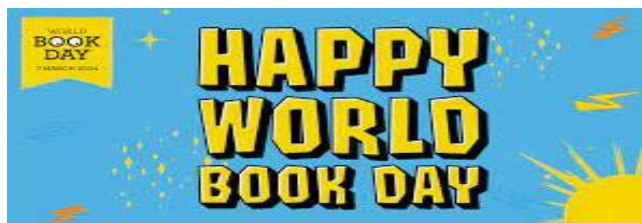


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme for this year's World Book Day was all about finding ways to make reading fun. Reading for pleasure is hugely important and research continues to show that children who read books they enjoy will read more frequently, have wider vocabularies and achieve at a higher level academically. Most importantly they are immersed into new worlds, ideas, and interesting facts through the magical world of books.

World Book Day organisers have commissioned 15 authors to write books that children can purchase for only £1 or for free if they use their World Book Day tokens! The tokens were sent home on Thursday so do check their book bags. The special WBD £1 books are shown below. Should your child prefer a different book, you can exchange the voucher towards the cost. Children can use their vouchers at the Scholastic Book Fair after school on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March.



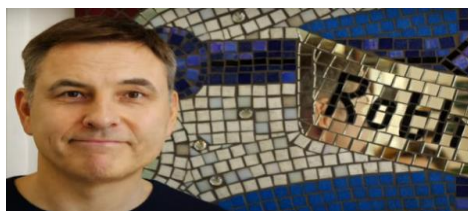
Monday's World Book Day assembly considered activities to promote reading for pleasure, which included listening to two authors talking about their new books, their love of reading and where they like to read. You can look at some of these film clips with your children at home using the following link: [click here](#). A common thread amongst the authors was to always carry a book with you in case you get the opportunity for a 5-minute read. Also, to consider listening to audio books but mainly to choose books they want to read, not what someone tells them to read.

Sharing books: We also considered the importance of sharing books through book reviews and discussions with friends in school. The children particularly enjoyed answering book quizzes. Children can get involved with a number of book quizzes online so why not try these: [Penguin quizzes](#) or [Scholastic quizzes](#).

Mystery Reader: Our mystery reader quiz kept the children puzzling over which 'disguised' members of staff were reading pages from the book 'Brown Bear Brown Bear'. This even had staff guessing! Then on Thursday the children watched the 'Big Reveal'. If you haven't shared this with your children, you still can click on the links below.

Mystery Reader part 1: <https://youtu.be/fCAvzSYqY2s>

Mystery Reader part 2: <https://youtu.be/F11JyPdymek>



David Walliams: But World Book Day really started with a bang on Monday when Key Stage 2 children were treated to a celebrity visit from David Walliams. The children were kept guessing with regard to the identity of their mystery guest and they were not disappointed. They erupted with excited applause when David entered the hall. He was absolutely wonderful with the children. He talked about how he had been inspired to write his first book '**The Boy in the Dress**' and recounted anecdotes about his elder sister who insisted on dressing him up as the baby sister she had always wanted! He enthralled the children by reading sections of his books and made them laugh when he asked which teachers they would nominate to be in his new book the 'Worlds nastiest teachers II'. The children adored him and some lucky children went home with a signed book after asking interesting questions about his life and inspirations as an author. We would like to say a huge thank you to David and the Childhood Trust who organized this event for our children and donated a David Walliams book to every child on World Book Day. There is a short film clip of David and Galiema that you can access on our website. [David Walliams](#).

Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

We love David Walliams!



Dear Mr. Walliams,

Thank you for the inspiring visit. I believe I can safely speak on behalf of the school that everybody enjoyed it greatly. Perhaps this one of the greatest happiness of a lifetime. Personally, my favourite part was when you read us copies of 'George's Marvellous Journey' and 'The Worst Children'. The way you brought the characters to life was amazing. It was also interesting to learn about how you came up with some of your book ideas and how some of them come from real-life experiences. Yet again, thank you for visiting. Your appearance has definitely inspired a love of reading to many in the school.

Thank you,
Alexander



Fantastic 'Thank you' letters written by Alexander and Amelia



Dear David Walliams,

Thank you so much for the books you donated to Rotherhithe primary school. We will treasure these books with our hearts and souls. Unfortunately, I wasn't in school when you came on Monday. I was very glad when I found out that I missed an on meeting you. I pray to god that I will get the chance to meet you in person one day. You are an amazing author. I hope you know that you bring so much joy and happiness to children (even adults) around the world. The children at Rotherhithe primary school haven't stopped talking about your visit and I'm sure it will be something we will be talking about for a long while yet. We really love the books and will read them over and over again. I admire you and hope I get to see you in person one day just an autograph. You are the best author ever but 'Slush' don't tell anybody. I've read many books of yours such as 'The Worst Worst Parents', 'The Worst Worst Monsters', 'Robo dog', 'Grandpa's great escape', 'Mrs Swack and Miss Mole'. Personally one of my favourite books of yours is 'Nobody'. I love the humour you add in your books. I'm sure everyone at school and even people around the globe enjoy your books too. I am your biggest fan and you have inspired me so much. Once again thank you so so much for coming to our school and donating books to our school. I am sure this visit will inspire us to be great writers too!

