

RPS Weekly Newsletter



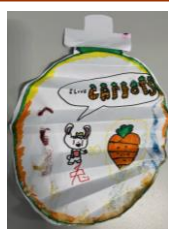
Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Lunar New Year! In assembly this week the children considered the countries that celebrate Lunar New Year and why we no longer call it Chinese New Year. This is because lots of countries in East and South-East Asia celebrate Lunar New Year, which started on the 22nd of January, following a new moon. The children learned about the different traditions and festivities that occur around the world. You may see red lanterns being hung in homes, and red cards with money is often given as a gift. Did you know that this year is the Year of the Rabbit? Those born in the Year of the Rabbit are considered to be kind, gentle, skillful and patient.



Art club
lunar new
year
lanterns



Teacher Strikes: The first planned NEU teacher strike takes place next Wednesday 1st of February. We have assessed the potential impact of this at RPS and can confirm that we will be fully open. There are three further planned strikes days and we will assess the situation closer to each date.

After School Provision and Breakfast Club: We would like to inform any parents who may use the after-school club that Kay has resigned from leading it. We thank her for her hard work over the past few years. Magna after school club provider is recruiting staff to lead the club and, we therefore do not have a start date yet. Our staff will

continue to run breakfast and after school club next week. We will provide a further update when we have more information from Magna.

Can I please remind parents that you must book and **pay in advance** of your child attending the club. Failure to do so will lead to your child not being allowed to attend. If you have any financial queries regarding this, please speak to Sharon in the school office.

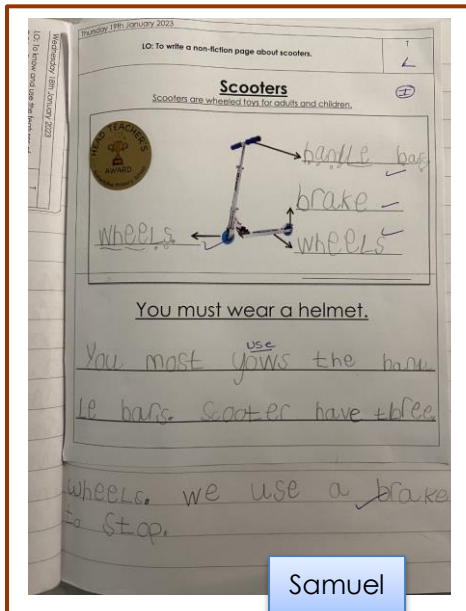
Filming: Fleet class were filmed during their computing lesson on Wednesday. This is part of a case study led by our technology provider Concero. They are assessing the positive impact of the new technology available to our children, on their learning and on staff workload. Thank you to all parents who gave consent for the children to participate in the filming.

Science Museum Trip: Ravensbourne class was the first year 4 & 5 class this week to venture off to the Science Museum. Whitney and Niko told me all about it and the children quite clearly enjoyed the trip. Their science topic this term is 'changing materials' and they took part in a workshop where they explored chemical changes. They were fascinated by some of the colours created. They also had fun exploring 'Wonderlab' where they engaged with a number of science experiments. The children's behaviour was excellent! I'd like to thank one of our parents, Kharman, for supporting the trip at short notice.

Have a lovely weekend. Lisa (HoS)

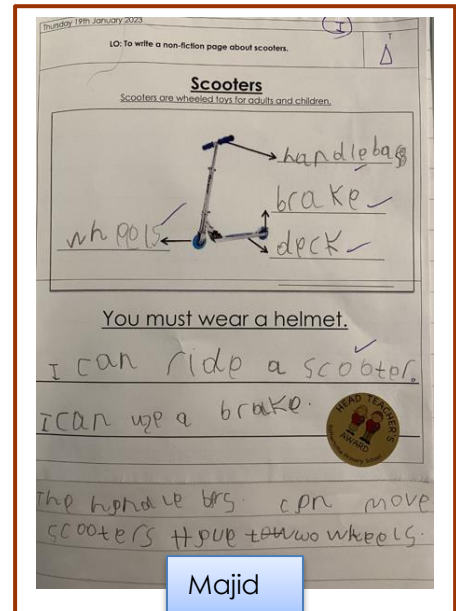
Year 1 Love Learning!

