

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at RPS. We hope that you found **parents evening** informative and we ask that all parents ensure that they read and share books with their children each week. The discussions that you have with your children about what is happening in stories and about the meaning of words is invaluable.

Armistice Day was the focus of this week's assembly. Children respectfully considered the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives in wars and are still losing their lives in wars around the world today. They learned about the meaning of words, such as Armistice (which is an agreement to stop fighting). They also learnt that the word 'cenotaph' comes from the Greek word meaning 'empty tomb' and is a special monument to remember those who have died in war and are buried elsewhere. We talked about the poppy appeal to raise money for veterans and families affected by war and the importance of kindness and trying to find peaceful ways to resolve conflict. We held a 2-minute silence while the 'Last Post' played. Children also listened to 'We Remember', which is a remembrance song by Shelley Murley. It is both moving and captures the importance of showing kindness and care to others. I do hope you enjoy listening to it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaRsOPf3M5s&ab_channel=ShelleyMurley



Antibullying Week: Next week we will be celebrating Antibullying Week and the theme this year is '**Make A Noise About Bullying**'. The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 13th November, where adults (including parents) and children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This is a celebration day, and we are **not** raising funds.



The theme '**Make A Noise About Bullying**' was developed following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. At RPS children will be dedicating PSHE lesson time to talking about how we can create positive change to tackle bullying in our school and complete an antibullying themed art lesson. There is a competition too. Entries need to be handed in by the 16th of November. See below for more information.

Friday 17th is Children in Need – children are invited to dress up in spots to help raise money for this worthy cause.

Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

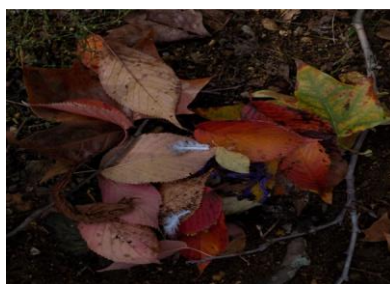
We love learning!

Brent Class (led by Anthony our Computing Lead) travelled to Covent Garden to participate in a 'Code Your First App' workshop. The Apple Creative Pros lead the children through an interactive activity using iPads and an app called Swift Code. They used Swift Code to create and customise their app with fun fonts, background colours and emojis. They quite clearly enjoyed the trip.



We love Forest School!

We love Forest School at RPS and children from Nursery to year 6 enjoy opportunities to learn and explore nature. Here are some Key Stage 2 children using objects to create patterns and pictures using nature.





By: Jasmine Stanton, Cristina Olmedo-Bogicevicovca, Jaida hallowell & Sabreen Hamsa Ali

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In Kealan's class (yr1) they used tally charts to identify the different eye colours of their classmates. They also managed to find out what was the least and most common eye colours: grey and brown. Grey being the least common colour and brown being the most. In yr3/4 they were doing some acting to show they different ways particles move in a solid, liquid and gas.



What have Science Club been up to? Ask one of the Year 5/6 Ambassadors to find out!



Computing

This week in Nina's class (yr5/6) designed web pages of their own. 'I got to unleash my inner creativity. This lesson was really fun and I would love to do it again sometime.' Jaida

Mathematics

Also in Kealan's class (yr1) they used representations to add 2 digit by 1 digit numbers. The children worked really hard in their learning.



Art and Design

In Thames class this week, they were reviewing children's toys based on their form and function. Also, they interviewed year 2 children to ask their personal opinions on the toys.



HI, I'M HAL

I am raising money so that everyone in my year can go on a residential trip. To do this I'm going to walk around Southwark Park 150 times!

I want everyone in Year 6 to go on the residential trip together and share these exciting experiences. I'm worried that with the cost of living this will not be possible as the trip is expensive.

Fun facts

I've already done over 80 laps!

Sometimes I cycle - then I do two laps and count it as one as it's easier!

At the end I will have done over 233 miles which is the same as 9 marathons!



