

## Newsletter 63: May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are again, at the end of another half term and only 7 weeks left until the summer holidays. We have lots of exciting things planned for the second half of the Summer Term so please keep an eye on the calendar for events.

This term saw the SATs tests for children in Years 2 and 6 take place. I would like to say congratulations to the children for all their hard work in the run up to these and during them. I would also like to thank all the staff for being supportive of the children throughout the year.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Boris Johnson paid the school a visit. He came to look at the school and see if there was anything he could do to push along the roof repair which should be happening soon. He had a tour of the school and spoke to some Year 6 children who had been writing persuasive letters, some of which he took back to Parliament with him. We are eagerly awaiting a written response!

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May the Senior Leadership Team went to the civic centre for a support and scrutiny meeting with the Local Authority. We presented to them everything we have been doing over the year and shared the success stories. The Local Authority is very pleased with everything we are doing and congratulated us on the progress the school is making.

As some of you may have noticed Mr. Burrows has not been around school since the Easter break. Unfortunately he is unwell at the moment and not able to be in school. Mrs. Douthwaite is currently covering his role as much as she can and I and Mrs Nash are also trying to hold the fort! We apologise in advance if things are not running as smoothly as when he is here but we are trying our best to match up to his high expectations. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him very soon.

I would like to put out a plea to anyone who would like to come and join FRoGs (our PTA). We are in need of parent volunteers to come and support the school in order to raise funds for the children's learning. If you are interested in joining please do let us know by emailing the school office:

[officeemail@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk](mailto:officeemail@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk). We would really appreciate your support and time in helping fundraise for the school.

Lastly I would like to say that I hope you all have a lovely holiday and return refreshed ready for the last part of the Summer Term.

## Overall Current School Attendance

= 95.4% (Since September 2018)

### JUNE 2019:

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nursery to Y6 Pupils Return

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>: Class Photos

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: Phonics Screening Week  
: Wellbeing Week

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: Nursery Ruislip Lido trip (NURSERY CLOSED TODAY)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: Life Bus visit

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>: 'On the Right Road' Performance & Workshop (Year 1-4)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>: Elder Class Assembly (Parents welcome to attend)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: Camo Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Bournemouth Residential

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: EYFS Sports day (AM)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: Cedar & Blossom joint Class Assembly (Parents welcome to attend)

### JULY 2019:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Year 5 British Museum Trip

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>: KS1 Sports day (AM)  
: Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: KS2 Sports day (AM)  
: Reception The Lookout Discovery Centre Trip

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: STEM day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: 1.30 PM Year 6 Production  
7.00 PM Year 6 Production

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Summer Festival

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: End of Year Reports to Parent/Carers

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>: Celebration Assemblies (Pre-Invited Parents to attend)  
- Reception & KS1 at 9.00 AM  
- KS2 at 11.00 AM

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30 PM**

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

## REMINDER

Please can we remind Parents/Carers that if your child is fasting for religious reasons you need to inform your child's teacher and the school office. This allows the welfare team to monitor them throughout the day.

### 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](mailto: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. Cox  
Safeguarding and Inclusion  
Lead



Mrs. Wilson  
Safeguarding and Inclusion  
Assistant

# News and Upcoming Events

## 100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance last term – Keep up the good work.

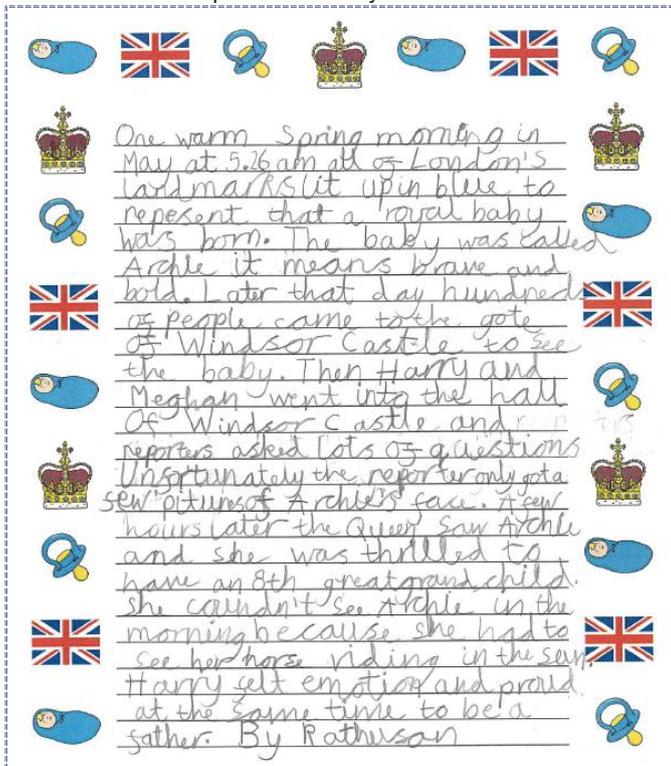
The following pupils were the winners of the attendance raffle prize draw:

