

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

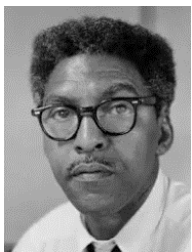
We were all very grateful that the rain finally stopped today and we are hoping for brighter weather next week.

LGBTQ+ history week was introduced in assembly on Monday by Kealan, our SMSC lead. This encouraged children to recognise their similarities but acknowledge that we are all unique and that it is okay to be to be different from others. The children learned about the amazing work of Alan Turing (the father of modern computer science). They discovered that despite the fact he led a very troubled life, he was the mastermind who invented coding! Turing also cracked the Enigma code during the Second World War; a huge break through that helped the allies.



Alan Turing

In their classes children continued to learn about other famous LGBTQ+ personalities and the contributions they have made to the world. Year 3 & 4 children learned about Bayard Rustin a political activist who stood up for civil rights, nonviolence and gay rights in America.



Bayard Rustin

Michael Gunning



Year 1 & 2 children learned about Michael Gunning a talented Jamaican-British professional swimmer currently the record holder for 200m butterfly competition.



At RPS we are passionate about inclusion and ensuring that our children's needs are met both academically and emotionally. We hold flagship status for our work and share our practice with other schools. We develop targeted projects, for example, this year we have a focus on developing and extending our Forest School provision. Learning in the outdoors is amazing for developing children's communication and problem-solving skills. Laura, Jennifer and Jade have been leading on developing this and we can see such wonderful impact for the children who absolutely love it! We have also focused on developing our sensory provision for children with some children accessing sensory circuits delivered by our coaches and support staff. This week we had our yearly Inclusion Quality Mark review and showcased some of our provision for the reviewer, who was suitably impressed and recommended that we retain our Flagship status. Well done to our fantastic staff! I would like to especially thank Jennifer, Conor, Anthony, Lisa S, Theo and all the year 1 team for their contributions to the review.

World Book Day is nearly here! On Thursday it is time for children to get dressed up as their favourite book character. Parents, please see the attached link with lots of World Book Day ideas to use at home with children:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

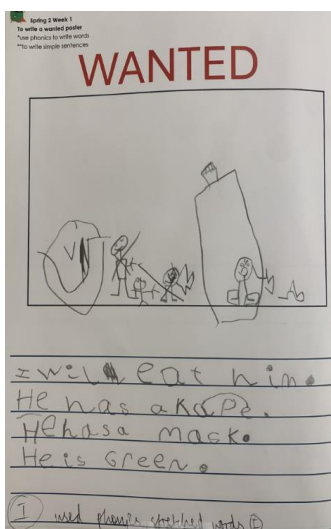
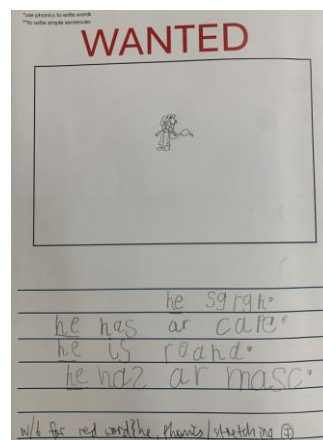
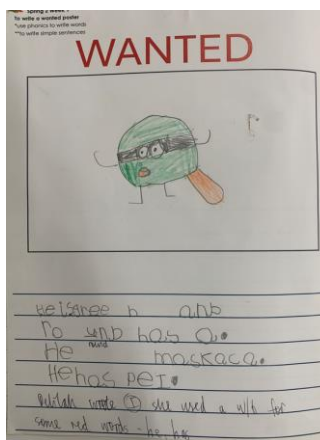
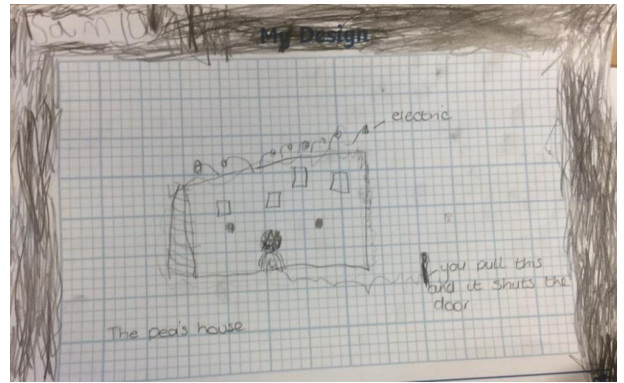
Stop the press! On Monday RPS will be visited by a mystery celebrity author. Keep it hush hush! Who could it be? Children will not want to miss this!

