

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very full on and busy week at RPS. Monday started with **Fizz Free February** inviting children to drink alternatives to fizzy drinks. The maximum healthy amount of sugar in a child's daily diet should be no more than 5-6 teaspoons of sugar. Did you know that in one can of coke there are 8 teaspoons of sugar, so one can of coke will take a child over the healthy limit for sugar.

Giving up fizzy drinks is not only good for your health and teeth, but it also helps the environment. Single use plastic bottles are environmentally unfriendly and many of these plastic items are endangering animals around the world, so let's all make February a Fizz Free month!

Why not use the chart attached at the end to mark off 28 days of going Fizz Free and send it in to school. It doesn't matter which date your child starts.



Internet Safety Day: On Tuesday 7th February, RPS and other schools across the UK took part in Safer Internet Day. This year's Safer Internet Day was the 20th edition of the campaign. The children have completed a range of activities online to teach them about how to keep safe.

On Wednesday the 8th, Key Stage 2 children

took part in an online workshop covering "being safe on the internet". This covered how to recognize when someone is being mean and how to deal with this if it happens. The workshop also covered a wide variety of important safety tips to consider when browsing the internet, using a social media app or other activities online.



The children later took part in a Microsoft developed Role Playing game called "Internet Legends Interland". The game posed some challenging puzzles that the children had to solve in order to move forward within several virtual worlds available to them on this exciting platform.



Friday finished the week of with **Spanish Day**. Spanish is the third most widely spoken language across the world and the aim of Spanish day was to promote a knowledge of the country and its culture. It was a fantastic themed-day, and I am sure it will become a regular day in the RPS calendar!

Next week is half-term. We wish you happy holidays and look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February. Lisa (HoS)

Spanish Language Day

Ramon and Anita hosted a magnificent assembly for the children and staff this morning and demonstrated the classic Spanish dance - Flamenco. Key Stage 2 children then took part in a series of exciting workshops during which they learned some Flamenco steps for themselves.

Ramon and Anita were very impressed with the children's listening skills and were surprised by how much Spanish the children were able to understand and speak.

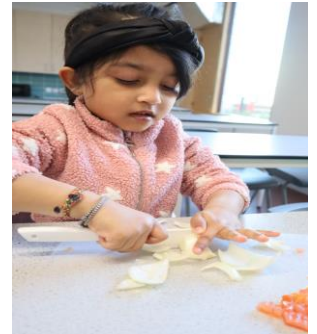
The workshops were a lot of fun and we definitely have some budding flamenco dancers in the making!



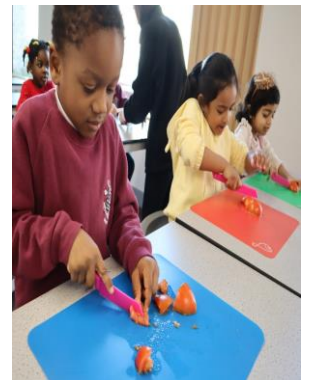
Spanish Language Day



Cooking Tostadas: One of our Parents very kindly joined our Reception children today to teach them how to make a delicious Spanish dish, Tostadas. Tostadas and tacos are comparable in that they both consist of a tortilla with toppings, but there is one key difference: Tostadas are always served open-faced. They might also be made with a thicker tortilla than your typical taco.



The children really got stuck into preparing this wonderful dish and obviously tucked into the fruits of their labour afterwards. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing parent for coming in and spending quality time with our children. **Muchas Gracias!**



Making Pizza: As part of their science unit on Living Things, Year 6 have been exploring the different uses of microorganisms, particularly yeast in dough. In conjunction with Spanish Day, they have used the dough to make 'Catalan Cocoa' (Spanish pizza).



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

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Issue 8

Hello. We hope you had a good week, the school students this week in Ravensbourne class did sketching of houses and then filled them in with vibrant, bright colours. Here are some examples of the amazing art

Inspired by the work of Austrian artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser, Year 4/5 children have been adding vibrant colours to an image of a house



In Year 1, the students have been learning about Spanish artist Joan Miro and making art inspired by his own art style. They have also been busy linking sculpture work with their study of Hinduism.



Arte del día de España

The students in Year 6 learnt about the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. We looked at her self portraits. She used a lot of bright colours in her self-portraits because they reminded her of the vibrant colours of the hot country where she lived. They drew their own self-portraits surrounding it with items, colours and places that reflect their lives.



