

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 SATS are well and truly underway. The children have now completed two reading papers and their arithmetic papers. Next week they will complete their math reasoning papers. Children have been taking the tests in smaller groups. We are very proud of how hard the children are working. Well done everyone! Parents, please make sure children get a good night's sleep and that you praise them for their efforts next week.

Parent Survey: At RPS we continually strive to improve the provision we provide children and our families while celebrating our achievements. Please can you complete a short parents survey by **Friday 26th May**. Your voice matters! [Click here.](#)

Uniform: All children are required to wear full school uniform. This includes **all black** shoes. As we are approaching the summer children may wear **summer dresses or shorts**. Cycling shorts and leggings are **not** part of the school uniform. Please ensure shorts are suitable and follow the school uniform expectations. We will contact you if your child's attire is not meeting our school uniform expectations.



Magna Groups: Parents and carers will be aware that Magna Groups have announced that they are no longer able to provide wrap around care as of Monday 5th of June due to insufficient demand. We understand that this decision may cause hardship for some of our families, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. Unfortunately, despite our efforts in trying to maintain a wrap around provision, the service did not receive enough demand to remain sustainable. We apologise for the abrupt nature of this announcement and for not being able to provide more notice.

Parking: Please **do not** park directly outside the school gates when dropping or picking children up from school. There is zig zag marking and a drop kerb that clearly indicate that you are not permitted to park in this part of the road.



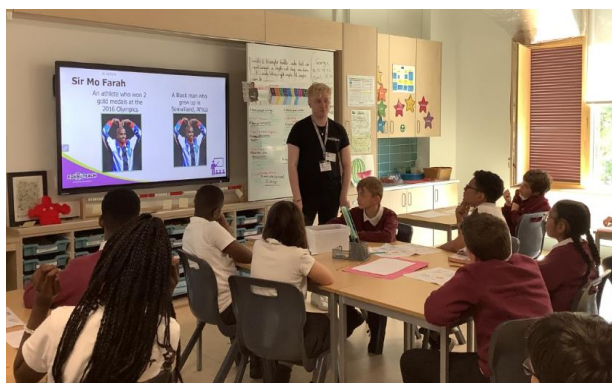
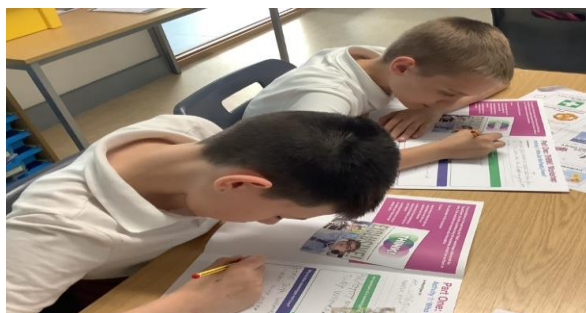
Year 4 & 5 children would like to cordially invite their parents to a ukulele concerts. Please see dates in the flyer below. We look forward to seeing you then.

Book swap: Our sustainability club are organizing a book swap. Please send your children in with books they no longer want that are in good condition to swap with other children (up to 5 books per child). Once we collect all the books in next week – children will be able to select books to take home on the 7th of June.

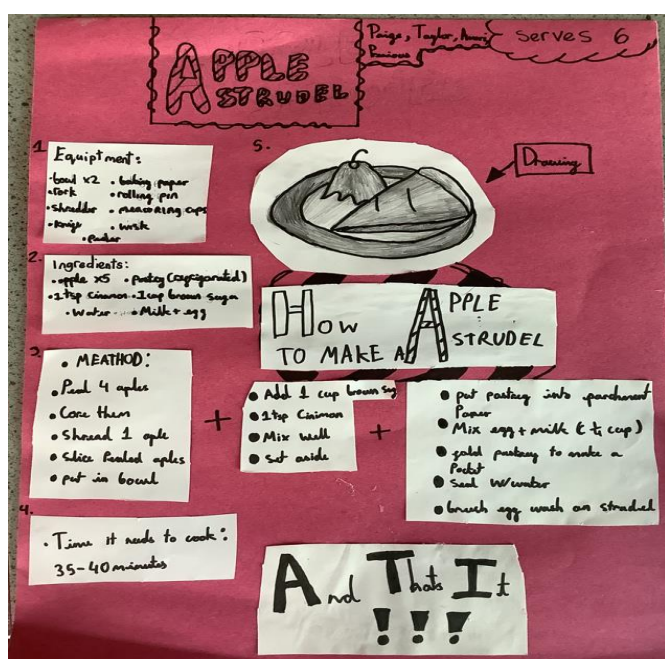
I hope you have a great weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Year 6 fun while learning!

