

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 17th September 2021

It has been another great week of learning at Rockliffe Manor, and we were excited to welcome our parents into school for the first time. Thank you to everyone who made it to one of the two meetings with Mrs Vdovin and Mrs Cook around our school development plan priorities. It was fantastic to share with you our key focuses for this year and also to take your feedback about these. We got some great parent voice on how we can further use our local community and also get parents involved more in the school.

A follow up letter will be sent out to all parents next week with a feedback form attached. We really do want to hear from you about anything, no matter how big or small, so that we can do the very best for the children at Rockliffe Manor.

It was also lovely to welcome many of you into the classrooms for the first time in a long time for our Meet the Teacher sessions. This was a chance for the teachers to share important information with you and for you to ask any questions and get to know each other better. We hope you enjoyed the sessions and if you couldn't make it, please do let us know if you would like to arrange another meeting with your child's class teacher. We will also make the presentations available to you.



This week, Year 1 have had an exciting week of learning. On Monday, Year 1 became investigators after finding a crashed spaceship in the nature garden. They used their inference skills to come up with predictions, Reggie H predicted 'I think it may have been a crocodile because we're right by the pond'. By the spaceship, Year 1 also saw yellow footprints, Jacob didn't think these were a reliable clue and instead thought 'that a colourful alien landed but the footprints have been sun bleached as it's so sunny!'. On Tuesday, they finally found out who the spaceship belonged to, it was the friendly alien Beegu and they can't wait to continue to explore her and her journeys on Earth.

Year 1 have also been exploring in art. They learnt about primary and secondary colours and used this knowledge to create a colour wheel. The class made sure they took their time, carefully painting each section. When Ayomide had finished his primary colours, with a big smile said 'time for the secondary colours, first I am going to make green!'. Year 1 loved experimenting with the mixing of the colours and Holly proudly shared with the class 'I made purple paint, I used blue and red!'



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Year 1 have settled so well into the new school year and all the adults are so proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity.

This week, Year 4 began to delve deep into the world of ancient Greece as they explored their core text 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. They identified the features of a mythical story and explored the characters through role play and freeze frames. They have been able to create links between characters and begin to form a bank of descriptive vocabulary that they will use to tell their own Greek myth. Year 4 have also been great scientists this week through their

science experiment as they explored states of matter. Using a range of their favourite fizzy drinks, they created predictions based on whether or not they thought gas was weightless - the results shocked them all!



Mason – *'I really liked our science experiment because I had to shake the fizzy drink really fast to try and make the bubbles disappear. When I shook the bottle with 7up, I was surprised because it had a lot of bubbles and I thought the Coke bottle would have more.'*

Eslem – *'I really like learning about the ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. I've learned that ancient Greeks believed in many mythical creatures like the scary Cyclops. I also know that none of them actually existed because myths are fictional stories.'*

Lucia – *'I've enjoyed acting out and pretending to be the Greek Goddess Aphrodite. She is the Goddess of love and beauty and I had to speak very softly and be very gentle to try and show how I think she may have acted.'*

Hani – *'I like the book we are reading because it has a lot of action in it. I can not guess what is going to happen next because it always surprises me. There are also loads of adventures in one book, so when you think one adventure is finished Odysseus goes straight into another one.'*



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Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring you have read and understood the letter we sent home this week regarding the importance of [good attendance and punctuality](#) each and every day.

If you have any concerns you feel may prevent you from making certain that your child attends school every day and arrives on time before 8.50am, please contact the school office to make an appointment with one of our senior leaders to discuss how we can help you.



Attendance This Week	
Reception	98.6%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	100.00%
Year 4	89.6%
Year 5	99.5%
Year 6	100.00%
Whole School	97.6%

Calling all children

The Mayor of London needs your help!

The London Child's Obesity Taskforce are putting together an advertising campaign designed by children to promote the many benefits of drinking water. [Please click here to read a lot more information](#), including how you can be part of this very exciting project and

maybe see your poster printed around London .

In addition, we are asking all schools to complete this short survey to get a sense of the level of water only schools in London. I would be very grateful if you could complete this very short survey for more information on the Taskforce please visit:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/londons-child-obesity-taskforce>

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Harvest Festival Autumn 2021

To support our school's value of 'kindness' this term and to further support our local community, we will be donating food to the Greenwich Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations.

