

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been with the highlight of course, being your children's Christmas shows. We are very proud of how well they performed and don't think we didn't notice a few tears in parent's eyes!

The week started off with an assembly focussed on **Hanukkah**, the Jewish festival of light. Amber (RE lead) and the children explored the traditions related to this festival which occur throughout this week.

Reception Reading Cafe: Today marked our final Book Project Reading Café. Reception children and parents had a lot of fun perusing the possible book selection before choosing two books to take home and treasure with their children. Look out for more book events next term.



Christmas Fair: A jam packed week was topped off with our Christmas Fair. The children had made a variety of decorations and treats which they sold. The money raised goes towards a range of events that occur in school throughout the year. The brass band once again serenaded parents and it was a real Christmassy treat. Thank you very much to the PTA, in particular Alex, Vicki and Andreia for

helping run the event and to all the staff and children for making sure it was a success.

Important Notice/Health and Safety: The health and safety of your children is of utmost importance to us. If your child has an accident whether it is in school or at home and has a potential break, fracture or serious injury that has required a trip to the hospital, please tell Sharon at the school office. These children may require an individual risk assessment to be completed to ensure that everyone follows the advice you receive from the hospital.

Holiday Dates: Please note that now that we have joined the NEST academy trust the format of our holidays will be changing. Children will have a slightly shorter summer break returning on the 2nd of September 2024 and will then have a 2-week October half term break next academic year. Please do not book holidays in term time.

Christmas Parties: Tuesday is Christmas party day. Children can dress up in sensible party clothes. Please donate a £1 to your class teacher to enable us to purchase party food.

It is with sadness we will be saying goodbye to Barbara Ghezzi (Head of School) at DKH on Wednesday. She has made the difficult decision to move to a school nearer to her home. She has been a shining star and will be missed. As a result, Galiema will be based four days per week at DKH in January.

We wish all our Jewish families a Happy Hanukkah. Have a lovely weekend! Lisa (HoS)

Tyne class selected a range of materials, including construction materials to create a functional and aesthetic product – a castle for our fictional character, the Iron man. Students were required to make 3D shapes using nets, stack recyclable materials (paper towel rolls) and decorate their castle with facades and other decorative features such as turrets and windows. They collaborated well and produced fantastic castles.

We love DT projects!



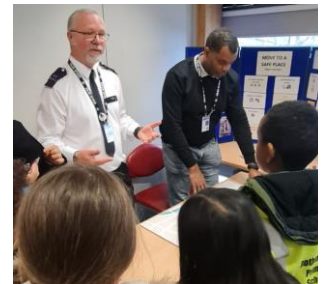
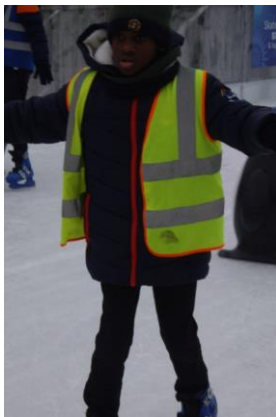
Year 5/6 collaborated with Year 2 children in a cross-curricular project utilising knowledge and skills learnt in their science and DT unit this term. Year 5/6 children created a model of a habitat for their half-term project, and then assisted children from year 2 to construct their chosen habitat in completion of their study on 'Habitats from Around the World'.

The Year 2 children were very articulate in discussing the types of animals and plants found in different habitats, giving pertinent reasons as to why they are suited to that particular environment.