**KS2** – Supriya / **KS1** - Kavisian / **EYFS** - Amir

## New Royal Arrival

Year 2 wrote some wonderful reports on the arrival of the new royal baby.

Here is an excellent piece written by Rathusan:



## We NEED you. Can you HELP?

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day is on **Monday 8th July** and we would be great if any parents or carers who have jobs in a STEM field would be willing to come in and talk to their child's year group about their job.

Please let the office know if you can help – 01895 632 895.



We would be grateful of any plimsolls your child may have outgrown as we require lots for spares particularly for KS2 children, particularly larger size 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Also we require tissues, as the hay fever season approaches classes are rapidly using up the supplies, please hand them into your child's class teacher thank you.



On **Saturday 25th May 2019** the Ruislip Central Horticultural Society will be giving away (for free!) sunflower seeds to any child that comes along - they will be given an opportunity to plant the seed in a container to take away.

Venue: Outside 11-15 High St, Ruislip (10:00am until 13:00pm)

## Kevin's School wear Update

One of our uniform suppliers Kevin's based in Pinner now have an online school uniform shop: [www.kevins-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.kevins-schoolwear.co.uk)



Plans are well underway for Camo Day on: **Friday 21st June 2019**. Children are invited to wear camouflage clothing, dress in military themed outfits or simply wear red, white and blue for a donation of £1.00 which will be donated to SSAFA.

A small prize will be given to the best dressed boy and girl in each class.

A military themed lunch is being prepared and children are permitted to wear camouflage face paint to school which should be applied by parents at home. If you do not have face paints, please visit the face painting station in the welcome room from 8.15am where staff will be happy to help. (Please note that a parent/carer must be present to give permission. We will not face paint children without the presence of their parent/carer.)

If you are a military parent, we would love to hear about your role in the forces. If you would like to visit your child's class during the afternoon, please approach your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We have some exciting visitors dropping in during the morning which we will announce closer to the day.

## Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind parents that only uniform specified on the uniform list can be worn in school. We have seen a lot of non-specified items creeping in. Socks must be grey or white and tights must be grey or green only. All jumpers/cardigan/fleeces must have the Ruislip Gardens logo.

If you are unsure the office can supply you with the correct list.

## Congratulations

Massive congratulations to Eva in Year 6 who made her West End debut as Nahla in The Lion King at the start of May. She has worked incredibly hard and we're sure she will be fantastic.

LYCEUM THEATRE  
STAGE DOOR



EVA YOUNG

Place of Birth: London, England

Training: Italia Conti Associates

Television: Game Changers;  
The Reluctant Landlord

The Lion King marks Eva's West  
End debut.



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April the Year 3 Pupils had their class photo taken as part of an exciting exhibition to be held at the Tate Modern in November 2019.

Turner Prize winner and Oscar winning filmmaker Steve McQueen in collaboration with the Tate invited every Year 3 primary school class in London to be photographed. These class photos will be brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 school children in a milestone year in their development.

# Year Group Roundup

## Nursery

Nursery has carried on learning about Changes. We have had caterpillars in Nursery, they are currently in their cocoons and we are watching closely for when they turn into butterflies. We can't wait to release them in the Nursery garden. We have also been looking at how we have changed; we have been measuring ourselves and looking at how much we have grown compared to when we started in the Autumn. We have loved reading lots of poems about minibeasts and looking for minibeasts in the garden.

We have opened our literacy shed, 'Daffodil's Doodling Den' as a lovely cosy space for the children to draw, write and read in. We have all been enjoying using it over the last week.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed tissues, we really appreciate it. Now the weather is getting better lots of children have been coming to school on their bikes. At the end of the morning session we will be opening up the gate to make access to the scooter and bike pods easier when you collect your child. Please can you take all scooters and bikes round to the pod when you drop off in the morning.

