

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer has finally arrived! Next week the temperature is expected to soar. Please remember to send children into school wearing suntan lotion, with water bottles and sun hats.

**Ukulele Concert:** Today parents and carers joined us in the assembly hall to listen to Wandle Class children as they performed a fabulous ukulele concert. After many weeks of practice and hard work, the children dazzled us all with their magnificent skills. Parents were very impressed at how well they played and how far they have come in such a short time! Well done Wandle Class! [Click here for video and photos of the event.](#)

**Fleet class** would like to invite parents to their concert on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** at 9:30 am in the Large Hall.

**School Games GOLD Mark Award:** We are delighted to announce that RPS has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With so many young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and so we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Especial thanks to Colleen (PE Lead) and to James our (PE coach) for organising and taking children to these events.

**SportInspired Festival:** Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed participating in the SportInspired Festival at The Castle Centre. They had fun trying new sports whilst developing positive team spirit.



To top off the event, one of the groups from RPS came home with a trophy! Well done all!



**Outdoor Learning – Geography:** Today Whale Class set off to Southwark Park for their Geography lesson. The children were examining the local area to look at the physical and human features that surround the school. They then returned to school and created some clay snails (one of the creatures they saw on their travels) see below.

**Independent Travel Bus:** 10 year 6 children joined other schools for some valuable lessons on how to travel safely on Wednesday. The children's behaviour was exemplary, and they really enjoyed being challenged in a range of scenarios by role playing actors. Well done!

**NEST** delivered a parent workshop on Tuesday about mental health. The parents really appreciated the session making very thoughtful comments. The session provided practical strategies to support parents.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe in the sunshine. Lisa (HoS)

# Looking after the Environment

On Monday after school, Anthony leads a 'sustainability club' for year 4 & 5 children. The children have explored a range of issues that threaten our environment with a particular focus on the threat to marine life. Before the half term, they assessed the amount of litter found by the Thames riverbank. Unfortunately, they found a lot of litter, mainly plastic bottles.

So as 5<sup>th</sup> June was World Environment Day this was a perfect opportunity for the children to share their findings with the whole school in assembly. In persuading the children of the need to avoid one off plastic use, they evidenced the damage plastic is causing to our seas.

The children considered ways to protect our environment. Recycling and reusing things were two of the strategies they highlighted that can help reduce waste. This led them to puzzle over some practical ideas to help reuse items that may end up in a rubbish bin. This led to the inspirational idea of a book swap. On Wednesday the children launched their first ever (hugely successful!) 'Book Swap'. Not only is this sustainable, but it is also a great way of helping children keep reading new books for pleasure without incurring any cost.

It was a great success, and they are already planning for their next event. Thank you to all our families who contributed and helped to make this possible.



### DID YOU KNOW

- In just **8 weeks**, food waste can be turned into soil conditioner to help plants grow and generate more food.
- 1 Bottle = 25 mins**  
1 recycled glass bottle will save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes
- It can take up to **500 years** for plastic bottles to decompose, with glass taking 1 million
- It is estimated that an average of **35.8 million** plastic bottles are used every day in the UK, but only **19.8 million** are recycled each day

## PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU



**BIKE MORE  
DRIVE LESS**



**EDUCATE**

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

**Volunteer!**



Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!



**reduce  
REUSE  
recycle**

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

**CONSERVE WATER**



The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.

**choose sustainable**



**seafood**

Learn how to make smart seafood choices at [www.FishWatch.gov](http://www.FishWatch.gov).



Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.



**Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA**

Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!



**Don't send chemicals into our waterways.**

Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.



**PLANT A TREE**



[oceanservice.noaa.gov](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov)