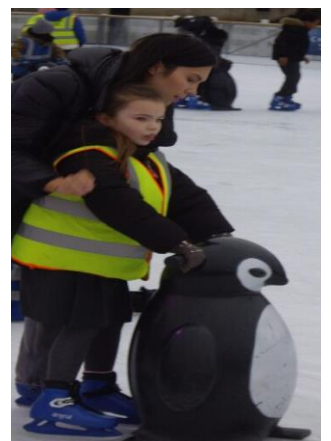
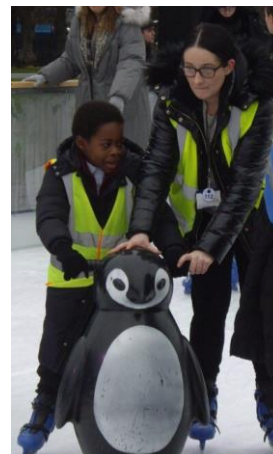
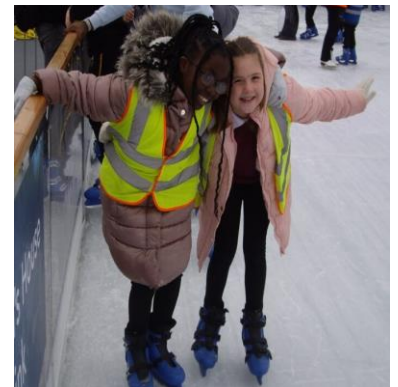


We love trips!

Year 6 children attended the **Southwark Junior Citizenship Scheme** workshop where they gained valuable life knowledge and skills - particularly important as they progress to Secondary School. They participated in different activities covering a range of scenarios: knife crime, transport, ambulance service, fire safety, road safety and personal safety. The presenters were particularly impressed by our children's prior knowledge and behaviour for learning. To see more photographs [click here.](#)



A group of Key Stage 2 pupils were treated to a special ice-skating trip in Greenwich today and from the concentration and determination on their faces they were very focussed on mastering their balance skills. Thank you to our parent helpers, Tilly and Gary, who supported. They couldn't have gone without you!





Christmas Performances 2023

RPS has been awash with the wonderful sounds of singing, beautiful costumes, amazing children, smiles and laughter from parents and carers as we all enjoyed the many Christmas Performances that have taken place this week.

Our Key Stage 2 children dazzled with a collection of carols from the award-winning Wassail collection including a finale in Latin!

Nursery and Reception children were indeed 'very very cute' as their narrator Rowan informed the audience they would be.

Our spectacular year 1 children were word perfect in their concert and Seal class finished the week's performances with a very twinkly nativity that was a pure delight, enjoyed by everyone including the smiling children.

Thank you to all teaching staff for their hard work and particular thanks to James and Owen our music teachers.

[Click here for the Twinkly Nativity.](#)

[Click here for all other performances.](#)





Year 6 Star Writer



With hesitation, the future groom stepped off the boat. Once he had turned the corner, the air filled with a sickening silence. He swivelled on his heel and, instantly filled with a deathly dread, realised that the boat had vanished. Slowly, then faster, he ventured deeper into the dense, dark forest. Not long after, the trees began to assume fantastic shapes of beasts remembered only in bestiaries of old: griffins, centaurs, and worst of all, dragons, all trying to rip him apart. Crunch! Underneath him, his foot became wedged in a skull's open mouth. His ankle drew blood as he ripped his leg away in pain. He looked in front of him only to realise his path was littered with skeleton parts...

Hal Year 6



Crest club

In crest club (science) they finished their project: building a Lego set and finding out how to work well as a team.

In this lesson Tyne class selected a range of materials, including construction materials to create a functional and aesthetic product - a castle for our fictional character, the Iron Man. Students were required to make 3D shapes using nets, stack recyclable materials (paper towel rolls), and decorate their castle with facades and other decorative features (turrets, windows).



Fungi spore dispersal

In 5/6 they performed an experiment on fungi spore dispersal. To perform this experiment, they placed a mushroom - without the stalks- on a piece of paper and observed how the spore release.



Gardening plaque competition

The children are invited to get creative this holiday by designing your class plaque for the vegetable beds. On the plaque it must be bright colours and it must include elements of nature.



Dates for your Diary

Week starting 4th December	Christmas performance rehearsals
7th December	Tyne and Thames dance performances
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11th December	Year group Christmas performances
15th December	Judo finishes for the term Christmas Fair
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.
8th January	Children return to school
2nd February	London History Day
8th February	Eden and Avon Class dance performance for parents
9th February	Break up for half term
7th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11th March	STEAM week
28th March	Year 1 Dance performance for parents.
28th March	Break up for the Easter holidays. Finish at the normal time.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Brent Class 97.8%

Whale Class 98.8%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Amber and Year 3 & 4

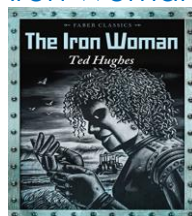
Favourite Story: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



Year 3-4 have been reading the Iron Man this term. I explained at the start to the teachers (Amina and Michelle) that it is one of my favourite books, due to the description and the language used throughout. The imagery created, it truly wonderful. Amina and Michelle would now agree that this book is one of their favourites too!