Year 6's critical thinking skills were strengthened on Tuesday during the EqualTeach workshop on stereotypes. The children explored different stereotypes, how and where these perceptions are formed and the validity of such assumptions.



Year 6 sought to use up some of the extra fruit we have in the school, so they have adapted a recipe and followed it safely and sensibly to make a Pear Strudel. It was a thoroughly enjoyable process with tremendous results! Yum!

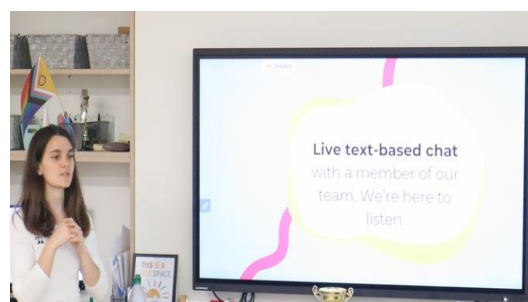


Year 6 Kooth Workshops

Today, Year 6 classes met Eleanor from Kooth to talk about the Kooth platform. Kooth offers emotional and mental health support for children and young people aged between 10 and 24. On Kooth, qualified counsellors are online seven days a week to provide young people using the service with online counselling, through chat-based messaging via drop-in or booked sessions.

To find out more about Kooth and their online service and to create an anonymous account, please go to <https://www.kooth.com/>. You can create an online account completely FREE and completely anonymously. Talk to experts, find lots of useful information and interact with other people through community support.

We would like to thank Eleanor for her time today and for delivering such an interesting and informative workshop.



Year 1 heritage walk

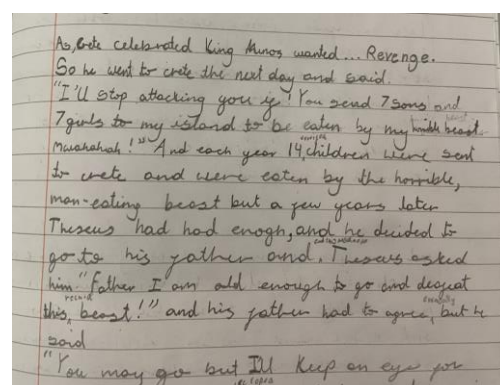


Today year 1 children completed a local heritage walk. They looked at key historical features within the local area. They had lovely weather for the trip and were very well behaved.



Year 5 Star Writing

Currently, year 4 & 5 are studying Greek myths in English. The children are really enjoying this unit and Estella and her teacher were especially proud of this paragraph within her star writing this week. Well done, Estela!



Dates for your Diary

12-26th May	Year 2 SATS
19th May	Year 6 Kooth Workshop
22nd May-26th May	Year 6 Condover Hall residential trip
26th May	London History Day Break up for half term
	Half term
5th & 6th June	Rope making workshop year 4 & 5
5th June	Sport Inspired team building workshop for year 6.
6th June	NEST parent workshop 9:15 am Mental health 101
7th June	Launch Book Swap
7th June	Year 6 Travel Training bus (for 10 children)
Week beginning 12th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check & Year 4 Multiplication check to be administered
16th June	School Class photos
26th June Onwards	Be healthy month starts
26th June	Year 6 NEST workshop- Mental Health 101
28th June	Year 3 Horniman trip
30th June	Summer Fair
Week beginning 3rd July	Art week
3rd July	Year 6 NEST workshop- Mental Health – keeping safe online
6th July	Year 6 show – Cinderella Rockerfella 4:30 pm performance for parents
11th July	Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
12th July	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
13th July	Year 6 Prom Early years Sports Day.
19th July	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 am Break up for the summer holidays at 2 pm

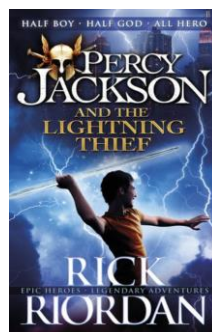
You don't have to be positive all the time.
It's perfectly okay to feel sad, angry, annoyed,
frustrated, scared, and anxious. Having feelings
doesn't make you a negative person.
It makes you human.

