

RPS Weekly Newsletter

RUN ROTHERHITHE RUN

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

2 - 4 PM

SOUTHWARK PARK
ATHLETICS TRACK



Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super event our first **charity fun run** was on Sunday. The sun shone, everyone was in good spirits and the skipping warm up, led by Mequita Oliver, created a party atmosphere.

Our families have raised a magnificent **£747** and we will receive an additional £5,000 from **Art Invest**. We are very grateful to the organisers and keen to be involved next year. What a fantastic event to promote fitness and wellbeing. I am sure the children slept well on Sunday! We are planning to use the money to purchase a water wall for the Early Years playground and a reading shed for the main playground. We are also in desperate need of some netball nets! Thank you to all parents who have raised money for the event and a huge thank you to our volunteers who helped on the day: Conor, Danielle, Victoria, John and Lisa S. Thanks to all our sponsors and runners! Well done all!

Horniman Museum: On Wednesday, Reception went to the Horniman Museum. They got a train to Forest Hill, which many of the children thoroughly enjoyed, and took a bus up the hill. In the gardens, they explored the different plants on a scavenger hunt within small groups, the children were engaged and supported each other's learning and understanding, while reminding each other of Laura's Forest School rule: "No picking, no licking." After they had lunch, they played some games e.g. "What's the time Mr Wolf", before going on an animal trail. The children saw Alpacas, Sheep, Goats and Chickens - they were thrilled. The journey back was slightly sleepier, after all the walking, talking and fun, but they did manage to send off their wonderful parent volunteers with a mighty "THANK YOU" when they got back.



School council: RPS is very proud to present to you its newly elected School Council. Our team of budding politicians will now take on the huge task of making sure that all of the children in their year groups have the opportunity to reflect their comments, needs and wishes to the school through the voice of their elected representative.

Our councillors are looking forward to getting stuck into their new role and are confident that they will do a great job for the school and student body.

Our Councillors:

Octopus Class: Eliza and Malik

Whale Class: Ollie and Anna

Seal Class: Eliora and Hewad

Tyne Class: Charlotte and Kloe

Avon Class: Hudson and Leila

Brent Class: Liam and Amelia

Thames Class: Alexander (Vice Chair) and Rui Xi

Lea Class: Jaida (Chair) and Joshua



Chair: Jaida

Vice Chair: Alexander

Dance Performance: On Thursday Brent and Lea class completed their PE - dance unit with a stunning performance for parents. They have really enjoyed their lessons and performed with flair. Each year group will receive a 6-week block of lessons with Chantel at some point in the academic year.

Next week is half term. We hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing children on Monday 30th October.
Lisa (HoS)

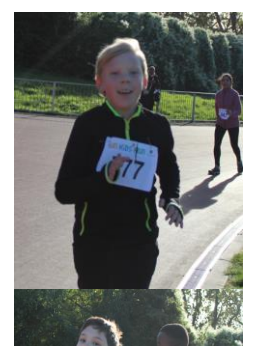
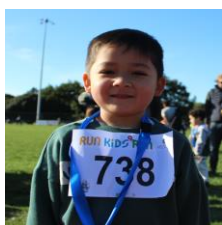
Run Rotherhithe Run!



On Sunday 81 RPS runners joined 4 other schools for a fun run challenge held on Southwark Park Athletic tracks. The children in Early Years completed a 1K run and the other year groups completed a 2K run (5 full laps of the running track!), that is with the exception of Ramzy in year 2 who decided he was going to run both races! He just kept running!

The children ran in age groups. The cheers of the crowds kept them going! What superstars they were!