Go Fund Me search:
Hal Phillips
<https://gofund.me/ce6527be>

please sponsor me!

RPS and TGI Fitness at home with Coach James



Coach James from TGI are producing a weekly series of videos offering some fantastic exercises for children and parents that can be done in the comfort of your own home.

These exercise plans are carefully designed to offer the viewers at home a selection of simple but effective activities that will get your heart rate up, build up a bit of a sweat and burn some excess calories that we will all no doubt gather over the forthcoming festive season!

We do hope that you all enjoy these videos and that you take part and look for a fitter, healthier 2024.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToLNj82a5go&ab_channel=FrootesMedia

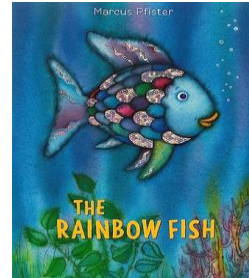
Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 13th November	Anti-bullying week
13th November	Odd Socks Day
14th November	School photographer Phonics Workshop for Reception parents after school
16th November	Times Table Rock Star Avator
17th November	Children in Need
20th November	Thames Class school trip Apple Workshop
22nd November	Flu vaccinations
23rd November	NEST Impact of Education Review
24th November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
Week starting 4th December	Christmas performance rehearsals
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11th December	Year group Christmas performances
15th December	Judo finishes for the term
18th December	Achievement Awards
19th December	Class parties
20th December	KS1 multisport club finishes
20th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Kealan Doherty

Favourite Book: The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister



When I was younger, this was one of my favourite books. It is a book that celebrates difference and celebrates being unique and individual. It is a book about a shimmering, rainbow fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions, that gives the book its lasting value. I read this book to every class I teach because it helps support children with the understanding of empathy, sharing, kindness and being yourself/unique.

Why not try these books by this author.



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Jellyfish Class 97.7%

Tyne Class 98.7%

Whale Class 97.9%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT
GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS
CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE
MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

- LAURENCE BINYON -





Whale	Aamirah	Aamirah has been chosen as star of the week for Whale class for her excellent improvement in her writing and her resilience in working hard to make improvements in her learning. Well done, Aamirah
Octopus	Wilan	Wilan's home learning is outstanding! He always goes above and beyond what has been set especially in the topic challenge. His work ethic is having a positive impact on the progress he is making – Keep it up!
Seal		To all the children who made a penguin for their weekly topic challenge. The children were very creative and put a lot of effort into their work.
Avon	Nathan	Nathan, for his excellent maths skills this week. Nathan has been actively listening during lessons and has been very engaged. Nathan was able to use his known facts to help him answer his questions. Keep it up!
Eden	Roselyn	Roselyn is a mature, thoughtful role model in our class. She is one the students I can rely on to make good choices throughout the day. She is a Talk Buddy which is a peer-student role where she helps another classmate with rehearsing their thoughts during whole-class discussions. She is a just a wonderful addition to our classroom family and I'm so glad she's in my class!
Tyne	Zakhar	Zakhar is a very imaginative writer. He adds an abundance of creativity and flare through his writing, and this is because he can apply his understanding of the world to what he is writing. It does not matter what text type he is writing; it is always an interesting read.
Brent	Jonathan	Jonathan has a fantastic attitude towards his learning. He is always willing to contribute to class discussions and does so excellently. Jonathan has also displayed great talk partner skills during lesson time and has been a role model in class.
Lea	Reymell	Reymell really impressed me in Maths this week, particularly in his approach to multi-step problems. He has worked carefully and systematically and as a result has achieved very well.
Thames	Precious	For writing an excellent narrative of Sleeping Beauty using many features of figurative language such as similes, metaphors and personifications. As well as this, she is creating interest for the reader by varying her sentence types and using ambitious vocabulary. Well done!



Kiona (Octopus Class) and William (Tyne Class) for both helping stamp books for me during lunch time.
Thank you for your help!

