

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sunday 8th March was 'International Women's Day'. This day aims to recognise women's achievements, advocate for gender equality and fight against injustice. We hope all women recognised this day and continue to strive across the world for equality.

Preparation for Banji Alexander's visit to RPS



The children in school have been enjoying weekly assemblies in preparation for an author visit from Banji Alexander. Banji is a former teacher turned author who enjoys visiting and working with children in school. He also wrote a song in preparation for King Charles accession! The children have been completing some book activities in preparation for his visit and also watched the following film clip of children singing his song on Britain's Got Talent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsNU4ITdTRQ>

We can't wait for his visit on the 24th March!

National Portrait Gallery Visit



This week, Year 3 visited the National Portrait Gallery and combined their history learning about Mary Seacole with art. The children examined her portrait and searched for it in the gallery, where they also learnt more about her life from a gallery attendant. Later, children explored other portraits and drew pictures of artwork that inspired them.



Millwall FC Free Match Tickets

I would like to say a huge thank you to Millwall FC for providing the school with 75 free tickets for one child with an adult to attend their match on Saturday 14th March. The tickets went like hot cakes and we hope you enjoyed the match. Watch Millwall Lionesses. More free family tickets available see flyer below. If you took any pictures of the children in the stadium that you would like included in the newsletter please do send through to the school office.

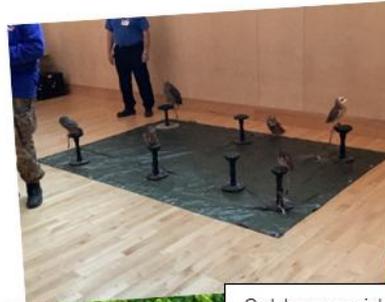


STEAM week is here! Are you ready! STEAM subjects are the focus of lessons next week. The children will be engaging in a range of exciting workshops, will be cooking in the practical room, enjoy guest visitors from a local vet, artists and so much more. This will culminate on Friday with an after-school STEAM Fair when you are invited to come and view the fantastic learning your children have been engaging with. Come and watch a Royal Institute demonstration. Be inspired by the exciting world of STEAM! Don't forget the competition. And Early Years parents, you are invited to an exciting workshop about viruses at 2 pm. Come learn with your children! We have a fantastic week ahead of us! Lisa (HoS)

Owls Visit Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about nocturnal animals. As part of their learning, they had a very exciting visit from an Owl Man! The children learned lots of fascinating facts about different types of owls, including what they eat, how they fly so silently, and why their eyes are so special. 'The best part was when we even got to hold one of the owls ourselves!'

It was an unforgettable experience.



Owls have curved beaks.



Owls have special wings that let them fly silently.



Owls have 14 neck vertebrae — this helps them rotate their heads up to 270 degrees!



They have sharp talons used to grip their prey.



Owls swallow their food whole and regurgitate a pellet made of bones, feathers and fur.



Owls with yellow eyes hunt in the daytime. Owls with orange eyes hunt at dawn and dusk. Owls with dark or black eyes are nocturnal so they hunt at night.



Not all owls hoot — some screech, hiss, or bark!

Test your knowledge.....

What colour eyes do owls have if they are nocturnal?

How do owls hold their prey?

Why can owls rotate their heads up to 270 degrees?

Do owls make a noise as they fly?

Do all owls hoot?

RPS Rock Steady Bands

This year RPS has been working with Alex from 'Rock Steady Bands' to provide music lessons for children across the school. We currently have 3 developing bands who have named themselves as the 'Mega Cool Band', the 'Ninja Cats Band' and the 'Rotherhithe Stripes'.

The children have started lessons weekly and came together this week to share some of their learning with their parents and also children in Key Stage 1.

They did an amazing job of standing up in front of an audience and performing. They put a big smile on everyone's faces.