The event has also been publicized in Southwark's local newspaper: [Click here.](#) You can also see more on our website: [Link here.](#)



Fire Safety Workshops

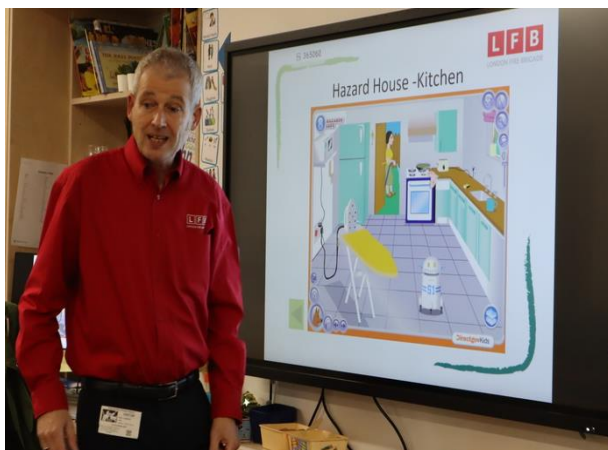
Today we had a very special visitor from the London Fire Brigade. Paul Cosaitis, the Education Officer at LFB headquarters came to Rotherhithe Primary School to speak to children in years 2, 5 and 6 about fire safety at home.

Paul started his workshop by talking about the three main emergency services, which are the Police, the Fire Service and the Ambulance Service. The children were taught that if they ever need any of these services, they can call 999 for an emergency and the operator will put them through to the service that they need.

They also saw some typical smoke alarms, how they work and how often they should be tested at home. If your home does not have a smoke alarm, it is very important that you contact the London Fire Brigade as they can provide these to households for **free**. See below for more information.

During Paul's presentation, the children were shown pictures of typical rooms you will find at home, such as the living room or the kitchen and asked to point out any potential hazards they can see. Paul was very impressed at how many children spotted the hazards in the pictures.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for taking the time to visit us today and in helping us all to better understand how to stay safe from fire hazards at home.



International Day 2023



We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising this year's International Day. The money they raised from the event paid for the storyteller (Vanessa) on the day and will help fund a number of other events for the children over the next term.

Thank you all to our amazing parents and carers (we are sure you are all professional chefs!) for cooking up a feast for the PTA to sell. Please do collect your trays etc from the school office.

It was a pleasure to see the children once again enjoying and celebrating their cultures in traditional costumes.





29 September 2023

By Jasmine Stanton & Cristina Olmedo-Bogicevicova

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Computing

In computing in Lea class, they went on scratch to look at a project and shared what they found.

"It was fun watching the rocket land on Mars."



Science

In Jellyfish class this week, they had their first gardening session. They planted some pumpkin seeds and started to fill their compost bins. We can't wait for their crops to start growing so we can get the opportunity to taste them. "We dug some holes and placed some seeds in the soil and



Mathematics

In year 3/4, they have been looking at problem solving and how to be systematic in finding all the possible answers.

They used number lines and rounding skills to find the answers in their work.



Art and Design

In year 2, the children have continued their unit on Drawing by developing new character illustrations, which is linked to their English text, and applying skills with line and mark making to add expression and detail.



Entrepreneur in the making!

Six core values underpin everything we do at RPS. By the time children leave us and set off on their secondary school journey we hope to have instilled these values into the children. They are:



One of our year 6 pupils has inspired us by demonstrating all these values. This is **Hal's story**.

'Hi, my name is Hal,

I'm 10 years old and in year six at Rotherhithe Primary School. I want to raise money so that everyone in my year can go on a residential trip next year, to do this I'm going to walk around my local park 150 times!

After our SATS we can go on a week long residential school trip in Kent. When we are there we will be able to do archery, running, rowing and lots of other outdoor activities. I'm looking forward to trying new activities and getting more skilled. I want everyone in Year 6 to go 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.

I decided to do 150 laps around Southwark Park to raise money, so that everyone can attend. Each lap is about 2.5km so by the end I will have done 375km (233 miles). I have walked most of them but have also run and cycled (if I cycle I go two times round as it's easier, but it only counts as one). By the start of the September term, I had already done 38 laps!

Please sponsor me and help my friends.