Year 4/5 learnt about Mola art. Mola art is a panel sewn onto front and back of dresses worn by the Guna women from Panama. They used different colours, shapes, patterns and layers using collage: cutting out shapes and arranging them to fill the space.



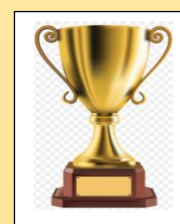


Whale	Gladys Martyna	Gladys Martyna has had a fantastic week. She has made excellent progress and improvement in phonics and has produced some excellent writing. Well Done.
Coral	Mark	Mark is our star of the week for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Mark has shown great progress in writing in particular and has produced wonderful writing.
Seal	Elsie-Mae	Elsie-Mae has displayed our school values in Art lessons this week. She is ambitious and has high expectations of herself. She is resilient, never gives up and she is creative with her ideas.
Effra	Rae	Rae has been working hard to increase her writing speed and keeps going even if she is finding it difficult. She knows that it is important to get her work completed in the time given. Star!
Walbrook	Rayan	Rayan has produced amazing artwork this week. We have been looking at artwork from Ancient Egypt and have created our own in our sketch books. Rayan has implemented the patterns and designs used by the Egyptians into his own work. He has carefully shaded and blended in the colours using chalk resulting in a fantastic outcome. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Niko	For his kindness and inclusivity (the words of his peers). He is loyal and helpful in class. I am thankful he is such a good classroom citizen.
Wandle	Amina	Amina has been working extremely hard in her phonics sessions and has made great progress. We are starting to see a real impact in her writing! We are so proud of you Amina.
Fleet	Mehreen	For working very hard in English to include everything that has been asked for in her writing. She is showing imagination and intelligence and often uses a wide range of powerful and descriptive words. Well done!
Lea	Tyler	Tyler has been working very hard at his reading and has made very good progress. His speed, accuracy and inference has also improved. Well done for trying so hard.
Thames	Taylor	For a well written non-chronological report on the Blitz incorporating appropriate vocabulary and creating interest for the reader through the use of a variety of adverbial starters. Excellent work!



Kindness Award

**Zac (year 2) for always being so helpful at lunch time.
Lexi (year 5) for looking out for a peer who was upset in the
playground.
Well done both of you.**



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

Don't look for the pot of gold -
appreciate the beauty of the rainbow!



Teacher Book Recommendations

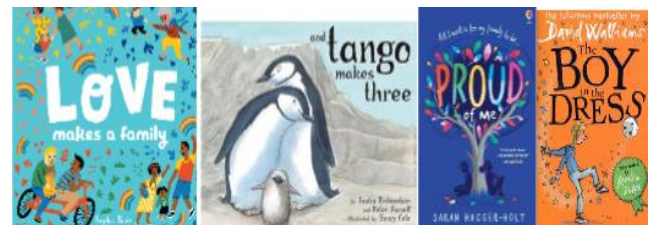
Teacher: Kealan Doherty

Favourite Book: Pink is for boys by Robb Pearlman

I chose this book because this month it is LGBTQ+ History Month. I really enjoyed this book because it's a great book to start conversations with children. Why shouldn't boys love the colour pink? Who said the colour pink is a 'girl's colour'?

This book has a very powerful, positive message attached to it. The story encourages acceptance that colours are for everyone, regardless of gender, race, disability and cultural expectations. This book challenges stereotypes and encourages children to enjoy whatever colours or hobbies make them happy.

You may also like these books which encourage children to see that tolerance and freedom make the world a nicer place:



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Walbrook class 98.8%

Wandle Class 98.6%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

FIZZ FREE FEBRUARY 2023

FORGET FIZZY DRINKS THIS FEBRUARY!

Colour in or tick every day you stay away from fizzy drinks



Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4	Sun 5		
Mon 6	Tue 7	Wed 8	Thu 9	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12
Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
Mon 27	Tue 28					

Fizz Free Feb

Your name: _____

Your school: _____

Congratulations!
You made it through
the whole month!



MEET THE
STEAM
CLUBS

STEAM 2023



Transition Open Evening
Thursday 9th March 5 – 7 pm



Art work by
Victoria Year 8

**HANDS-ON
SCIENCE
AND ARTS
ACTIVITIES**



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