Phonics Workshop

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Reception families come and join us for a phonics workshop on Tuesday 14th November at 3.30

Learn how to support your child with their reading and writing.



Mayor's Christmas Card Competition



Make a Christmas card for a chance to have tea with the mayor and to win a certificate.

Try your luck and make a Christmas card design that is:

- On A4 paper
- That follows the theme 'Peace at Christmas'
- And is submitted on Friday 17 November 2023

Good Luck and Have Fun!

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ROTERHITHE Anti-Bullying POSTER COMPETITION

13TH-16TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week 2023
Make a Noise about Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Poster Competition will be judged in 4 categories:
EYF5/ Years 1 & 2 / Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6

Closing Date :
Thursday 16th November 2023. Could you please give your entries to your class teacher

ENTRIES MUST:

- ✓ Stand out with lots of colour.
- ✓ Clearly list the pupils name and and year group. Use A4 paper.
- ✓ Include good grammar and punctuation.
- ✓ Include pictures and Art.

YOU CAN WIN PRIZES

Judging and Winners

Your entries will be judged by Kealan and Nina. The winners will be announced in our newsletter and website on Friday 18th November and winning entries will win a certificate and a prize.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
ROTERHITHE PRIMARY

Make a Noise about Bullying' is this years theme for Anti Bullying Week 2023. We must do something positive which helps to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. All entries must reflect the 'Make a Noise' theme and manifesto. We welcome positive messages as well as work which reflects the challenges of bullying experiences and shared efforts to reduce bullying. Try and ensure your poster is positive and shows positive ways in which we can tackle bullying.

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Autumn Timetable 30th October- 15th December 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 year and above)
10:00am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

Baby Massage (8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers) **Booking Required**

Dates: 6th November - 4th December
Times:
Group 1 - 12.45pm- 1:45pm
Group 2 - 2.30pm- 3:30pm

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Next Steps- Autism Parenting Training
(Invitation Only)
For families with children under 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 13th Nov- 18th December
Times: 10am-12:00pm

Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only
10:00am-11:30am

Canada Water Library
21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

Blue Anchor Library
Market place, London, SE16 3UG

Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby and Us (From birth up to 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.

SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years)
1:30pm-3:00pm

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention, social interaction and communication skills, for children with additional, special educational needs.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

Dates: 19th Sept-21st Nov 2023
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm

Connect with your baby in a supportive space, unwind and de-stress through the joy of singing and music-making.

For more information and to register, email: m4m@breatheah.org or visit: breatheah.org

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

NEW SESSION

Toddler Time (2 years and above)
10:00am-11:30am

A session for families with toddlers to explore their curiosity, learn through play and supporting next steps into nursery.

Chattertime Plus (18 months and above)
1:30pm-3:00pm

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs and areas such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Stay and Play + Bookstart (0-5 years)
10am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

NEW SESSION

Boogie Miles Music (12 months and above)
1:45pm-2:15pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social development.

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

EPEC Baby and Us (New Parenting Programme) (0-9 months old)
(Invitation Only)

Dates: 5th Oct-7th Dec
Times: 10am-12pm

A 9-week peer-led group which helps parents feel confident for parenting and everyday life with your new baby

Boogie Miles Music (0-12 months)
2:00pm-2:30pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Drop In)
10:00am-12:00pm

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

Friday

Venue: Rotherhithe

Boogie Miles

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Times: 10:00am - 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:15am-11:45pm

Ages: 12 months and above

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months)
10:00am-11:30am

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Cygnal Workshop- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)

For families with children over 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 17th Nov- 22nd Dec

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

POLITE NOTICE

Due to our popularity of our groups please note that priority will be given to families trying to access our sessions. We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.

Are you expecting a baby, or new to Parenting?

Parents and Peanuts is a space for parents to ask questions and discuss hopes and fears, take away some of the parenting unknowns and meet other parents.

For further information and support, email: shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk