



Newsletter 3: November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The second half of the Autumn term has been a busy time in school with lots of events and new topics for the children to learn about.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended our Stay & Read sessions and class assemblies giving us the opportunity to work together.

I have enjoyed talking to pupils about the trips they have been on this term as well as seeing some amazing creative curriculum homework.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Productions in school for EYFS and KS1 and do hope lots of KS2 parents will be able to join us at our Carol Concerts at St. Pauls Church.

Best wishes,
Miss Bulpett – Headteacher.

DECEMBER 2019:

Tuesday 3rd: 9:15 AM EYFS Christmas 'A Wiggly' Nativity

Wednesday 4th: 9:15 AM EYFS Christmas 'A Wiggly' Nativity

Thursday 5th: 10:00 AM Y3 & Y4 Carol Service, St. Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor
: Spelling Bee at Ruislip High School (Selected pupils to attend)

Monday 9th: 9:00 AM Reception Bluebell class Post Office visit

Tuesday 10th: 9:15 AM KS1 "Lights, Camel, Action!" Christmas Play
: 1:00 PM Reception Snowdrop class Post Office visit

Wednesday 11th: 2:00 PM KS1 "Lights, Camel, Action!" Christmas Play

Thursday 12th: 10:00 AM Y5 & Y6 Carol Service, St. Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor

Friday 13th: Whole School Christmas Jumper day
Christmas Lunch Day
2:30 PM Cake Sale

Monday 16th: Celebration Assemblies (Pre-Invited Parents to attend)

- Reception & KS1 at 9.00 AM

- Y3 & Y4 at 10.00 AM

- Y5 & Y6 at 11.00 AM

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Wednesday 18th: Whole School Christmas Parties

Thursday 19th: **END OF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 1.30PM**

Friday 20th – Friday 3rd January: **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED**

JANUARY 2020:

Monday 6th: **RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS RETURN**
: 9.00 AM New Nursery intake parents meeting

Tuesday 7th: **CURRENT NURSERY PUPILS RETURN**

Friday 10th: 9:00 AM Year 1 Beech Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 1 Elder Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 15th: 2:30 PM Year 1 Parent Phonics Meeting

Thursday 16th: Y3 National History Museum Trip

Friday 17th: 9:00 AM Year 3 Maple Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)
2:00 PM Year 3 Willow Class Stay & Read Session (Parents welcome)

Monday 20th: Clubs resume this week.

Thursday 23rd: Y3 (Maple & Willow) Joint Class Assembly (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 29th: Y6 SATs Information Meeting

[Dates may occasionally be subject to change, please regularly check the school calendar. We will communicate any amendments]



Christmas Productions



Booking for the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas productions are now open via The Parents Evening System

(<https://ruislipgardens.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>)

Nursery and Reception Christmas Production "A Wiggly Nativity" will take place:

Tuesday 3rd December at 9:15 am
and
Wednesday 4th December at 9:15 am.

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production "Lights, Camel, Action!" will take place:

Tuesday 10th December at 9:15 am
and
Wednesday 11th December at 2:00 pm.

Please note that you can book a maximum of FOUR seats per child across the individual performances. We would encourage tickets to be spread across the two performances so the children see a familiar face in the audience.

Pupil Attendance

There has been an increase in absences on Mondays over the last month.

It can sometimes be difficult during the colder and darker mornings to get children up and out of the house after a busy weekend. If your child feels slightly unwell when they wake up but improve over the morning we encourage you to bring them in to school.

Please speak to a member of staff if we can support you in any way in the mornings.

Please also see information regarding minor illnesses provided by the Hillingdon Attendance Team which you may find useful:

https://www.ruislipgardensschool.co.uk/files/minor_illnesses.pdf

Colder Weather

Please ensure your child is wearing a suitable weatherproof coat to school during the winter months.

All items must be clearly named including hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you.



Safeguarding Communication

If you have any safeguarding concerns which you would like to raise confidentially, please either arrange to meet with one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads or send an email to safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk. This confidential account is only accessed by the school's four Designated Safeguarding Leads who are:



Miss. Bulpett
Headteacher



Miss. O'Neill
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Elsworth
Learning Mentor



Mrs. Wilson
Inclusion Assistant

News and Events



The Ruislip Gardens Junior Road Safety Officers have been working very hard to improve parking for the whole school community. Here is an update of what they have been up to recently:

"We have been patrolling the roads outside our school – you may have noticed us! We have been discussing the problems with parking around our school and seeing what we can do to improve things.

