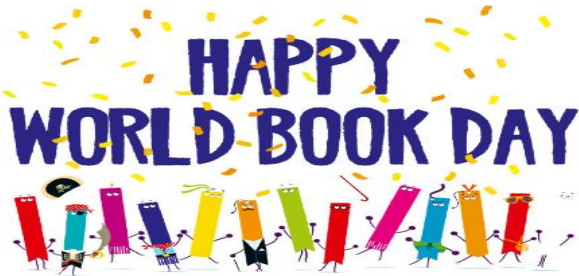


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy World Book Day!

It has certainly been a day of celebration at Rotherhithe! After wowing the staff with their creative costumes, the children started the day with an assembly and a viewing of RPS's first ever Masked Reader. Staff members were filmed reading a much-loved text with a mask on and a disguised voice and the children had to guess who the reader was. There were some surprises to say the least! Today we have posted the reveals for each of our eleven readers. See how many of our masked readers you guessed correctly! [Click link below:](#)

<https://youtu.be/T2HQbxp9Sp0?list=TLGG0XvQE5uALiQwMzAzMjAyMw>



The children then became authors for the rest of the day, with each class tasked with writing and illustrating their own class book. Some themes chosen by classes included a Joke Book, a book about what friendship looks like, a book about inspirational people and a moving story about a Ukrainian refugee coming to the UK. Below are some images of Thames class's draft of their artist inspired non-fiction book. The final products will be sent off to be professionally printed and will be available to purchase. Please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for how to place an order.



Don't forget to use your child's World Book Day book token to get one of this year's 12 World Book Day books for free at participating book sellers. For more information head to [World Book Day 2023 announcements - World Book Day](#)



National Gallery Trip: Seal Class had a lovely visit to the National Gallery where they participated in a workshop based on Bridget Riley's wall painting, Messengers. They also explored connected works, experimenting with different ways of looking at, drawing and using colour. They had a really cultured trip!



Phew! What a busy week! Have a restful weekend.
Lisa (HoS)

Year 6 love learning!

To complement their study of World War 2, Thames class thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Southwark Heritage Centre where they explored replica artefacts from WW2 including gas masks, fire warden helmets, gas lanterns and ration books. The children found it really interesting exploring the artefacts (as all good historians do!) Some of the children's observations:

'I could wear this helmet for days!' -Shane

'This gas mask feels like it is made out of rubber' -Zara

'I think they'd use this gas lantern in an Anderson shelter' -Kymani

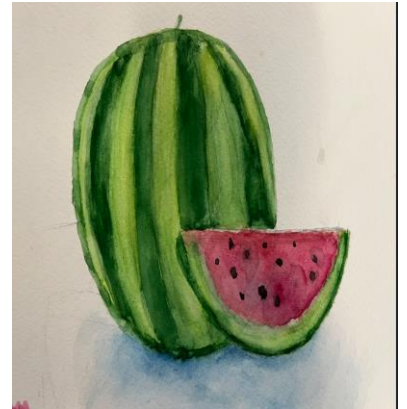
Lea class will get to explore the centre next week.



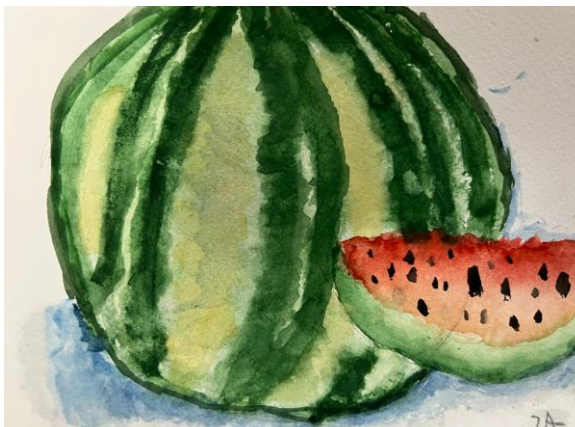
Year 6 have commenced a unit of online safety workshops this week involving presenters from 'Half Moon' Young People's Theatre. They visited our school and taught year six children more about online safety. The children engaged in a range of games and drama activities to help them consider the importance of online safety. The children really enjoyed the workshops that Mark and Ron delivered.



Stunning Year 6 Art!



As part of LGBTQ+ month, Year 6 have observed the final piece of work by the bi-sexual artist Frida Kahlo titled 'Viva la Vida'. The watermelons have hard shells that protect the soft flesh inside which symbolises the artist herself, who had to develop a thick skin to weather a life marked with physical and emotional pain coupled with harsh criticism of her art. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with a seldom used medium, watercolour paint, to create their own version. The effects are amazing. They are even perfecting their own signatures!