# Exhibition Express

Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

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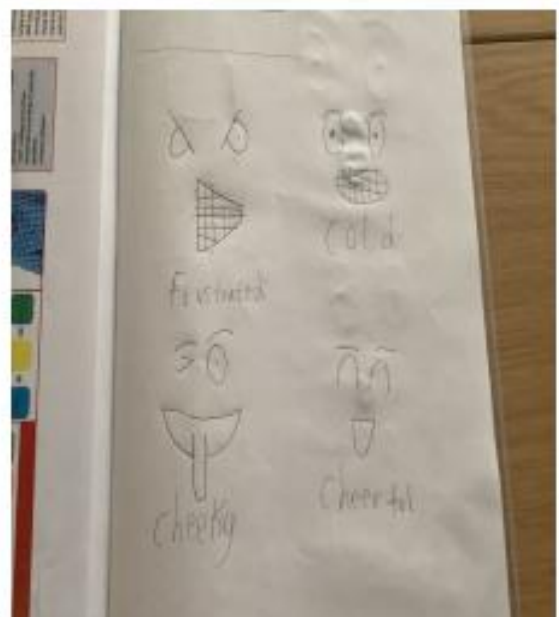
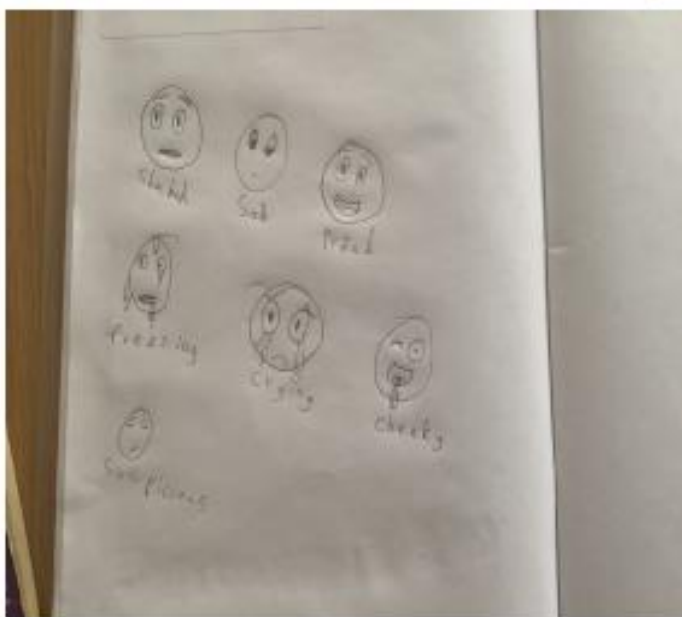
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Hello, we hope you had a good week. This week, Whale Class have done clay art in the shape of snails. They have done excellent jobs in making the shape of the snail and keeping it stable. Here are some photos of the art.



Here are some photos of the wonderful art

In year two, they have done emoji art including emotions that they have felt before. They have perfectly captured the emotions using their drawing skills. Here are some photos of the art.



# Dates for your Diary

<b>Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonics screening check & Year 4 Multiplication check to be administered
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Class photos
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June Onwards</b>	Be healthy month starts
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 NEST workshop- Mental Health 101
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Horniman trip
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Art week
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 NEST workshop- Mental Health – keeping safe online
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 show – Cinderella Rockerfella 4:30 pm performance for parents
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Prom Early years Sports Day.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 am Break up for the summer holidays at 2 pm

## The Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSE) curriculum

became statutory in September 2020. Relationships and Sex Education supports and guides children and young people in lifelong learning about relationships, emotions, the human biology of sex and sexuality. It is compulsory for all primary school children to receive relationship education. At RPS we follow the Christopher Winter's Project. We have a NEW video which provides detailed information about the RSE curriculum. You can access this video via this link: [Click here.](#)

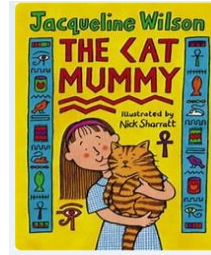
If you have any questions, please contact me.



## Class Book Recommendations

**Class:** Effra

**Favourite Book:** The Cat Mummy



We read this book as part of our links to the topic of the Egyptians. It is a story about a girl called Verity who loves her cat, but the cat is old. Sadly, the cat dies but Verity remembers that her teacher taught her about how Egyptians mummified their dead. Verity then has a good idea about how to preserve her cat. However, it does not quite go to plan!

Isaiah in Effra class said, "I liked it when Verity loved her cat, and she thought her cat was amazing as it made the girl happy."

Iman in Effra class said, "I enjoyed it when Verity's cupboard smelt of the mummified cat, it made me chuckle when her Gran was trying to figure out what the smell was."

Jahzi in Effra class said, "I did not like it when the cat died because it made me sad."

Effra class have recommended this book because it helps you learn about the Egyptians but also helps you talk to talk about sad things like death. They recommend it to someone age 9 or 10 and suggest that if you feel sad to make sure you talk to a trusted adult.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Wandle Class** 97%

**Seal Class** 99.3%



Well done and keep it up!