~ Lori Deschene

Class Book Recommendations

Class: Wandle Class

Favourite Book: Percy Jackson & The
Lightening Thief, Rick Riordan



This is the first book in the Percy Jackson series in which Percy (who realises he is different to other children) retells his misadventures at boarding school, including how he vaporised his teacher! Hilarious, action packed and sometimes scary, it culminates in Percy finding out why he is different. If the other books in the series are as good as this one, they will be well worth a read.



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the
attendance award.

Ravensbourne 96.3%
Class

95.4%

Seal Class

Well done and keep it up!

**Please do not book holidays during
term time!**





Whale	Nicole	Nicole has received the star of the week award this week for her excellent improvement in her writing skills. She has also shown excellent behaviour for learning and has tried her best in all aspects of the curriculum. Well done, Nicole.
Coral	Mary	This week Mary has shown all our values. She is always ambitious and aims high. She is resilient and never gives up. She is a model pupil and always follows class rules. Keep it up!
Seal	Malik	Malik is new to the school, and he has settled in very well. He has worked hard on improving his writing by taking on board all the advice he is given, and he has shown great progress in a very short space of time. Well done!
Effra	Arilena	We created our own paint pigments from spices this week in art. Arilena was able to create a variety of light and dark colours from the spices. She was also able to create new colour from mixing the spices together.
Walbrook	Hudson	Hudson has worked tremendously to improve his handwriting. He has taken on board feedback from his adults in class and ensures to implement them into all his written activities. I have seen a great difference in his book, and I am very proud of how far he has come. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Daniella	Daniella has worked extremely hard on her handwriting. She is making sure she is joining her letters correctly to ensure her great ideas are communicated to her audience. Keep up the good work, Daniella.
Wandle	Estela	Estela has wowed us in her writing this week. She has taken on feedback from her teachers extremely well and has been super ambitious in her sentence structure and choice of her vocabulary. We are proud of you Estela!
Fleet	Leah-Rose	For trying super hard with her handwriting. The improvements she has made are truly remarkable and we are all proud of her. She is developing her confidence & working hard in everything she does. Well done and keep up the great work!
Lea	Aimee	For her focus and interest in science when looking at the human body. She asked great questions. Well done!
Thames	Emil, Jack, Drake and Zara	For working safely and collaboratively when cooking a Pear Strudel. They adapted a recipe to make it healthier and used up left over ingredients to reduce food waste. Well done!



Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

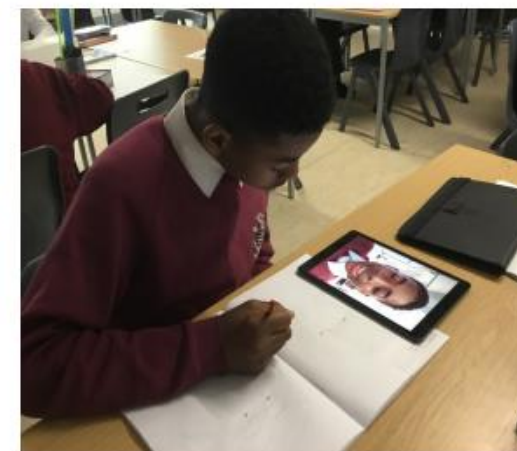
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Hello, we hope you've had a good week. This week in Effra class, they have made paint using spices to replicate how cave men would have drawn cave paintings back in the stone age. Perhaps you could try making your own paint at home?

Here are some photos of the art

In Year six, they made a truism poster (on Word) about the environment and how they could draw attention to the environmental problems. Here are some photos.



Liam

"In art, we are drawing the ocean and the fish. I really like the art and it was very calming and relaxing."

Ariena

"What I like about it is that it was fun to do."

Rawoah

"I love it so much and it made me happy."

Jahzi

"From art, I liked the nutmeg one and it was fun doing it."