Please may we ask that everyone kindly donates any tinned, packet or dried food and drops to the School Office by **11th October 2021**. Any donations we receive will be distributed to people around the local area.

Please see below for a list of the most needed items.

You can also visit the website for further information <https://greenwich.foodbank.org.uk>.

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Long life milk & fruit juice cartons
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish (not tuna)
- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits and Snacks



If you need any assistance setting up your accounts for ParentPay please do not hesitate to contact us for help.

ParentPay is not only our online payment system for your school meals, afterschool clubs and uniform purchases, but also a fantastic way of communicating all details for trips and other activities taking place.

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Happy Birthday to:
*until 24th September 2021



Lex Thomas	Year 5
Tyrece Thomas	Year 5
Layla Boulton	Reception
Albie Dobbs	Nursery
Reggie Hall	Year 1

Arthur St Pierre	Year 1
Dabreu	
Korede Awoniyi	Year 6
Ann-Marie Sesay	Year 4
Noor Abbas	Year 1
Carlo Akintaro	Year 1



Lunchtime meal preference

Please may we politely remind all parents that you must inform the School Office if your child changes their lunch preference from School meal to packed lunch or vice versa.

School meals are charged at £2.15 per child per day and offer a wonderful variety of nutritious and [wholesome hot dinners](#) suitable for all children including vegetarian and [Halal](#). Please click the link to view the menu.

If you pay for your child's school meals, (children in years 3—6 not eligible for free school meals) please ensure that you log into your ParentPay account regularly to keep your payments up to date. Please contact the school office if your circumstances have changed and you would like us to recheck your free school meal eligibility.

Please note, we are a fully nut free school and therefore ask that parents do not make their children packed lunch with any products that contain nuts (including peanut butter and chocolate spreads such as Nutella).

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flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from their GP by early November. If your child is at

primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



Secondary School Admissions for 2022 for our current Year 6 children

The deadline for secondary school admissions is fast approaching at 31st October 2021.

This will provide all the key dates involved in the process, how to apply as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If you are unable to attend this session, please and would like some support with your application please do let us know.

To complete the admission form, follow this link [apply for a secondary school place](#)

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The NHS School Nursing team will be visiting Rockliffe Manor School on **Wednesday 22nd September 2021** to administer the Nasal Flu Immunisation Spray to all those that have given consent.

Please may we remind ALL families that you must return the completed form to the office by Monday 20th September 2021. It is compulsory for all families to return the form, even if you are signing to withdraw your consent.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do contact the school office.



Secondary Schools in Royal Greenwich 2022/2023

Closing date for applications: 31 October 2021

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions



To view the booklet with all the details please click the picture or click link below.

<https://bit.ly/secondaryadmissionsbooklet22>

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Beachwood Extended Provision

There are currently spaces available in Beachwood Breakfast and Afterschool club.

Beachwood is open from 7.30am before school and until 6.00pm after school at a cost of **£15.00 per day, per child.**

Please contact the school office for more information.

Dates for your diary

- All Afterschool clubs have started now
- Monday 20th September— Secondary Transfer Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 22nd September Nasal Flu Spray
- Wednesday 22nd September—World Afro day
- Thursday 23rd September 12.00—Meet the Teacher—Nursery
- Friday 1st October—'World café - Own clothes Day'
- W/C 25th October —week off for half term
- Monday 1st November —Children return to school for Autumn Term 2



Year 6 Secondary Transfer Coffee Morning:

On Monday 20th September, Mr Smith will be holding a parent's meeting to support Year 6 parents with the application process to secondary schools for September 2022.

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World Afro Day: World Afro Day was nationally celebrated on Wednesday 15th September and is an annual day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair, culture and identity. The annual event was founded on 15th September 2017 and is endorsed by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. It raises global awareness about Afro hair discrimination and creates positive solutions. The World Afro Day Hair Equality Report supported by De Montfort University; shows that one in six children with Afro-textured hair is having a bad experience in UK schools and negative Afro hair policies have risen nearly 67%. At Rockliffe, we are committed to ensuring that none of our policies make anyone feel that they are not valued or don't belong. On Wednesday 22nd September, Miss Gallagher will be holding The Big Hair Assembly to support the children's knowledge and understanding of others and possible misconceptions