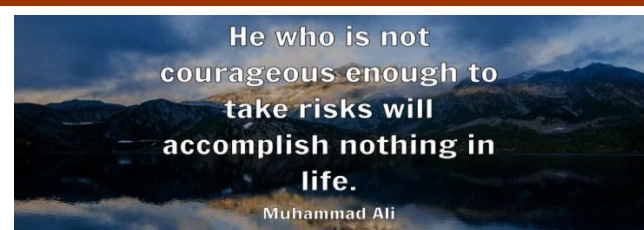
You can sponsor Hal by going to the following link: [Hal's go fund me page.](#)
Good Luck Hal!



Dates for your Diary

20 th October	Break up for half term
30 th October	Children return to school
7 th and 8 th November	Parent's Evening
10 th November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
11 th November	Armistice Day
Week beginning 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
14 th November	School photographer Phonics Workshop for Reception parents after school
17 th November	Children in Need
20 th November	Thames Class school trip Apple Workshop
22 nd November	Flu vaccinations
23 rd November	NEST Impact of Education Review
24 th November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
Week starting 4 th December	Christmas performance rehearsals
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11 th December Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Year group Christmas performances Early years performance Year 1 & 2 performances Year 5 & 6 performances Year 3 & 4 performances
15 th December	Judo finishes for the term
18 th December	Achievement Awards
19 th December	Class parties
20 th December	KS1 multisport club finishes
20 th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.

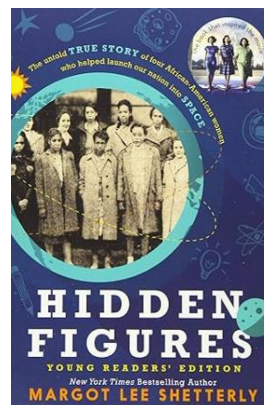
Please do not book term time holidays.



Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Michelle Powell

Favourite Book: Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shatterly



In year 3 & 4 we are currently reading and learning about four inspiring women who made huge contributions to the Space Race between the United States of America and Russia during the 1950s.

This book explores issues faced by four super intelligent women, including segregation, and the inequalities between men and women in the workplace during the 1930s to 1960s.

The beautiful illustrations are also bold and colourful. What I have enjoyed most about this book are the lessons in ambition, resilience and respect that are three of our school's core values.

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Brent Class 97.8%



Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



Whale	Akbar	Akbar has been chosen as the star of the week for trying really hard with his learning and making huge improvements in particular with his writing – including using time connectives and verbs. Amazing!
Octopus	Freddie	Freddie has been working really hard in phonics. He is using Fred Fingers to sound out words and has improved his letter formation. Well done! Keep it up!
Seal	Jassim	Jassim has worked hard at working independently. He no longer constantly asks for help but instead uses the skills taught to help him in reading and writing. Keep it up, Jassim!
Avon	Christine B	Christine has been a great role model this week by demonstrating fantastic listening. She is always an active listener in class and one of the very first children ready for the next instruction. Keep it up!
Eden	Chyanne	Chyanne has proved to be a role model in our class since the beginning of the year. During the day she is attentive and listens carefully to instructions in a mature manner. She is an amazing citizen of our class. Thank you, Chyanne!
Tyne	Safia	Safia puts in 100% effort into all her learning, including her homework where she goes above and beyond. She is making brilliant progress, and it is down to her hard work and positive attitude towards her learning.
Brent	Lexi	Lexi worked hard during art this week. She used a variety of drawing techniques to create a powerful image that conveyed a positive message for the world. Well done!
Lea	Mahad	Mahad has been working extremely hard to improve his handwriting these last few weeks. I have been so impressed with his dedication and consistency!
Thames	Rui Xi	For setting an exemplary example of a mature, independent and collaborative learner. She is always focussed on her learning and very accommodating in assisting her peers in all areas of the curriculum but particularly in writing and mathematics. Thank you and well done



Cleo	For looking after our school playground. Annalise was very proud that you picked up orange peel that someone else had dropped.
Lexi	For being a kind friend and looking out for others emotional wellbeing.