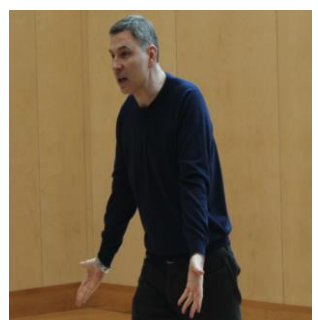
From:
Amelia Isen
and the whole
of Rotherhithe
primary school.

THANK YOU!

Written by:
Amelia Isen
Age: 10 Yr 6
Rotherhithe primary
school

Best
Author
ever !!!

Best Author ever



World Book Day 2024

World Book Day just wouldn't be the same without the children dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were seemingly a few wicked looking characters roaming around, so the children had to remember to beware!

The School Council were given the difficult task of selecting the most 'creative costumes' in each class and the winners chose a book prize and received a certificate in assembly. What a fantastic day!



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

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Thames Class 96.1%

Whale Class 96.7%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!

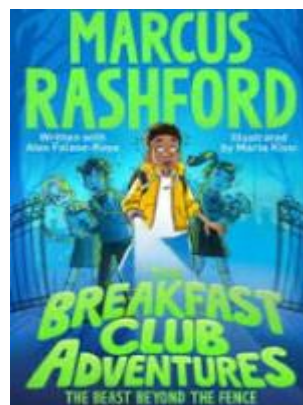


Pupil Book Recommendations

Pupil: Adoniyah

Book: The Breakfast Club Adventures
The Beast Beyond the Fence

Author: Marcus Rashford



A twelve-year-old kid named Marcus accidentally kicks his football over a fence and nothing comes back. He then gets a note inviting him to join 'The Breakfast Club Investigators' and uses the opportunity to find his football beyond the fence with his new friends Stacey, Lise and Asim, who are trying to help Marcus get his football back. I think that the book is about friendship and new opportunities to work together for a special cause, and in the end, he is pulled into a great new friendship.

Why not read other books in the Breakfast Club adventures series....

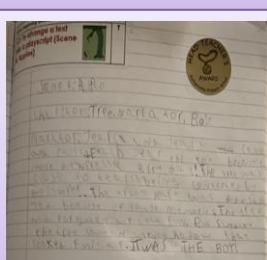


"Reading can take you to incredible places. It's a passport to imagination and knowledge."