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023

Issue 10

Hello, we hope you had a good week. The school pupils art this week involved a LGBTQIA+ artist who's name is Frida Kahlo. She is an artist known for her outstanding self-portraits. Her last painting before she unfortunately passed, was called *viva la vida watermelons*, which the year sixes recreated. The watermelons have hard shells that protect the soft flesh inside which symbolises the artist herself, who had to develop a thick skin to weather a life marked with physical and emotional pain coupled with harsh criticism of her art. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with a seldom used medium, watercolour paint, to create their own version. Here are some photos.



If you would like more news of the Marc Craig mural there is now an online gallery of RPS children's drawings of robots/aliens now live at

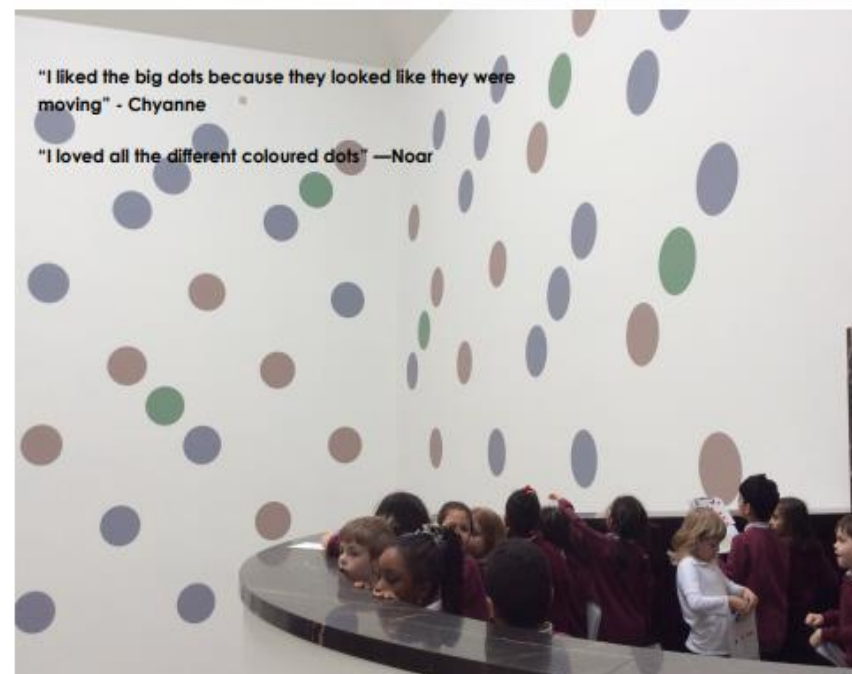
www.leakestreetgalleries.art



This week, with Bede House, the group have made flowers using coloured paper, plain paper, paint, coloured pens and wooden sticks. Here are some beautiful photos of the art.



This week, the Seal Class went on a trip on Wednesday to the National Art Gallery where they participated in a workshop based on Bridget Riley's wall painting, *Messengers*. They also explored connected works, experimenting with different ways of looking at, drawing and using colour.



"I liked the big dots because they looked like they were moving" - Chyanne

"I loved all the different coloured dots" —Noar



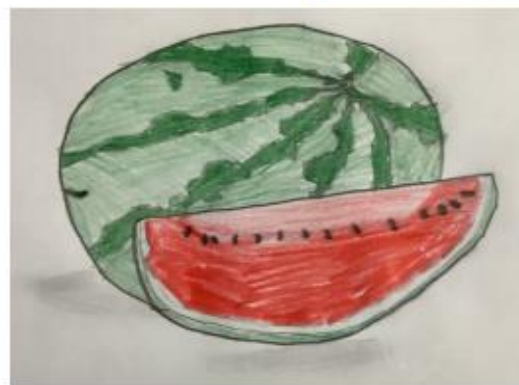
"I liked the colour of the sea in Turner's 'Calais Pier'" — Tori

"I loved the storm because the waves looked so real" — Shahzayb

"It looked like the waves were coming out of the painting!" - Caylib

"I liked the darkness of the clouds and the brightness in the middle"—Sawda

This week, RPS children have made beautiful drawings of Frida Kahlo to celebrate LGBTQIA+ month. Here is the beautiful art.



World Book Day 2023

After another fantastic World Book Day, I would like to say a huge thank you to parents, carers, and children for your creativity and stunning World Book Day costumes. We hope you enjoy the photographs of the children.

To see more photos, check out the website gallery.
<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/world-book-day-costume-gallery/>





World Book Day Best Dressed Winners!

We have been amazed by the thought and creativity that has gone into this year's costumes and we are very proud to present this year's World Book Day best dressed winners! It was tough competition so well done to everybody who took part. Thank you all for making our World Book Day 2023 such a special day!