Whale class - Art: For art this week, Whale class have been looking at "printing". This style of art uses a mould or, in this case, a stencil. The subject is "The Great Fire of London" and the children initially created their stencil, which will be a building on Baker Street. Afterwards, they will then use their stencil to print on to a background to create the final artwork, which will be a fire scene. They were very focused on creating their stencil. We can't wait to see the finished pieces.

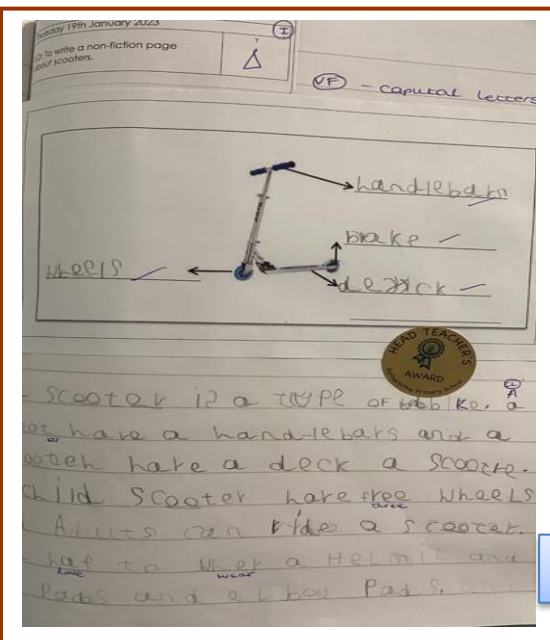


Samuel

Year 1's English topic this term is Toys. The children are learning how to write chronological and non-chronological reports. The children have worked on writing instructions to explain how to ride a scooter safely (always safety first!) and they have focused on including descriptive language to describe Buzz Lightyear. Amazing writing year 1.

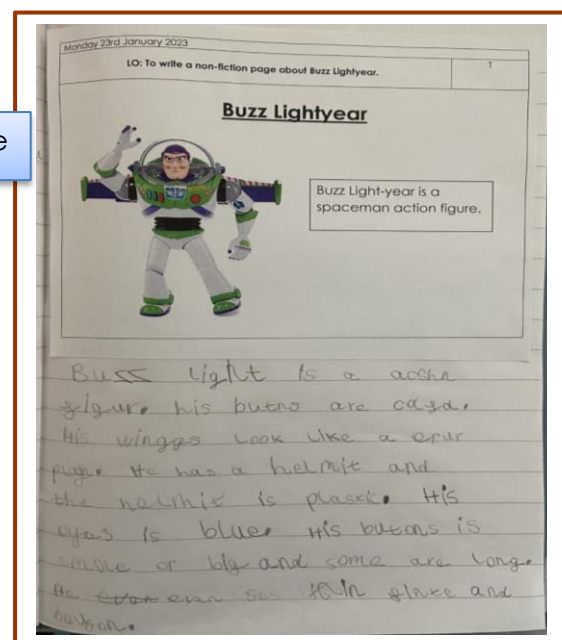


Majid



Aaliyah

Yasmine



We love cooking!

Nursery Class - The Gingerbread Man

The Nursery Children have been reading The Gingerbread Man this week, which they really enjoyed. It also made them very hungry so today they have been making their own Gingerbread men. As you can see in the pictures, the children had a lot of fun kneading and rolling, cutting and shaping their cookie. The staff then baked the cookies so that the children could enjoy the fruits of their labour!

Well done children. Great Job!



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Issue 6

Hi all, we hope you had a nice week. This is the second Issue of the year and we are happy to share this week's art news with you. In Year 6, the children went to Dulwich Picture Gallery, which was the first ever building to be used as a picture gallery, for all to view, with lots of different art from many different countries like Belgium, France and Italy. In the magical experience, the children have seen many creative art pieces like (art), the children did activities like drawing while not taking their pencils off of the paper, or feeling the texture of a pinecone to try replicate the shape of it.

Feeling the Texture of a Pinecone



Music Watercolour Art



All The Student's Art Booklets



This week in Year 6, children have been making portrait's of emotions that someone in World War 2 (or 1) might have felt during the war. The drawings are based off the drawing style of German artist Käthe Kollwitz from the 1860's to the 1940's which was when WW2 occurred. The children have done very well at expressing the emotions that were felt in the war.