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



<b>Whale</b>	Madison	Madison has had a great week. She has really improved in her reading especially using her phonics to decode words. She has improved her red word learning. Madison has also contributed and participated in our lessons about difference this week. Well done, Madison.
<b>Coral</b>	Lola	For having a fantastic attitude towards her learning. Lola has been keen and enthusiastic. During our trip she asked insightful questions. Well done, Lola!
<b>Seal</b>	Nathan	Nathan has worked hard on improving his handwriting. He produced a lovely piece of written work for his recount of our school trip. Well done!
<b>Effra</b>	Skylah-Rey	Skylah is very thoughtful with the ideas that she has, making creative and insightful comments. Her ideas always help others in their learning from writing lessons to RE where we may be philosophising.
<b>Walbrook</b>	TJ	TJ has been a great role model this week, he has been very compassionate and kind towards his peers. TJ has also been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum and had engaged well in all his lessons. Keep it up!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Astrid	This again has been a great week for my swimmers. At the beginning of the program Astrid had challenges regarding immersing herself in the pool. She didn't like getting her face wet! This week, however, Astrid made huge strides in her confidence in the pool. It was amazing to watch! The instructor was immensely impressed, and I was so proud of her! Well done, Astrid.
<b>Wandle</b>	Perwa	Perwa has done some excellent extra home learning this week around the Titanic. She completed her own independent research and produced a fantastic information sheet. Well done, Perwa!
<b>Fleet</b>	Ebuka	For settling into his new school so well and for trying his best. Michelle (Ebuka's maths teacher) has also praised him for working incredibly hard in maths with his 3D shape work. Well done!
<b>Lea</b>	Whole class	For working so hard over the year and in preparation for the SATs tests. For being a pleasure to teach and always trying their best.
<b>Thames</b>	Whole class	For their great sportsmanship and teamwork during the Sportsinspired Festival. Their behaviour was exemplary. We are so proud of them.





# SUMMER FAIR!

## FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

(3:15 – 5pm)

# CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for people who can:

Do henna designs

Paint nails

Help set up or run a stall at the fair

Other ways you can help:

Cook food (cakes / samosas etc) for sale on the day  
(no nuts please)

Donate a prize for the tombola

Donate toys and childrens books for sale

Donations can be given in at the office.

Any questions, please contact Alex –  
[amontgomery@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:amontgomery@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk)

PRIDE MONTH 2023

£1 donation is appreciated

# Be Unique Day 2023

**FRIDAY 23 JUNE**

Come to School dressed in something that makes you unique. Maybe something with rainbows? Something handmade? Or maybe something that represents your religion?

ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FREE YEAR 6**

**LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME**

FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN

**24TH JULY - 4TH AUG 2023 (MON-FRI)**

**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD  
EMAIL: [INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK)

[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/DIS17](https://shorturl.at/dis17)

"SCAN THE QR CODE"

**ART** **DRAMA** **Music** **DANCE**

# FAMILY LEARN TO RIDE SESSIONS

29th May to 2nd June (Half Term)

**Daily At 10:00, 11:30 and 13:30**

L&Q Lewington Centre  
9 Eugenia Road  
London SE16 2RU

- Run by professional cycling instructors
- Bikes are provided but you can bring your own if you have one

**L&Q**

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[www.joyriders.org.uk](http://www.joyriders.org.uk)

**JoyRiders**

# Get Set Go!

A health and wellbeing project for the whole family. Activities, workshops, training, courses and more.

**L&Q FOUNDATION**

For more information visit:  
<https://www.lqgroup.org.uk/landq-foundation>

**SPORT ENGLAND** **THIS GIRL CAN**

**ZUMBA 16+**

EVERY THURSDAY 6:30-7:30pm

at the LEWINGTON CENTRE,  
EUGENIA ROAD, SE16 2RU

£FREE STARTS 1st JUNE 2023

Wear comfortable clothes & bring water



**DO YOU  
EVER WISH  
YOU HAD  
MORE TIME?**

**NEVER-ENDING TO DO LIST??**

**JOIN OUR MISSION FOR CHANGE!**

**Part One:** apply for our study about how you spend your time. It'll take only 5 minutes a day for one week starting **Wednesday 14th June**.

**Part Two:** a coffee morning on **Friday 23rd June at 9am** in the RPS foyer (babies welcome). We'll discuss the results and help you make the most of your time.

**Apply now!**

**CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS!!!**

Questions: [charlie.munro@zinc-cohort6.com](mailto:charlie.munro@zinc-cohort6.com)