Have a great weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Evil Pea is on the loose!

Last week the children in Reception designed and made traps to catch the dastardly 'Evil Pea', who snuck into their classes and caused a lot of mayhem, including stealing their construction blocks! The children were very bothered about this. Some even expressed that they felt like they were in the blue zone because Evil Pea's antics were making them feel sad. Some expressed that they were in the red zone because he was making them cross! The children went on a hunt around the school to find Evil Pea. Secretly the children were having a lot of fun! They produced some great work, independently and collaboratively.

If anyone does spot the Evil Pea, please let Reception know!



Dates for your Diary

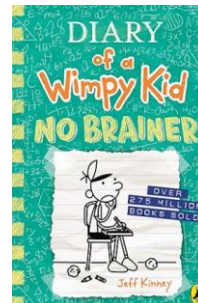
	Half Term Break
Week beginning 26th February	Parent's meetings with children with SEND need LGBTQ+ History week
28th February	Groundwork coffee morning for parents
29th February	Inclusion Quality Mark Review
4th March	Mock Phonics Tests for year 1 children Author visit for KS2
7th March	World Book Day
12th March	Year 1 & 2 Bedtime Stories National Literacy Trust Event
18th, 19th and 20th March	Scholastic book Fair
18th March	World Poetry Day
26th March	Easter Bonnet Parade see flyer below
28th March	Year 1 Dance performance for parents.
28th March	Break up for the Easter holidays. Finish at the normal time.
	Easter Break
16th April	Children return to school STEAM week starts
17th April	STEAM workshops for children
13th May	Year 6 SATS week starts
20th May	Year 6 Residential trip to Hindleap Warren

Pupil Book Recommendations

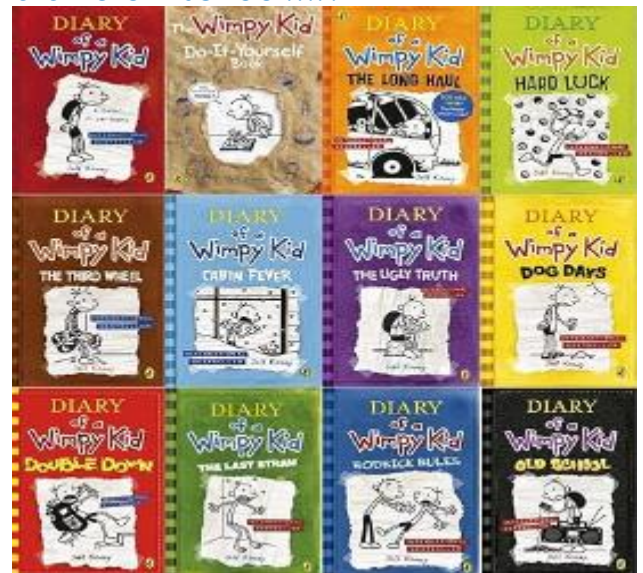
Pupil: Sabreen

Book: Diary of a Wimpy Kid No Brainer

Author: Jeff Kinney



This book is a new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' book; actually, it is the 18th book! The main character is Greg Heffley who hasn't particularly enjoyed his middle school. He isn't at all hurt or bothered when there are plans to close the crumbling building. But when he realizes this means his friend (Rowley Jefferson) will be going to a different school to him, he changes his mind. Can he save the school, or will he and his friend be sent to a different school....?



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



Brent Class 98.1%

Seal Class 98%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!