Our chosen winners have won some fun book titles to enjoy!

<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/world-book-day-best-dressed-winners/>





Whale	Myla	Myla has shown excellent progress in her learning this week – especially in phonics and reading. She has been trying hard to work on her blending of words. Well done Myla
Coral	Emre	Emre- For improving his presentation and handwriting. This week Emre has been working hard to use cursive handwriting and ensure his letters are joint up. Keep it up!
Seal	Caylib	Caylib has been making some excellent choices in the playground and in the classroom. He has shown a much more positive attitude towards his learning. As a result, he has produced work of a very high quality, especially in English.
Effra	Heaven	Heaven always has a positive attitude towards her learning, she actively takes part in lessons and is enthusiastic about topic learning. She will go home and find out more and look for books linked to topic.
Walbrook	Ehab	Ehab has worked extremely hard this week and has made amazing progress in swimming. He has really worked on his gliding and breathing techniques and is now using only one float. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Adela	Adela has embraced the techniques and author's crafts we have learned this year. For this reason, her writing has become more engaging and such a delight to read. Keep up the good work, Adela.
Wandle	Lian	Lian has wowed us with her fantastic attitude to learning over the last few weeks and the high standards she's had for herself. This has meant she has made excellent progress, particularly in writing. We're proud of you Lian!
Fleet	Daniella	For her fantastic descriptive writing in English this week. Her writing was a joy to read and shows how much progress she is making. Daniella also displayed great courage and determination in swimming too. Well done and keep it up!
Lea	Nina	Nina is new to Rotherhithe and has settled very well into our class. We are very happy to welcome you into Lea Class and I am sure you will be very happy in our school.
Thames	To the whole class	For their exemplary behaviour for learning during the online safety workshop and on our trip to the Southwark Heritage Centre. They received high praise from the external educators which was a pleasure to hear. Thank you and well done!



Dates for your Diary

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
28th February and 1st March	Parent's Evening
2nd March- Now 3rd March	World Book Day
Week starting 6th March	Year 6 Mock SATs International Women's Day
7th March	Kindness Workshops
9th March	Debate Mate competition – after school Year 2 SATs parent workshop
Week starting 13th March	British Science Week Scholastic Book Fair
17th March	Dress up as you favourite Scientist or science inspired costume
21st March	World Poetry Day
22nd March	Year 6 SATS parent workshop
24th March	Year 1 phonics workshops
Week starting 27th March	Poetry Week
31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade Achievement Awards Early school closure at 2pm

Thought of the Week

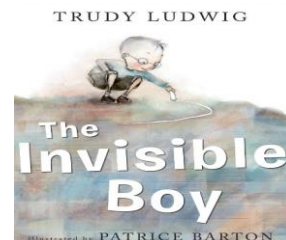
Reading is an exercise in empathy;
an exercise in walking in someone
else's shoes for a while.

Malorie Blackman

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Colleen Maasdorp

Favourite Book: The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig



It is a story of how a simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend... Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody in class ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, a new kid comes to class.

When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine.

Why not try the other books by Trudy Ludwig!



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Lea class 99.2%

Coral Class 98.4%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Easter Raffle!

Great news! Rotherhithe Primary School will be hosting a fantastic Easter Raffle with prizes galore including three delicious Easter Hampers jam packed with chocolatey goodies, a huge cuddly dog and much, much more.

Tickets are on sale at the office from Monday 6th March 2023.

Tickets
are priced at £1.00 per strip.
Good luck everyone and Happy Easter!!!



Competition Time: Easter Eggsperts!

What do you need to do?

Complete **at least one activity** from every topic set for you on Learning with Parents this term.

When do you need to complete them by?

Monday 17th April

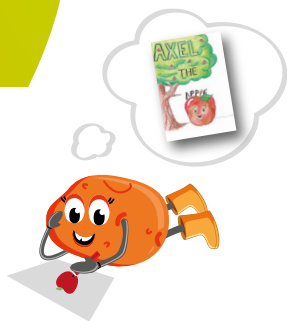
What do you win?

A certificate and a virtual badge!



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WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day, your child and their class will be creating their very own storybook. Shortly after this, a professionally printed storybook will be created and available for you to purchase.

Don't miss out on the chance to own this unique and special book created by your child and their class during their **World Book Day activity** at school!

Special pre-order offer of **£5.99** for a printed and digital bundle.
(RRP £7.99)



CHECK OUT OUR SAMPLE BOOK HERE

Click here to buy now!



Don't let this opportunity pass, order now and treasure your child's creativity forever!

Please note, all orders placed will be delivered directly to your child's school after the World Book Day has been completed.