In year 4/5, they did fish art as a part of their geography which was to do with the different types of seas in the world. Here are some photos of the artwork.

In year 6, they also worked with self portraits by using a digital equipment to take a photograph of themselves with different expressions then they recreated the portrait by completing a continuous line drawing.



Promoting positive mental health and wellbeing!

Nest is an organisation that supports young people who may be experiencing challenges with their mental health. They offer early intervention and prevention for emotional issues and low-level mental health such as worries, anxieties and stress. The Nest provides young people and families with the opportunities, experiences, and tools to enable them to develop their physical, emotional and social capabilities.

**All Parents are cordially invited to a parent workshop (with tea and coffee)
being delivered by NEST practitioners at RPS!**

**On Tuesday 6th June
At 9:15 – 10:45 am**



The nest has a range of wellbeing guides that parents can access on their website:
<https://thenestsouthwark.org.uk/>



Being On Time Matters!

We respectfully ask that you ensure children arrive on time. Arriving on time is important for a variety of reasons:

- It is the legal responsibility of parents or carers to ensure that their children attend their registered school on time, each day.
- If a child is late, they miss important information about the day's activities.
- A child who is late will miss school work.
- Children who arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day.
- A child who is late disrupts lessons and other children.

Parents and carers are also reminded that children should be collected at 15:15 and no later than 15:30. There have been an increasing number of children still on site until 16:00 or even later. The school is not able to offer childcare and parents and carers are kindly asked to make arrangements for their children to be collected on time.

Please note that our safeguarding responsibilities require that anyone collecting a child must be 16 years of age or older.

Parents, you are invited to:

Year 4/5 Ukulele Concert

Friday 26th May - Ravensbourne Class
Friday 9th June - Wandle Class
Friday 15th June - Fleet Class

**9.30-9.50am
Main Hall**



Half Term Family Activities at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Have fun on these on one of these courses for dads, mums and children of any age with the London Wildlife Trust. **Southwark residents only.** Free but booking deposit required. www.wildlondon.org.uk/events

Powerful Plants

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June

10am till 3pm

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering the plants in our garden.

Thursday - you will forage for edible plants, make teas, herbal sandwiches and pictures.

Friday - the focus is on medicinal plants with balm, lotion and potion making.

Stories, games and crafts. Choose your day or come to both. Booking is online at www.wildlondon.org.uk/events Contact us directly if you have a problem with the booking. dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



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FREE Webinar for Parents

London Grid for Learning (LGfL) have partnered with the Early Years Alliance to offer a 1 hour webinar

on

Thursday 8th June 10-11am

to parents of children aged 0-5 years, about simple steps to take to keep children safe when using online devices.

Click link above to book.

Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children 0-5 Year Olds

internet matters.org

22% of parents of 3-4-year-olds don't think their child has a good balance between screen time and other activities

* Source: [Ofcom Children and parents' media use and attitudes report 2022](#)



Checklist:

Put yourself in control

Make use of parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube and it is possible to lock these so that they can't be inadvertently removed. You can find out more by visiting the Google Safety Centre. Once you've put all of these controls in place have a browse and search for a few things to see what your children might see, if they were to do the same. Remember that voice-activated search works really well now.

Set boundaries

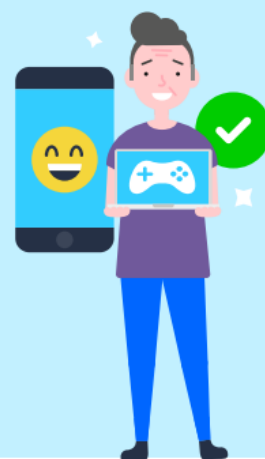
It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a shared spaces like a lounge or kitchen. Make sure to keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first. It's also a good idea to have tech-free mealtimes and not to allow children to have devices in their bedrooms at this age.

Explore together

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account, which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.

Help them learn through games

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. Choose a variety of safe and educational online games and apps to play with your child so that you'll feel more comfortable with them exploring. Make use of websites and platforms designed specifically for pre-schoolers like CBeebies, YouTube Kids, Nick Jr, and use [page ratings](#) and reviews in the app store to check app suitability.

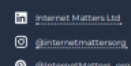


Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.



Scan below or visit internetmatters.org for more advice



internet matters.org