Whale	Lucy	Lucy has had a brilliant week. She has improved her handwriting and has begun to take more pride in her work. Lucy has also been very helpful to help her teacher and peers while in class. Well done, Lucy.
Octopus	Jude	For paying particular attention to his handwriting and following the yellow highlighter guidelines carefully – What a difference! You are a superstar 😊
Seal	Majid	For excellent progress in his reading. Majid has shown an excellent attitude to his learning and is starting to answer questions about what he has read.
Avon	Leila	This week we have been learning about time, which can be very challenging. Leila has shown determination and resilience and her attitude towards her learning has been fantastic. She has been able to give explanations to support her frequently correct answering of questions. Keep it up!
Eden	Elsie Mae	We wrote an Agony Aunt letter in response to a fictional character. I was very impressed with Elsie Mae's ability to write such a convincing and thoughtful piece, while using persuasive language in such an engaging way. Keep it up, Elsie Mae!
Tyne	Mohammed	Mohammed has worked hard this week in his learning. In maths, we have been looking at time. Although this can be a tricky concept, he has shown resilience and managed to complete tasks correctly. Well done!
Brent	Ebuka	For showing excellent progress with his writing. Ebuka produced a fantastic diary entry about the Blitz and presented it beautifully in a cursive style.
Lea	Joppa	Joppa has made a supreme effort to improve the quality of her handwriting and uplevel the content of her work. She takes on board all advice and focuses really well during whole class teaching. This has led to a huge improvement in her finished writing.
Thames	Aleena	For making a conscious effort to improve her punctuality. It has really made a positive impact to her learning. Well done!



Yara-Mae

- For showing resilience by overcoming not feeling so great, to taking part actively and then really getting involved at Forest School.
- She worked well with her partner exploring and bug hunting.
- She was able to speak and negotiate maturely with peers about who was going to take the IQM bear home this week.



Fantastic Year 1 home learning. Well done!



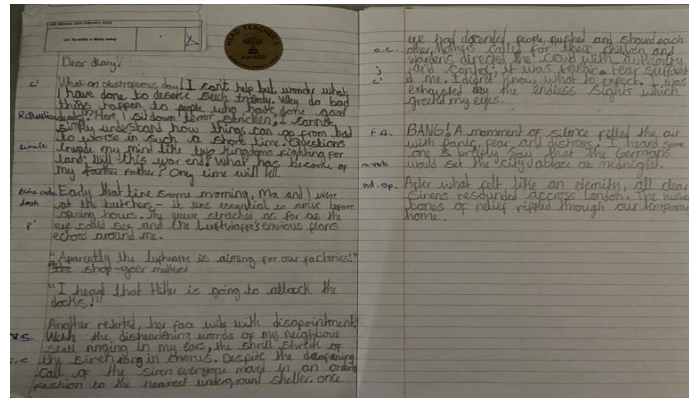
Year 6 Star Writing by Joppa



Akbar's stunning Little Red Riding Hood



Amber's creative castle in the clouds



Anna's amazing castle

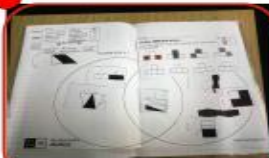


STEAM

Science Technology Engineering The Arts Mathematics
By: Jasmine Stanton, Cristina Olmedo-Bogicevicovca, Jaida hallowell & Sabreen Hamsa Ali and Jade Scriven

Maths

In John's math they learned to identify fractions of shapes with different numerators.



Computing

In Lea and Brent class they did their second computing lesson, and were learning how to make more format cells, also were organising what way the class transported to school.



Art

In year 2, John's class were working on collage artwork, and using many different shapes, and bright colours to select from. They also had tools like sponges, brushes and colourful tooth-picks!



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Science

In science club this week they have been deciding a projects to do at a stall at the 'S.T.E.A.M' week fair.



Art Club

Look at our lovely 'Shape Art'! How many different shapes have they used?



EASTER BONNET COMPETITION



Design an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in to school.

Bonnets will be judged by the Art Ambassadors and a **PRIZE** (for each class) will be given to the best bonnets in the following categories:

- * Most Vibrant
- * Most Home-made
- * Most Durable

The children will parade their creations in a special parade assembly on

Tuesday 26th MARCH.

Parents welcome to attend!