The Ninja Cats



The Rotherhithe Stripes



The Mega Cool Band



Band Finale

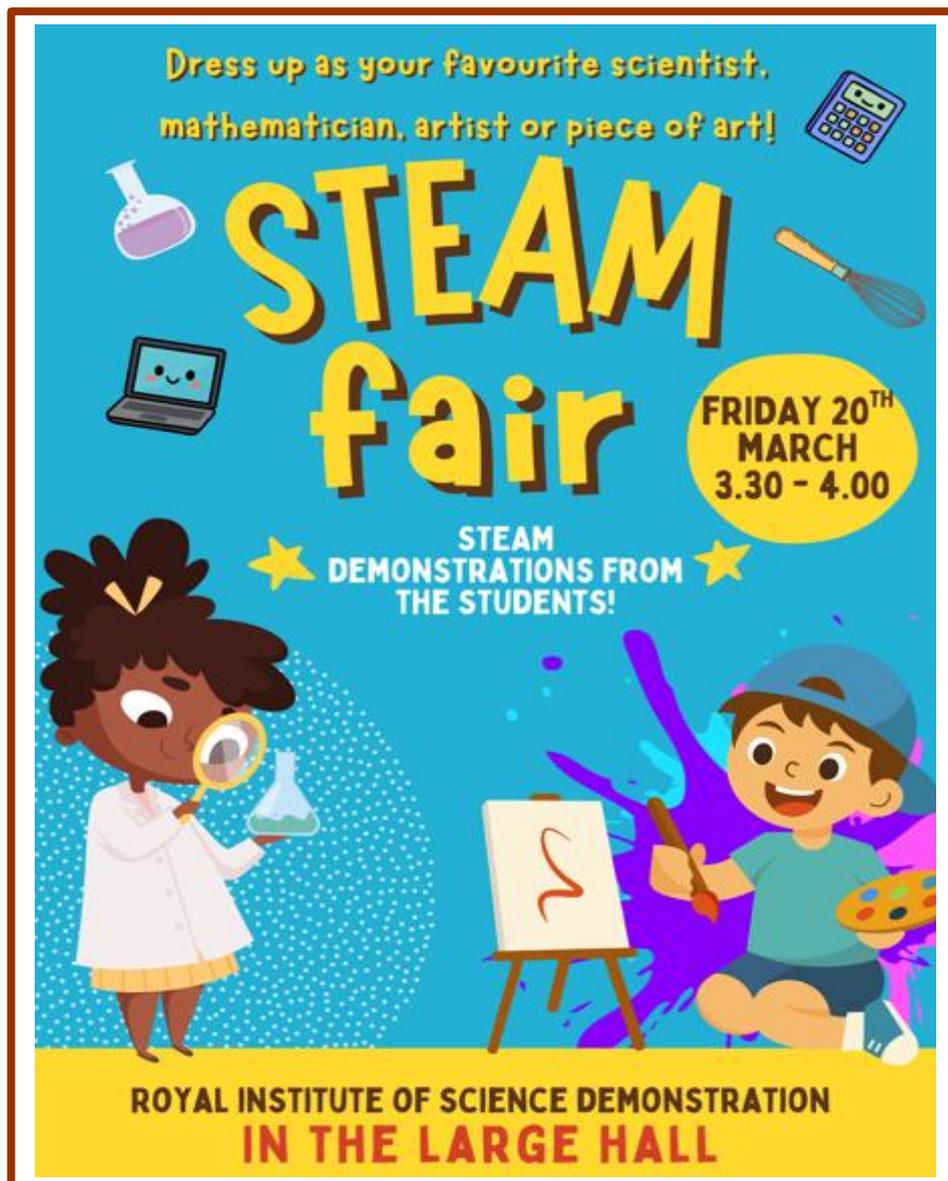
Oracy Matters

Our whole school debate topic this week is...

It is better to be honest
and hurt someone's
feelings than to lie.



Each class debated this statement in their classroom this week using their oracy skills. Please ask your child about the discussion and what was presented for each side of the argument. You could even hold a mini debate at home!



Science Workshop for EYFS children WITH their parents

What makes you sick? Why do you, I, and every other human on the planet get ill? Join our Ri presenter as they dive deep into your very own cells to see how bacteria and viruses invade our bodies and try to take over, and more importantly: what can we do to fight back.?

'Super Cells'

Friday 20th March
2 – 3pm
Main Hall

Ri The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What are children and young people's visions for a good/positive childhood?

What makes children's lives good?

To get children thinking about this question, you could talk together using some of these prompts:

- What do you like about being a child?
- Do you have any favourite people, objects or places?
- What do your friends enjoy?
Ask children in your class or family.

Explore these questions with your adults then create your own poster to present your ideas. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and 2D. You can use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and pens to create your posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed.

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To get pupils exploring the questions, they could think about:

- What things make your life positive now?
- You could ask other children in your class or school about what they enjoy and what makes their life good/positive. You might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests and activities.
- What did a good/positive childhood look like in the past? Ask some grown-ups to tell you about what made their life good when they were children.
- Imagine your own children, if you have them, in the future. What would a positive childhood look like for them? What will they be playing / doing / eating / learning / thinking? Who will they be doing these things with?
- What do children in other countries around the world enjoy? How is the same or different to what makes your life positive?

