

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Southwark Park 1936



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Local History:** RPS currently holds a heritage status award for our teaching of local history thanks mostly to the hard work of Amber (our History Lead). This week she delivered a special assembly about this year's local history project which is all about Southwark Park. The children considered the fact that Southwark is a 'borough'. They thought about the '**human features**' they could identify in Southwark Park. The older children will be looking at how this area has changed over time. Interestingly, there never used to be a park in this space at all! A campaign to create a park started during the Victorian era. In 1856 we know that 250 local people signed a petition calling on the metropolitan board of works to provide one and between 1856 and 1864 the plans to create Southwark Park were agreed by parliament. Did you know that until 1992 there used to be a lido in the park?



Some of you may have family members who remember going there. This project will be used to apply and renew our heritage status and I am sure it will excite many of our children.

**Art:** We love art! Children in Eden class were really keen to show me some of their learning this week. These children have been exploring tone, tints and shades and have looked at how you create these by mixing colours. They have explored the impact of adding white or black and have noticed that if you add black the colour changes very quickly.



## Hellos and Goodbyes:

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Helen who will be leaving at the end of next week. She is currently teaching Penguin class. She has worked at RPS for over eight years and will be much missed. We wish her luck in her new role and thank her for all her hard work.

Amber will be starting her maternity leave shortly and it will be her final week at school next week. We wish her well with the final stages of her pregnancy and look forward to hearing great news soon.

On Monday we welcome two new teachers to RPS. Natalie Carpenter, a Canadian teacher who will be teaching Penguin class and Sheveline Marston, who will be teaching Tyne class. We wish them both the warmest of welcomes and look forward to working alongside them.

Have a wonderful weekend. Lisa (HoS)

# Year 1 love learning!

It's been a very busy week in year 1. Children have had fun programming Bee-Bots to move around a board. Then they have used colour mixing skills to create Clarice Cliff plates.

Using a paper plate, children recreate their own designs of Clarice Cliff's 'Circle Tree' plate, using bright colours to paint circles and finishing by using black paint and a straw to blow a tree design.



**WANTED**  
Have you seen Kealan's Teddy?

Name: Foxy

Appearance: He has a red bow.  
He has orange fur.  
He has black eyes.  
He has a black nose.  
He has a black tail.

Thursday 1st February 2024

LC1 To design a wanted poster for the lost teddy.

**WANTED**  
Have you seen Kealan's Teddy?

Name: Foxy

Age: 3 years

Appearance: He has orange fur and a red bow.  
Foxy has black eyes.  
He has a black nose.  
He has a black tail.  
He has a black body.  
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Year 1 produced some fabulous pieces of writing this week. Whole class received a ransom note explaining that someone took Kealan's teddy. The children had to make 'Wanted' posters to help find him.

Foxy the bear was missing!



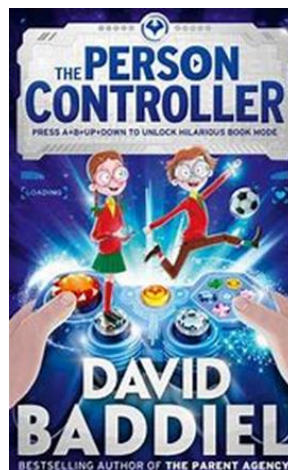
# Dates for your Diary

<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Learning Together programme starts for some Nursery parents
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Read Write Inc Development Day
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	London History Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Travel Training Bus – for some year 6 children
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Eden and Avon Class dance performance for parents 2:45 pm.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up for half term
	Half Term Break
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children return to school
<b>20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Parent's Evening
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Year 1 dance lessons start
<b>Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parent's meetings with children with SEND need  LGBTQ+ week
<b>29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 Dance performance for parents.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Break up for the Easter holidays. Finish at the normal time.
	Easter Break
	Children return to school

## Pupil Book Recommendations

**Pupil:** Alexander from Thames class

**Favourite Book:** The Person Controller by David Baddiel



This book is about a pair of video- game loving twins (named Ellie and Fred). When one of their controllers broke, they had to look for a replacement. They went to their school's computer room to look for a replacement, but the replacement didn't work on the devices, it worked on humans. Knowing this, they used their knowledge of gaming to make their lives better by: standing up to bullies, going to friend's celebrations and making the football team (Fred kept failing try-outs). There couldn't be any problems. Could there...?

I would recommend this book to people who enjoy a good laugh and for those that enjoy twist endings.



## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



**Tyne Class** 98%

**Seal Class** 96,4%

Well done and keep it up!

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

## Quote of the week



**'Where flowers bloom so does hope.'**

**Lady Bird Johnson**



<b>Whale</b>	Jesse	Jesse has been given star of the week this week for his fantastic learning and improvement in his independent learning. Jesse has really tried this week! Well done!
<b>Octopus</b>	Kiona	For displaying positive behaviour and listening to adults during carpet sessions. Keep it up!
<b>Seal</b>	Simeon	Simeon has worked extremely hard in Maths lessons this week. He can tell the time and explain how he knows what the time is using full sentences. Well done!
<b>Avon</b>	Anis	Anis has worked very hard on improving his handwriting and the quality of work. He has taken on board feedback from adults and is being steadier when writing. Anis is also reflecting back to his success criteria and is ensuring to maintaining his cursive writing. Well done!
<b>Eden</b>	Denver	Denver is new to Rotherhithe. I wanted to officially welcome him to our school, but I'd also like to acknowledge his strength in the face of change and his willingness to be a part of our class. He has seamlessly integrated himself into a new routine and made friends as if he's always known them. I'm so happy he's in Eden class and we're better for having him with us. Well done, Denver.
<b>Tyne</b>	James	James has worked hard this week on regulating his feelings. He has been able to share with teachers how he is doing, identify his feelings from the zones of regulation and think of what solution he needs in order to support him. I've been really proud of James for trying to improve for himself so that he can focus on completing his work.
<b>Brent</b>	Andrew	For his outstanding home learning. Andrew's homework is always completed on time and to a very high standard. He is also an avid reader and always writes detailed comments about what he has read in his reading record. Keep up the good work!
<b>Lea</b>	Mateen	Mateen has worked hard in Maths this week. He has used multiplication and division skills to identify equivalent fractions. Well done!
<b>Thames</b>	Musa	For excellent participation in class discussions, particularly in our English learning about the Blitz and the atomic bombs. He has displayed an eagerness which is commendable. Well done!



Aiya (Seal class) for always being really kind and helpful and this week impressing during a Jigsaw lesson. Well done Aiya.





## Gymnastics Club

Your Gymnastics Club in Surrey Quays

If your child loves gymnastics, then why not consider a gymnastics club. J'AcE is held at the Seven Islands leisure centre. Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.jacegc.co.uk/home>

### Opening Times:

Monday: 5 - 7pm

Wednesday: 5.00 - 6.30pm

Thursday: 6.30pm - 8.30pm



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I have one more lap to go! Please sponsor me and help me raise £2,000 to enable children to attend the Hindleap Warren residential trip. I am so close. I have raised an amazing £1,770. Thank you to all my sponsors.



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**CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTISPORTS CAMP

14TH FEBRUARY | 15TH FEBRUARY | 16TH FEBRUARY | AGES 4-11

**LOCATION:**  
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## FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTISPORTS CAMP

**When:** 14/02/24 - 16/02/24

**Times:** 8:00AM - 5:00PM = £35  
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**Where:** 11 GIFFIN ST, LONDON SE8 4RJ

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