

# Ruislip Gardens Primary School

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## Newsletter 65: July 2019

So here we are the final newsletter of the year! We made it! What a journey we have been on together.

My first year as Headteacher of Ruislip Gardens Primary School has been both a privilege and a joy. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, governors, parents but most of all the children for their dedication, determination and support this year. One of the highlights of the year for me was seeing everyone enjoying the Family Festival and the positive feedback we received. Another was being able to show how far we have come to Ofsted when they visited. We are very proud to be able to show off the school and how it has gone from strength to strength.

I would also like to say on behalf of all the teachers, staff and the Governing Body of Ruislip Gardens; we wish all of our year 6 pupils and families good luck in their new adventures and much happiness in the future. They are more than ready to venture out, explore and contribute to the wonderful world waiting for them, including their new secondary schools.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy summer holiday. I look forward to working with you all in the new academic year and continuing on our journey!

I will see Reception to Year 6 back on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019** and Nursery back on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019**.



### TEACHER TRAINING DATES: 2019/2020

The following days have been confirmed as Teacher Training Days. School will be closed on the following dates:

#### Autumn Term 2018:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019;  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### Spring Term 2019:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

#### Summer Term 2019:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020;  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

### Attendance Award Winners Year 2019/2020:

Whole school attendance to date = **95.9%**

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance over the whole of this school year – Keep up the good work.

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

**EYFS** – Matha C. / **KS1** – Kye A. / **KS2** – Ella C.

Special mention to Ella who has achieved 100% attendance throughout Year 3 – to Year 6.

Congratulations to **Year 6 Elm** class who are the winners of the Autumn Term Attendance cup.

### House Captains

Congratulations to the following pupils who will be our school House Captains from September 2019:

**Red house:** Rishan P & Isabel I

**Blue house:** Kian M & Carly M

**Yellow house:** Elena L & Bayley B

**Green house:** Korey D & Eden A



### 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. Wilson  
Inclusion Assistant

## Recent Events



### Sports Day 2019



This year marked the second year that our sports days has been run differently. Not only did all children participate in a range of sporting activities, but they also got to compete for medals. We at Ruislip Gardens believe children should be exposed to healthy competition. All children proudly represented their house colours while enjoying an active morning. It was noted by many adults how well our children work well in teams, demonstrating encouragement, perseverance and determination.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us! Here's to next year's sporting achievements. *Miss J Keene.*

## camo DAY

Our children were delighted with the fun activities arranged for Camo Day 2019 and in the process, we raised **£314.05** for the military charity SSAFA.

The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and wearing camouflage face paint. In the morning, we were lucky enough to receive visits from an RAF Medic and an RAF Photographer who talked to the children about their roles within the RAF. During the afternoon, military parents visited their children's classes and lots of fun was had by all.

Special thanks go to Mrs Jones who was a key player in organising this special day. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Mr Sweeney for once again lending and erecting the climbing wall, and also to Miss Keene who kindly set up an assault course for us. Mrs Lister also deserves a mention for making the children a special camouflage cake. *Mrs Wilson and Mrs Laird.*

### Hillingdon Library Summer Reading Challenge

Find out more information at:

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/summerreading>

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present  
**SPACE CHASE**  
Summer Reading Challenge 2019  
spacechase.org.uk

Hillingdon Library staff have been telling the children how to take part in **Space Chase**, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

All they have to do is visit the library six times and borrow at least one new book of their choice. Along the way they'll collect special incentives such as stickers, pop-up aliens and finger rockets.

Please bring your children along to your nearest Hillingdon Library to join, for free, from Saturday 6 July.

For more information, including our free events, please visit [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/summerreading](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/summerreading)

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It's FUN!  
It's FREE!  
It's LOCAL!

### Bournemouth residential 2019

After SATs, Year 6 travelled to Bournemouth on our residential trip.

It took two and a half hours to get there by coach but we kept ourselves entertained by singing and playing a variety of games to pass the time!

On the way there we stopped off at Moors Valley Park, which is a nature reserve and a play area. Around the park, we discovered many play areas and explored the outdoors.

Our hotel was called Mount Stuart Hotel and everyone got the chance to select two of their friends to stay with. When the teachers came to tell us to go to sleep, we never did, we stayed up and chatted all night! All the children enjoyed the time away from home and we got to know each other better outside of school.

On Tuesday, we visited Beaulieu, which is a National Motor Museum and got the chance to see cars dating back to the Victorian times. We also got to ride on a monorail and a 92-year-old car!! It was fascinating to see all the old cars, bicycles and racing cars.

On Wednesday, we travelled by ferry to Brownsea Island where we buried crabs and skimmed the stones into the sea and tried to sunbathe. Unfortunately, we didn't find any treasure! On our way to the hotel, we were stuck in traffic and it took a very long time to get home. Exhausted and hungry, we enjoyed our dinner that night.

On Thursday we went to Monkey World and saw chimpanzees, spider monkeys, orang-utans and loads more. Monkey World is home to the largest group of chimpanzees outside of Africa, living in four different social groups. Many have been rescued from the black market pet trade, laboratories, and from abuse as tourist photographer props. We had a great time!

On Friday morning we went to the beach for the very last time. Some of us took part in a 'talent show' and the winners were Cameron and Mario.

Thank you to our parents for letting us go to Bournemouth and also, thank you to all the staff that went with us.



### Year 5 British Museum Trip

The Year 5 Children visited the British Museum at the beginning of July. Here is was one of them had to say about their day out:

*"The ceiling was a massive glass window; it felt like I was in a palace! The first activity was a scavenger hunt. We went into different rooms to find different information. After we had lunch outside, we did a Greek workshop. We even got to act out our own freeze frame with replica artefacts. It was super fun there."*  
Isabel. I.