KS1 @ **9:15 am** in the **large hall**

KS2 @ **9:45 am** in the **large hall**

Nursery **morning** children @ **11:45am** in **class**

Nursery **afternoon** and **full time** children @ **2:45pm** in **class**

Reception @ **2:45pm** in **class**

#LETOIRLSPLAY

At Rotherhithe we are proud of all our footballers – but next Friday (8/3/24) – we are **CELEBRATING THE GIRLS**

So, we are inviting you to help us celebrate!

During the day we will have
- **special** Football PE Lessons.

- a girl's football tournament at Lunchtime.

And...

Everyone can wear a football shirt on Friday if they want!!!



Scan QR code
to find out
more



Stay and Play!



Friday's 4pm – 6pm
Games, Pool, Ping Pong,
Arts & Crafts, Football.

Snacks & drinks

Including tea and coffee
for parents

Silverlock Hall TRA



COME AND HELP YOURSELF - FOR FREE!!

Get Rid of and Donate CIC collects unwanted items - preloved good quality clothes, shoes, household/textiles, books, toys, tech/electricals, *furniture, musical equipment/music/cd/dvds and more recycling giving back to those in need.

Something that you no longer want can still be used by someone else giving a 2nd or 3rd life span!.

Donations benefit the beneficiaries of the project refugees, asylum seekers, vulnerable families and the homeless.

The ongoing cost of living crisis has caused the demand to assist other disadvantaged users groups the elderly people living with mental health & people with disabilities we need YOUR donations.

*Items offered from the community subject to availability.

All donated items are cleaned, checked, and sanitised to ensure items are in good usable, working condition

We promote 'waste not, want not' giving back to the community. You can also swap and recycle unwanted children toys and books

LOCATION ADDRESS & SESSION TIMES:

St. Faith's Community Centre,
Red Post Hill,
London SE24 9JQ
(By appointment only)

Times: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Last entry at 1:30pm

Transportation:

Nearest rail station: North Dulwich Centre.
Bus routes: 42, P4 (brings you to Red Post Hill mini roundabout)

CONTACT US
07944 102 112

WWW.GETRIDOFT-DONATE.COM



Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Timetable 19th Feb-28th March 2024

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 Yoga (Age group: From 2 months up to pre-crawlers) **Booking Required**
Dates: 4th March-25th March
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Families are required to attend the 4 weeks sessions of Baby Yoga. Parents and babies will experience a mixture of movements and relaxation moments to help with physical and mental wellbeing.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Stay and Play (1 year and above)
10:00am-11:30am

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Bookstart Sessions at local libraries

Bookstart (0-4 years) Term Time Only

Canada Water Library 10-11:30am
21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

Blue Anchor Library 10-11am
Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

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

Counselling Art Therapy (Invitation Only)
9:30am-12:30pm

Session delivered in partnership with another service. For more information, please email us
ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

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

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10am-11:30am

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Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

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

Dates: 18th January-21st March
Times: 10am-12pm

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

SEN Intervention and Support (Invitation Only) **NEW SESSION**
Time: 1:45-3:00pm

A space for families with children with additional/special educational needs to meet with an Early Years Practitioner for individual support. Contact us for more information. Call or email to book:
02073582878

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

NEW SESSION
Boogie Mites (From birth up to 8 months)
10:00am-10:30am

Music programme with lively songs and gentle lullabies to help babies develop body awareness, build relationships and tune into sounds. You and your baby will benefit from the mood-boosting effect of sharing music together.

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 Mites

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, communication, physical and social development. You and your child will benefit from the mood-boosting effect of sharing music together.

Times: 10:00am – 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:30am-12:00pm

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.

Healthy Minds Thrive Project

The Healthy Minds Thrive project aims to support parents and carers across Southwark (with 0-2 infants) thrive in their parenting journey. We understand that parents may experience isolation, low mood, and anxiety, worries around bonding with baby or shame about having these feelings.

For more information, please email:
premila.soobul@southwark.gov.uk

NOTICES

We have a new Text Messaging service to communicate with families regarding any news or changes to our sessions. If you would like to opt in, please speak with a member of staff.

Mobile phones are **NOT** permitted to be used in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes and a chance for children to spend quality time with adults.

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.