## Reception

What a half term we have had! A crashed space ship in the school gardens started off our half term. We all went out and did some investigating and reported back to Ms Bulpett, writing our own newspapers. We then had the police in to visit and we got to go into a real police car! It was a so much fun - especially pushing the button for the sirens!

## Year 1



Year 1 have been thoroughly enjoying their 'How does your garden grow?' topic. They have learnt about the importance of honeybees; investigated how cress grows under a variety of conditions; explained the job of a gardener and recreated Van Gogh's Sunflowers – we certainly have some talented artists in our midst! It was lovely to hear their learning in practice during our local walk, when we came across an allotment and some bees hard at work



## Year 2

The children have continued to work hard and do their best every day this month and we are extremely proud of all their achievements so far!

They immersed themselves in researching and recording facts and information about the happy news of the new royal baby and it was very difficult for us to choose whose report to include in this newsletter, they were all fantastic.

The sun shone just in time for us to begin our science topic about plants, beginning with identifying the trees around us and closer inspection of their leaves. What's more, we all know the right conditions for our newly planted sunflower seeds to grow and flourish now!

## Year 3

Year 3 have been busy learning African drumming. In music we have been learning all about an African drum and how to play it. We have learnt about the bass, tone, the slap. We've been taught about different music names such as crochet, quaver, minim and semi breve.

We have started to learn some songs called Jambe biscuits and Jambe jam.

## Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed the start of our 'animals and habitats' topic by reading 'the eye of the wolf' in English. The children have produced some fantastic narrative writing and really thought about how to create atmosphere and action in their stories. To finish this half term, they have made some amazing habitat shoeboxes in Art and were very proud to show them off to the children in KS1. We are looking forward to continuing this topic after half term.

## Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying a trip back in time to the Ancient Greek Era. We have been reading some interesting Greek Myths and had the chance to try our hand at writing our own. The children have discovered new skills in pot making, an interest in the Greek Gods and they have dabbled in a little architecture as well.

Year 5 are proudly displaying their Ancient Greek Buildings in the school Foyer. We have started a new whole class book, Who Let the Gods Out? which continues with our Greek theme. Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying this terms topic, and have created their own Ancient Greek Top Trump cards.



## Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard preparing for their SATs tests and we are really proud of the hard work and effort they put in. They have also enjoyed taking part in some fun STEM challenges where they built bridges, chairs and investigated paper chains. This week they all auditioned for their end of year production and have begun to learn some of the songs. They can't wait to perform this in July!



The staff in the spotlight this month are...



## Mrs Sweeney – Resource Manager & Librarian

**What inspired you work in a school? ?** My eldest daughter started Ruislip Gardens in 1986 and I was drawn to helping in class, reading with children and washing paintbrushes! I was then given the opportunity to work at the new ABC after school club and have been at RGS ever since.

**How long have you worked at Ruislip Gardens?** I've been involved with Ruislip Gardens in some capacity for 33 years!

**What hobbies/interests do you have outside school?** I enjoy all aspects of art and craft and I don't throw anything away!

**What is your favourite book to read or favourite author?** My favourite book is Jane Eyre although David Walliams has become one of my favourite authors.

**What is your most memorable moment at Ruislip Gardens?** At an end of Year assembly when every member of staff received a handwritten 'Thank You' scroll from the Year 6 leavers.

**What was the name of your primary school?** Perivale Junior & Infants School.

## Mrs. Lister – Head Chef

**What inspired you to work in a school?** The reason I started working in a school is because it fitted in with my young family. My job has evolved since I started, my first position at this school was an SMSA helping out in the dinner hall, to Assistant Head chef and now head Chef. I love encouraging the children to try something different and its very rewarding when so many comment on liking my cooking, especially the food I cook from scratch with hidden vegetables in.

**How long have you worked at Ruislip Gardens?** I have worked at RGS for 12 years.

**What hobbies/interests do you have outside school?** Hobbies are Cooking, Gardening, photography and anything arts and crafts.

**What is your favourite book to read or favourite author?** My favourite books to read are cookery books.

**What is the most popular school meal? And which one do you enjoy to make the most?** The most popular meal is fish, chips and peas. My favourite meal to cook is Loaded Lasagne, because it's the most rewarding in terms of comments from the children on how tasty it is and they look forward to it. What they don't know is how much hidden veg is cooked and blended so they can't see it (peppers, onion and courgettes)

**What was the name of your primary school?** Hampden Gurney Primary School, Marylebone.