Firstly we designed leaflets and handed them out to parents and cars after school. We conducted a tally survey to see what the problems were and how often they were occurring. We met with two Local Authority representatives from Hillingdon, Kat and Danielle. We discussed the issues with them and listened to their suggestions.

We would really like as many parents as possible to sign our Parking Pledge to support our ongoing campaign"

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjOKwGjs-PkgO_ULubkvsoMBUMaRBqFAwcz4c5MvXL_GlqXA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thanks you from Alisha, Dylan, Matteo and Isabel.

Curriculum visit from the local authority

We enjoyed a planned visit from Paul Wiggins, our School Improvement Lead, from Hillingdon on Tuesday 26th November.

He met with Senior Leaders and the Chair of Governors to discuss the positive outcomes in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 at the end of the summer term 2019 as well as discussing the creative curriculum.

During the visit, he walked around the school to see the learning in the classrooms and was really pleased with our vibrant displays, the buzz and enthusiasm of the learning he witnessed, pupils' homework challenges and exciting learning recorded in pupils' books.

Primary School Applications – September 2019

Parents of **Nursery** children born children born between 1st **September 2015** and 31st **August 2016** must now apply for their Primary school Reception place.

Further information can also be found on the Hillingdon Admissions website: <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary> or that of your local Borough for Non Hillingdon Residents.

Deadline for applications is: **Wednesday 15th January 2020**

Any questions please contact Mrs. Stockwell in the School office.

Free books for schools

The Sun has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide primary schools with a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600!

The free books included within the packs cover a diverse range of subjects from fairy tales to football, from camping to crocodiles and from wild cats to worms - there is really something for all ages and abilities.

Please help us to obtain over £600 worth of free reading books, by asking friends, family & neighbours to collect tokens printed in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday from 23rd November - 18th January 2020. These can be handed into the school office.



Children in Need – Non Uniform Day



The school was awash with Pudsy spots and bright colours on Friday 15th November to raise money for Children In Need.

The children's donations, along with the Year 6 toy sale, raised an impressive **£419.27** for a great cause – thank you.

Contact Information



Next week your child will be bringing home a bright yellow data collection sheet, please can you check all the details carefully for each child.

In particular please can you ensure that the medical information is up to date and that the main email address is correct as this is the one which will be used to receive medical tracker alerts.

Any amendments can be made on the forms, even if all details are correct please sign and return the sheets.



Thank you to all those who donated to the Bag2School collection. We managed to raise **£124.00** for the school.

RGS Christmas Tree 2019

Ruislip Gardens has been lucky enough to have been donated a Christmas tree this year by Wickes, South Ruislip.

Some of the pupils have done a wonderful job decorating it earlier this week getting us all in the festive spirit. Well done Aarush, Josie and Taylor.



Sports News

The football team played a match against Bourne Primary on Wednesday 13th October. It was a tight game throughout, ended up 3-3. A fantastic performance from our goalkeeper Alfie. Man of the Match was Arthur, he stayed in his position and won every tackle he put in. Well done to all that played, Miss Keene was very proud

RGS Netball team took on Harefield Junior School on Wednesday 13th October. Although we were defeated the team played well together and have made such good progress in their short time together as a team. Keep up the good work, Mrs Wilson.



Fireworks Display



It was wonderful to see so many of you attend the Schools Fireworks display on Tuesday 5th November. We hope you enjoyed the stalls, food, fireworks and the creative guys made by the children as much as we all did.

The evening was a wonderful success for the school and you raised over **£2,500**, so thank you all for your support, FROGS.



Welfare: Nasal Flu form

Nasal flu immunisation will take place in school on: **Monday 16th December 2019.**

The immunisation will be offered to all pupils with the exception of Nursery. The vaccine is a nasal spray and will be administered by the School Nurse Team, school staff will also be present with the children. If you would like your child to have the vaccine please complete the consent form and return via your child's class teacher. You will have received a paper consent form home last week. Paper copies are available from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on 01895 485 740.

Year Group Roundup



Nursery



Nursery have been very busy with their new topic of 'Let's Celebrate'. We learnt all about Diwali and enjoyed making some Diya lamps. We explored colour and sound when learning about fireworks and enjoyed sharing our own experiences of seeing some.

We joined in with the national incentive of Nursery Rhyme Week and had a wonderful time playing and singing with our parents at our stay and play. The teachers were especially proud of the children when we marked Remembrance Day.

We each made poppies and planted them in the Nursery garden and then listened for the canons from the RAF marking the start and end of the two minute silence.