The story starts with the Iron Man being feared by all. A terrible monster from outer space threatens to ruin the planet earth, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world! The children have really enjoyed getting to know the Iron Man and became fond of his character.

We highly recommend that you all read this classic book and if you enjoy it to take a look at the sequel to the Iron Man: The Iron Woman.



Quote of the week

Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want.

Ken Poirot



Whale	Deena	Deena has been chosen as star of the week for settling into her new class well. She has shown kindness and respect to her teacher and friends and has improved her listening since joining our class. We are proud of you Deena. Well done.
Octopus	Eliza	Eliza has attacked tasks without hesitation this week and as a result, is producing longer, more detailed writing outcomes. Well done 😊
Seal	Ayah	Ayah has had a fantastic attitude in rehearsals for Year 2's Twinkly Nativity. She always has a smile on her face and puts 100% into every single song. A superstar in the making!
Avon	Zac	Zac has showcased his great singing during his music lessons. He has been extremely passionate, courageous and has always given his all into each of the lessons. Zac did amazingly well in his Christmas performance and was also spotted by other adult who thought he had done a fantastic job. Well done!
Eden	Deeqa	We have been learning how to create engaging podcasts in Y3/4. Deeqa has been the lead Tech for her group. She has been a kind, patient team leader and has helped her peers in the process. However, it is her dedication to getting the job done that I am most impressed about. Due to some technical difficulties, we had to recreate the team's podcast. She did this during her own time with a constant smile on her face and did herself proud! Well done, Deeqa.
Tyne	Elijah	Elijah has been working hard all term to be focused on lessons and to be an independent learner. He has shown great resilience when he has been finding learning tricky and is now able to use a partner for help first, or to try himself before asking for help.
Brent	Mehreen	Mehreen comes into school every day with a smile on her face ready to learn. She always shows her values and can often be seen supporting others with their work. Mehreen's behaviour is always fantastic – she is a true Brent role model!
Lea	Lian & Perwa	Lian and Perwa absolutely shone in the Christmas performance. Both as part of the brass band and in the songs with their class, they performed with professionalism and enthusiasm. I couldn't take my eyes from them!
Thames	Su'riah	For facilitating science and DT learning in a supportive and encouraging manner with her year 2 group. Well done Su'riah!



Key Stage 1	Armani	For being kind towards a peer who was upset in John's class and swapping parts to help them.
Key Stage 2	Dawoud	For asking if another child was okay when they were feeling sad. This was a nomination from another child - Olatide.

Competition: Winter Winners!



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?

Friday 5th January

What do you win?

A certificate and a virtual badge!



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THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITY

CRAFT WORKSHOPS (NATURE CRAYONS), MUSIC AND GAMES

TIME: 10AM - 2PM

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITY

A GIFT FROM SANTA AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE 9 EUGENIA ROAD SE16 2RU

TIME: 10AM - 2PM

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HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET DAY Thursday 29 th Aug & Friday 30 th Aug 2024	
Children Back	Monday 2 nd September – Friday 18 th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 21 st October 2024 - Friday 1 st November 2024 School Closed 2 week
Children Back	Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December 2024
Christmas break 21 st December 2024 – 5 th January 2025	
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET DAY Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Children Back	Monday 6 th January – Friday 14 th February 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025 School Closed 1 week
Children Back	Monday 24 th February – Friday 4 th April 2025
Spring break 7 th April – 21 st April 2025	
SUMMER TERM 2025	
Children Back	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 23 rd May 2025
MAY DAY	Monday 5 th May 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 26 th May 2025– Friday 30 th May 2025 School Closed 1 week
Children Back	Monday 2 nd June – Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
INSET DAY Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	