Art inspired by Käthe Kollwitz



In Year 4/5, the children have been making pop-up books about fairy tales that they learnt in Year 1 and Reception. Here are some marvelous examples:



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

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Whale	Aurora	Aurora has had a great week. She has shown excellent behaviour for learning and has produced lots of independent work this week. Well done, Aurora!
Coral	Harper	This week Harper has shown tremendous resilience in English. She always persevered, never gave up and ensured she read her work back. Keep it up!
Seal	Jamie	Jamie has really impressed Abigail and me with his reading. Even when he finds a text tricky, he shows a resilient attitude and tries his best.
Effra	Deeqa	Deeqa is an exceptional role model. She works hard in all her lessons and always strives to do her best. It is a joy to teach her.
Walbrook	Ehab	Ehab has made a positive change towards his learning and attitude in school. He has demonstrated key skills showing he is a great listener and has been following instructions better. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Jade	Jade has shown diligence and determination regarding her learning. She has stayed in during some of her playtimes to have extra time with me in Maths. I am very impressed with the progress she has made and with her commitment to being her best self.
Wandle	Aidan	Aidan has worked hard on producing good quality writing, adding stylistic devices, such as expanded noun phrases, similes and relative clauses. He has made valuable contributions to class discussions and shared writing sessions.
Fleet	Naima	For showing such positivity throughout the school day. Naima has worked hard in all subjects, particularly in English. Super star!
Lea	Fadila	Fadila has made very good progress in her writing. She takes on board her feedback and builds on it. Well done, Fadila, keep up the positive attitude.
Thames	Amari	For his commendable resilience in increasing his pace and accuracy when calculating arithmetic questions in timed circumstance. Well done and keep it up!



Kindness Award

Iqra was chosen for the kindness award this week for showing a kind caring attitude to younger pupils. She let a younger child go first into peace club, so that the child got to have a turn. She was not only kind but patient. We are very proud of you Iqra.



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

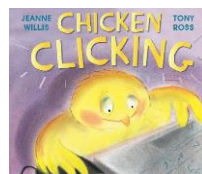
Thought of the Week

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, others build windmills.
Chinese proverb

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Anthony Williams

Favourite Book: Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross



As the computing lead in RPS, I am always looking for stories that teach about using computers and online safety. 'Chicken Clicking' By Jeanne Willis, and Tony Ross is a story about a chick who hops into the Farmer's house and has a browse on his computer. She then goes shopping online and buys gifts for the whole farm. However, the story then takes an unexpected turn when she arranges to meet up with a friend she has made online. Find out what happens next by giving the book a read! This is a great book to share.

The children loved this book and could re-call back the story as they used the computers in the classroom environment. The writing is humorous and the illustrations of the animals and their gifts are delightful. All in all, this story is a great resource in helping children to remember the importance of using technology responsibly and being safe online.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Walbrook class 98.6%

Wandle Class 98.1%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

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

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

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



Southwark adult learning Service
Thomas Carlton Centre
Alpha Street London SE15 4NX

For more information and to
book a place please contact

Kate Bagnall
Family Learning Manager

Kate.Bagnall@southwark.gov.uk

phone
020 7358 2100



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Booking essential for all courses



Course Title	Code	Venue	Day	Time	Start date	Weeks	Materials
Family Pottery- Have creative fun with clay with your school age child -(2 max)	FL2013	TC	Monday	4pm-5.30pm	09/01/23	5	£5.00 material fee
Reduce, reuse and recycle- creative fun for all the family	FL2003	TC	Monday	1pm-3.30pm	13/02/23	1	Nil
Reduce, reuse and recycle- creative fun for all the family	FL2004	TC	Tuesday	1pm-3.30pm	14/02/23	1	Nil
Family learning -Creative Creatures fun for all the family	FL2010	TC	Saturday	12pm-2.30pm	04/03/23	2	Nil
Family Textiles- Exploring textiles, suitable for all ages. Each week we will develop a different textile skill	FL2015	TC	Monday	4pm-5.30pm	20/02/23	5	Nil