Reception

It has been a dark, dark term in Reception with the Funny bones skeletons joining in with our learning. We have found out about lots of celebrations this term. Firstly we learnt about Diwali and made our own Diwali lanterns to hang in our classrooms. Then we learnt about fireworks night and enjoyed making our own fireworks paintings using paint and glitter. We had spooky houses in reception with cobwebs, skeletons, spiders and spooky sound effects. Whoooooo!



Year 1



All of Year 1 are fully immersed in our new topic 'Heroes and Villains'. The children have especially enjoyed learning about the events of the Gunpowder Plot! They have role played the story, drawn portraits of Guy Fawkes as well as posters to capture him and created amazing firework pictures. During our Forest School session the children made bonfires using natural materials. The children's amazing work was presented to parents during our 'Festival of Learning' event. There were opportunities to see Year 1's wonderful writing and art work, engage in practical activities and watch them perform their firework songs. The tasks included making firework biscuits and science experiments to make fizzy fireworks. All of the children, adults and teachers had a spectacular time. We are all very proud of Year 1's achievements.



Year 2

Year two have been fully immersed in their topic 'The Great Fire of London' this term. The children have shown great amounts of curiosity towards the events that took place on Pudding Lane in 1666. With excitement, the children have shown their creative skills and created their own Tudor house models which all look unique but realistic. Take a look at how we have displayed them in our interactive Pudding Lane display.

We have been very busy this term learning about various fairy tales and applying interesting vocabulary to our own versions. The children have been very engaged the last week learning about the Russian fairy tale 'Baba Yaga'. The children's use of descriptive language has been an absolute delight to read in their writing.



Year 3



Year 3 have immersed themselves in their volcano topic. We have learnt how the Earth is constantly moving and the tectonic plates under the crust are like large jigsaw pieces. We know that the area around the Pacific is known as the 'ring of fire' due to the large volcanic activity.

We had great fun creating our own volcanoes out of play-dough and making them erupt using; washing up liquid, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring. We have also covered a recount in English writing from the perspective of a pebble describing its journey starting from a volcano and following its journey over millions of years to a playground.

We love keeping active in Year 3 and we have been using our resilience in PE when doing gymnastics. We were experimenting ways to travel along equipment safely and with control. A few of the children were able to pull themselves all the way up to the top of the rope!

We have just started multiplication in maths and have challenged ourselves with word problems and tricky tarsia puzzles.



Year 4

This month, Year 4 were lucky enough to be invited along to Cineworld in South Ruislip to watch Johnny English. The children used all the skills they had learnt from our RGS Junior Road Safety Officers to make sure we all arrived safely. The children enjoyed the walk and were speechless throughout the movie, but for a few giggles and a gasp here and there. Fingers Crossed for an invite next year.

The children have also made great progress with their swimming skills over the term, it has been lovely to watch them grow in confidence.

Year 5



Year 5 have had another busy month. We started the month with a trip to Millfield theatre to watch Macbeth. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed every minute of it.

Year 5 participated in their first ever Stay and Read. The children were enthusiastic to show off their reading skills to the parents who had given up some of their own time to join in with our activities. This was an excellent opportunity for the parents to see a snapshot of some of the children's lessons and enabled us to pass on a list of suggested reading to inspire their children.

Mrs Basson and I were overjoyed to see so many Year 5 parents join us for our recorder assembly. The children had only had 10 lessons and still confidently played Beethoven and Jingle Bells. We are all very proud of their perseverance in learning new musical notes, mastering the finger positions and the progress they made each week. If you missed this performance, do not despair... Year 5 will be playing the recorder at the Carol Concert 12th December 2019 at St Paul's Church.

And finally Year 5 squeezed in an extra trip to the local cinema and were able to watch a film for free!



Year 6

What a busy term year 6 have had so far! Both classes enjoyed a great 'Stay and Read' session with Ms O'Connell. The children had great fun taking part in a variety of activities to develop and challenge their reading skills. Many thanks to the parents that were able to attend.

Year 6 were lucky enough to attend Millfield theatre to see a great performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Some of the children even got to take part on stage! The theatre company had previously come into school to complete a workshop with all the children, so the pupils had a good understanding of the play's plot and themes. This was followed by a week's work on Macbeth, which ended by the children taking part in a filmed performance of the witches' spell.

Some of the year 6 took part in 'Bikeability'. This is a week long cycling proficiency programme that helps young people to develop their bicycle and road safety skills.

Year 6 have really enjoyed learning about the circulatory system in science and the British Empire and Colonisation in history. The children have worked enthusiastically on these topics and have shown that we have lots of budding scientists and historians in our midst!