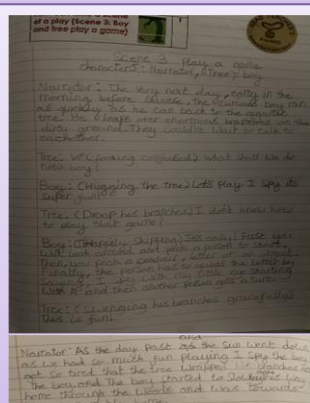
David Walliams



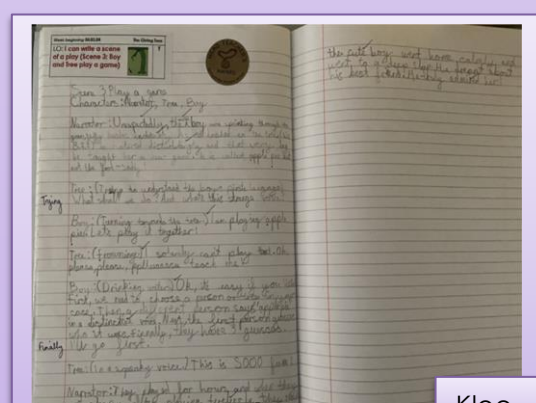
Whale	Anaiah-Rae	Anaiah-Rae has had a great week. She has been trying very hard in phonics and has been very focused on her learning. Anaiah-Rae also has fantastic behaviour for learning. Well done.
Octopus	Welsey	Wesley has made fantastic progress in phonics. Reading familiar texts has helped him to develop his fluency and confidence. It's great to hear you read with the same level of enthusiasm each time Wesley. Keep it Up!
Seal	Amarni	Amarni has worked really hard in both reading and writing this week. He is using lots of different reading strategies to read multi-syllabic words. He has also worked hard to improve his handwriting and sentence composition. Keep it up, Amarni!
Avon	Jayden F	For having such a positive attitude and focus on learning and always trying his best. Jayden is also a very respectful and kind member of Avon class and is always doing acts of kindness, keep it up!
Eden	Faith	Faith has shown empathy and kindness towards a fellow classmate. One morning, when it was raining, Faith waited for a girl and sheltered her with her umbrella without being asked. I am lucky to have her in my class as she is an example of an amazing citizen.
Tyne	Kloe	Kloe has written an exceptional piece for a playscript. She has used a range of language devices and presented her work neatly. I really enjoyed reading it. Well done!
Brent	Ryan	For his keen interest and great contributions to science lessons. Ryan is very knowledgeable about electricity and circuits. He is an electrician in the making for sure!
Lea	Lian	Lian has been working hard to improve her behaviour for learning. Her improved focus and attention are noticeable. This has had a positive impact on the quality and presentation of her work. Well done, Lian!
Thames	Lemar	For displaying great ambition with his writing of an informal letter in the role of an evacuee child during WW2. His writing features well considered emotive language as well as factual content of the period.



Elijah

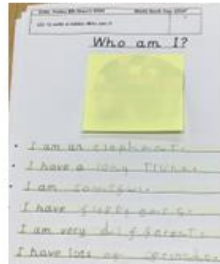


Annabel



Kloe

Reading is fun!



In Year One, we looked at Elmer the Elephant for World Book Day.

We also wrote riddles for different characters – can you guess who they are?

- I am a girl.
- I have golden hair.
- I have a red dress.
- I have a red bow.
- I like porridge.
- I like to sleep.



Buddy readers!



Supertato Review

By Jellyfish class

Here's what happened in the story...

Evil pea stuck carrot with the plasters. - Isaac

Evil pea trapped cucumber in the tissue. - Umar

Evil pea draw [on] broccoli face. - Abdullah

The superhero saved them. - Samia

Evil pea used the potato smasher to mash Supertato. - Nathaneal

Supertato made trap. - Masumah

Evil pea got stuck into jelly. - Logan

Supertato put evil pea to the freezer. - Cleo

They (all the veggies) were eating jelly. - Haris and Gideon

We like the story because

Supertato is good. He saves the day. - Zainab

He is strong. - Isaac

He helps the veggies. - Kenisha

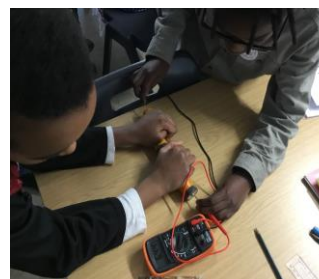
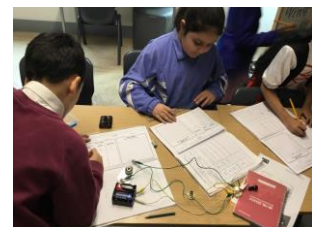
He saves the world. - Harley



Year 5 & 6 Scientists!

This week, Year 5 and 6 children have been Investigating how the brightness of a bulb is affected by the voltage or number of cells within a circuit. The children planned out their experiments and predicted the outcomes.

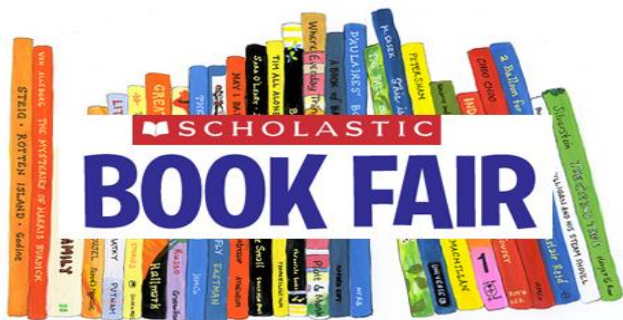
They then conducted their experiments, writing up the results drawing conclusions from what they had seen.



Come to our Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th
and Wednesday 20th in the
Foyer after school

You can use your book
WBD tokens



Young Carers Action Day

Wed 13th March 2024



One in three Young Carers struggle to balance their caring role with their education, wellbeing and social lives. Let's help to give them a fair future.

#fairfuturesforyoungcarers

#YoungCarersActionDay



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youngcarers@imago.community
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Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the spring holidays.



“The training instructors were amazing. Amazing service and advice. Thank you!”

Southwark parent

BOOK NOW

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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)

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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

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

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

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

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

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.

