying an excellent attitude to his own learning and for assisting his peers with shared tasks in a polite and kind manner. Well done!



Dates for your Diary

3rd January	Inset Day/ staff training
4th January	Children return to school
9th January	World Religion Day
16th January	Martin Luther King Day
20th January	Hello Planet Workshops for years 3/4/5 and 6.
23rd January	Ravensbourne Science Museum trip Lunar New Year!
31st January	Effra class trip – Ancient Egyptians
3rd February	Year 6 Southwark Junior Citizenship workshop– Year 6
7th February	Internet Safety Day Walbrook Class trip – Ancient Egyptians
9th February	Height and Weight Check Reception to year 6
10th February	Break up for half term
20th February	Children return to school
21st February	Diversity Role Models workshops
23rd February	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
27th February	Year 2 mock SATs week
1st and 2nd March	Parent's Evening
Week starting 6th March	Year 6 Mock SATs
8th March	World Book Day
Week starting 13th March	British Science Week
17th March	Dress up as you favourite Scientist or science inspired costume
21st March	World Poetry Day
Week starting 27th March	Poetry Week
31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade Achievement Awards Early school closure at 2pm

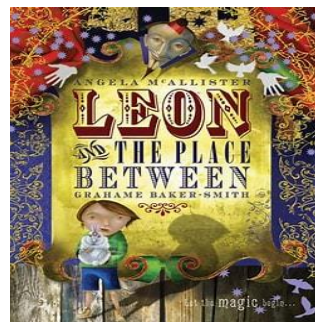
Thought of the Week

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
Albert Einstein

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Amina Shohid

Favourite Book: Leon and the Place Between by Grahame Baker-Smith



I would recommend this book as it is filled with a fascinating adventure that takes you on a mysterious and magical journey.

This amazing book is about a boy called Leon, who loved magic. Unfortunately, his friends and siblings thought magic was all made up and fake. He desperately wanted to show them that magic truly existed and wanted them to love magic the way he does.

One day, he decided to go to a magic show to prove to his friends that magic was in fact real. Leon volunteered to be a part of the trick. Little did he know, Leon was soon to be transported to different dimensions, where he would learn more about the meaning of magic. Leon also discovers what happens to the magic once it has been performed.

Why don't you have a read for yourself and join Leon's magical adventure?

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Seal class 99.1%

Lea Class 99.2%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Respect and healthy relationships online – how the Children’s code can help

The theme of this year’s Safer Internet Day is respect and healthy relationships online. The digital world is a space for children and young people to hang out with their friends, to connect with distant relatives and to learn and explore. It’s crucial that children feel as comfortable and confident in the online world as they do in the real world.

Regulators, technology firms and parents all have a role to play in keeping children safe online. They collectively ensure respect for young people’s privacy online and drive action to make the digital world safer for them.

What can I do if my child is unhappy with someone’s behaviour online?

1: Look at the platforms’ community and behaviour standards

Many online platforms have [community and behaviour standards](#) that set out how their service operates – the ICO’s Children’s code says that these policies should be accessible to parents and children.

These policies also set out what you can expect if users don’t follow behaviour or community standards. [Internet Matters’ advice page](#) includes a list of the community standards from the most popular social media sites, live streaming platforms and gaming apps.

2: Talk to your children about respect and relationships online.

Talk to your children to explain what is expected of them and their friends in online spaces. You should show them how to report any unacceptable behaviour they see or experience. [ChildNet has a helpful guide](#) showing you how to report on some of the most frequently used platforms.

[Safer Internet Day has tips, videos and activities to help guide you through these conversations.](#)

The Children’s code states that online services should set privacy at high by default. Children can change these settings, so talk with your child about keeping their privacy set to high. This gives them more control over who they share their data with, and who can engage with them online.

3: Raising your concerns

If you’re unhappy with how an organisation has handled your complaint, you have the right to raise a concern. We believe that the organisation responsible should deal with it. We expect them to take your concern seriously and work with you to try to resolve it.

How does the ICO’s Children’s code help protect children online?

Our world-leading Children’s code plays a vital role in helping to make the internet a safer place for young people. The code is clear - [companies need to ensure their policies and standards are upheld](#).

If online platforms and services don’t actively uphold or enforce their own rules and conditions, then you have the right to [make a complaint to the ICO](#).

[Learn more about our Children’s code and how it can help keep children safe online.](#)

Winter Timetable 5th January-10th February 2023



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, social and emotional development.

Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only
10am-11:30am

Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and register with the library.

WHERE:

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.
(No session 10th Jan due to staff training)

Baby Massage (8 weeks old-pre-crawlers) Booking Required
Dates: 17th Jan-7th Feb (4 weeks)
Times: To be confirmed

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

Antenatal Workshop Booking Required
4-week course for expecting parents.
More details to come.

Dates: To be confirmed

To enquire, please email:
ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Venue: Rotherhithe

Stay and Play (0-5 years)
10am-12:00pm - From: 17th January
(No session 10th Jan due to staff training)

Fun and stimulating activities for children and families. Parents can get advice and support around child development, parent-child wellbeing and much more. Access to internet for parents via site laptop for further support- Ask a member of staff.

Warm Space.

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.

Venue: Pilgrims Way

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

Speech and Language Drop in Dates:

Meet a speech and language therapist for advice and tips:

18th January- Toddler Time at Ellen Brown

26th January-Baby & Me at Ellen Brown

27th February- Book Start at Canada Water Library

8th March- Toddler Time at Ellen Brown

20th March - Book Start at Canada Water Library

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

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

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

No session on the 19th January due to staff training

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café Drop in
10am-12:00pm

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

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

Dates: 2nd February-6th April
10-week programme

Connect with your baby and other parents in a supportive space, unwind and de-stress through the joy of singing and music-making

Contact the centre for more details

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

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

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 (0-5yrs)
Times: 10:00am-10:45am

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

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Cygnat Workshop

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

Workshop for parents/carers of children 5-18 yrs old with Autism.

For more information contact:
Blagoje Vucinic

Blagoje.vucinic@southwark.gov.uk

Winter Timetable 9th January-10th February 2023

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-lr.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: Henry@gstf.nhs.uk

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@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



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.

We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable and sign up to our mailing list and be the first to know everything that is happening in the Children and Family Centre.



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@pilgrimsway.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

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Please visit our websites for further information

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