Help to get a club minibus
 gofund.me/e6b987f2
 Scan to donate
 gofundme



New Cross Martial Arts

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Judo Club – Rotherhithe Primary School

New Cross Martial Arts are offering your children a Judo after school club. Children will have the opportunity to learn a Japanese martial art and Olympic sport in a fun and exciting way learning Discipline, Self-Control and Respect. By children learning the fundamental principles of judo will improve fitness, flexibility, co-ordination, strength and also self-confidence. Children will take part in regular gradings to gain their belts to progress through the ranks. New Cross Martial Arts also offer and run national and international competitions in which children will be able to participate in.

Judo sessions will run every Wednesday & Friday afterschool 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Start & Finish Date: Wednesday 1st November – Wednesday 13th December 2023
 Friday 3rd November – Friday 15th December 2023

(payment is required in advance per term)

Wednesday – Years 1-6 (7 x sessions)	£35
Friday – Years 1-6 (7 x sessions)	£35

(Please tick which sessions you require)

For both days £70

All fees must be paid by the deadline above. Your child will not be allowed to attend any sessions after deadline date. Due to a long waiting list places are now offered on a first come first served basis throughout the school

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please note as from 2022 New Cross Martial Arts will only accept payment via
bank transfer

Rotherhithe Primary School Registration Form

Child's (Full) Name..... (Please PRINT clearly)

Childs Class

Does your child have any medical / special needs that we should be aware of?

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Parental contact details – (please print clearly)

Parent/Career Name.....

Telephone Number.....

Email

Please return form to the judo coaches.

METHOD OF PAYMENT (please tick)

Bank Transfer ☐ Date paid

Name on account: New Cross Martial Arts LTD

Account number: 92214229

Sort code: 40-43-36

Please Leave your child's full name and school as a reference.
 For example: Sam Smith – Rotherhithe Primary School.

Important information

- We are unable to offer refunds once payment has been made and sessions started.
- Refunds will not be given for sessions that have been missed by the child.
- Should Payment not be received by the given deadline you will be asked to collect your child but will still be charged for the sessions attended. By missing the payment deadline your child may also lose their space at this club due to current waiting list.



The London Daily Mile Community of Practice

Autumn Network Meeting

Date: 7 November 2023

Time: 4 – 5.30pm

Agenda

Item	Time	Who
Welcome and Introductions and quick updates from LME	4.00 – 4.10	Layla Hall, London Marathon Events
The Daily Mile Foundation update, including: - New: 3 Core Principles - Fit for Life Award	4.10 – 4.25	Sam Payne, The Daily Mile Foundation
How the Daily Mile can contribute towards the Refreshed Healthy Early Years London / Healthy Schools London Award	4.25 – 4.40	National Children's Bureau
Breakout / group discussion: Knowing the new simplified messaging (3 Core Principles), how can you/will you apply this in school? Will it help with myth-busting, advocacy and buy-in?	4.40 – 5.15	Breakout session
Spotlight: sharing of a case study and impact in school: <i>Implementation of The Daily Mile with SEND pupils</i>	5.15 – 5.25	Daily Mile School
What will you do next / close.	5.25 – 5.30	Layla Hall, London Marathon Events

Phonics **Read Write Inc.** Phonics

Workshop

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.



lest we forget



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POPPY APPEAL

★ We will be outside **TESCO** ★

26th OCT - 11th NOV
10am-6pm

★ Then at **THE RANGE** ★

28th OCT ONLY
11am

For the official launch
The mayor of Southwark will be in attendance
Sea Cadets, our amazing singer, Jay O'Callaghan
will be entertaining us, The Blackout Buddies
(Dad's Army reenactors), a display of work
from the City of London Academy



North Bermondsey Branch



We are having a Table top sale to raise funds for our standards



Galleywall Road Tennants Hall starts at finishes at

Tables are £10

Tombola



Please contact Branch Chairman – Jill Merrett to book a table

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Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE
QUESTIONS YOU
WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>