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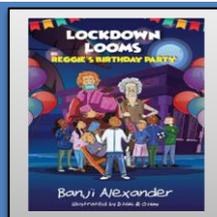
Dates for your Diary

2.3.26	Yr 1 Mock phonics check School council visit to Rosecourt – led by a choir master
3.3.26	Tyne class trip to the National Gallery Parents evening individual meetings BRECK Workshops
5.3.26	World Book Day Frann Preston-Gannon author visit
6.3.26	SEND festival at Grove School World Book Day workshop delivered by Millwall
9.3.26 week	Yr 6 Mock SATS Avon & Peck trip to the National Gallery
13.3.26	Rock Steady Band performance for parents
16.3.26 week	Steam Week Parents meetings for children with SEND
16.3.26	Artist and Vet visit
16.3.26-18.3.26	Book Fair after school
18.3.26	Children visit to Rod Kitson's art studio
19.3.26	Owl Experience for year 2
20.3.26	Royal Institute Science Workshops STEAM Fair After school
21.3.26	World Poetry Day
23.3.26	Effra class trip - Royal Festival Hall
24.3.26	Banji Alexander – author visit
26.3.26	Achievement Awards KS1 & KS2 Pioneer Dance finishes
27.3.26	Easter Bonnet Parade Children break up for Easter

Book Recommendation

Title: Lockdown Looms

Author: Banji Alexander



Lockdown Looms: Bzzzaaappp! Bzzzaaappp! An unexpected radio announcement might just change everything. Lockdown looms!

With his eighth birthday just around the corner, the very thought of having to celebrate his special day during lockdown sends poor Reggie into a meltdown. Of course, home-schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic will come with its highs and lows.

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	87.9%	
Jellyfish	93.6%	
Octopus	95.6%	★
Whale	98.7%	★★
Eden	95.4%	★
Tyne	96.7%	★
Avon	91.7%	
Peck	96.4%	★
Effra	91%	★
Brent	95.2%	★
Lea	96.5%	★
Thames	95.1%	★

Please help us to improve our school attendance. Currently we fall below national expectations for attendance- 96%.



Attendance Week to Date

For All Pupils



Attendance School Year to Date

For All Pupils

If children are unwell they should remain at home, but please **do not book holidays** during term time! This may lead to a penalty notice.

Reminder: Parents need to contact the school and let us know each day that a child is absent. If you have the Study bugs app, this makes it far easier for you to let us know. So, if you have not already signed up to study bugs, please do so by following this link:

Studybugs

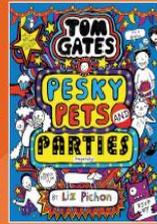
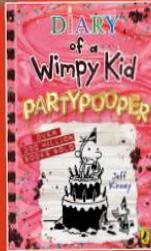
Star of the Week

Whale	Winnie	Winnie's behaviour is consistently excellent. She is always respectful to others and follows the rules of the classroom and the school. She sets a wonderful example for her classmates and is a great role model. Keep up the fantastic work, Winnie!
Octopus	Simon	I have been really impressed with Simon's focus this week. He is really trying across all subjects but particularly with his reading, well done. It is wonderful to see that you have settled into your new school so well. Keep it up!
Tyne	Rosie	Rosie continuously impresses us with her wonderfully inquisitive attitude towards learning. This was especially evident during our visit from the Owl Man on Thursday, where she asked thoughtful, curious questions and demonstrated fantastic knowledge about owls. Her enthusiasm and eagerness to understand the world around her make her a joy to teach. Well done, Rosie! 🦉
Eden	Adam	I have been really impressed with Adam's resilience in his learning this week. Even if he does not understand straight away, he is having a good go and not giving up. He is always trying his best and tries hard to focus in lessons. Keep it up!
Avon	Jude	Jude consistently shows creativity and enthusiasm in the classroom. He has a real passion for drawing and expressing his ideas through art. He always has a positive attitude and an amazing imagination. Keep it up!
Peck	Ibrahim	Ibrahim has been excellently engaged in two trips recently. During a recent PE trip with Jennifer, Ibrahim excelled at a variety of different sports and activities in an unfamiliar setting with a host of new coaches and lots of other children. Keep it up!
Effra	Myla	For the fantastic improvement she has shown in her handwriting and presentation. I am so proud of the care and effort she is now putting into her work. Her letters are neater, her layout is clearer and her books are looking wonderful! Keep it up!
Lea	Olivia	Olivia has settled into our school so well. She is a hard worker, a kind friend and brings so much to Lea class – we are delighted to have her with us!
Thames	The Whole Class	For maintaining commendable focus throughout Mock SATs week. They approached each assessment with calm confidence and took great pride in applying their knowledge. Well done!

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EASTER BONNET COMPETITION



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

Bonnets will be judge 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

Friday 27th 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

Session for Parents/Carers on the proposed SEND Reform

The [SIAS Team](#) & [SIV](#) are delivering a presentation to help you understand the proposed changes to the SEND system and the government White Paper. We will also be supporting you to respond to the consultation with your views.



SESSION DETAILS

- Date: Thursday 23rd April 2026
- Time: 10am - 1pm
- Where: Links Community Centre, SE16 3HF
- Refreshments Provided
- SIAS Team Presentation 11am - 12pm, with consultation support afterwards

CONTACT

For more information contact the [SIAS Team](#)

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After School club- sports activities and games will cost: 1 hour £6.30 and 2 and half hours £13.65

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £57.75 per week.

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Please see Sharon in the Office for more information!



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