

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 24th September 2021

The sun has continued to shine this week which has been great for everyone's spirits and getting the children outside onto the playground. The children particularly love their PE lessons and it has been lovely to see them working in teams. Children across the school are working hard on developing the character skills of leadership and relationships through all of their lessons and playtimes.

This week, Year 3 have been learning about rocks in science. They went on a hunt around school to see if they could find any uses for rocks in the school. Building on this, the children learnt all about when in our history the stone age was, after comparing events from recent history to ancient past. They learnt that the stone age people are the ones who developed languages, trade and farming when doing their research. They also did an amazing World Afro Day activity where they did some fantastic art. The Year 3 children learnt how to sketch afro hair, using a range of different utensils and sketching styles.

"I find the way they lived in the stone age really interesting to see!" Oliver
"I'm glad I showed a growth mindset in my art this week because I was proud" Asante

This week, Year 6 have been working hard in their learning. Creating a range of sentence openers and different types of sentences to aid them in their final outcome of a setting description. In maths, they have been learning how to partition numbers with 3 decimal places. The first round of mock SATs has gone well and have been a valuable learning tool for both children and adults. They will also be experimenting with different mediums in art in order to create a gorilla portrait, based on the work by Kim Guthry, as well as practicing their still life drawing skills by drawing Mr. Smith's motorbike. Overall, the children in year 6 have settled in well to their new year and we're looking forward to it being a successful one.



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"We've really enjoyed being back at school" Reagan



"I'm feeling really confident about my maths this year" Logan



"Gorilla Dawn is such an exciting new text" Sarah

This week, Nursery have enjoyed settling into routines. In Maths, they have been counting to and from 5 using nursery rhymes such as '5 little monkeys' and '5 fat sausages.'. Ollie has particularly enjoyed finding the number 3 when counting. The children have also been reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. We have ordered the story, saying what came first, next and finally, and have enjoyed sorting farm animals. Miss Smith tried to trick the children, however Albie couldn't be tricked, *'Dinosaurs don't live on a farm Miss Smith!.'*

Outside, the children have enjoyed lots of messy play, including making marks in shaving foam and pouring and scooping rice krispies. Ethan was able to use the language of more and less when filling his pots.

We very much look forward to seeing everyone back to school next week and hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

From Mrs Vdovin and the Rockliffemanor team.

Lateness

It is very important that all children get to school on time to ensure a calm and positive start. From 8.55am one gate will be closed and any lates will be recorded.



Thank you for your support in this.

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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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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	91.9%
Year 1	89.7%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	89.7%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.6%
Whole School	92.7%

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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Happy Birthday to:

***until 1st October 2021**



Jacob Guerra Year 1

Daisie-Beau Sco- Year 3

Elizabeth Ajayi Year 1

field

Aniya Ali-Khan Reception

Madison Hunt- Year 4
ley

Time McGonigal Nursery



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
- Friday 1st October—Gymnastics will be held at 07.50—08.50.
- 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
- **Friday 26th November—School closed for INSET Day**



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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](#)

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

<https://bit.ly/secondaryadmissionsbooklet22>



School Dinner Financials

Please may we respectfully remind all parents that you should never accumulate arrears in your School Dinner balance.

School meals are charged at £2.15 per child per day. All payments should be made via our online portal **www.parentpay.com**. If you need any assistance with your account please contact the school office.

If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel you are eligible for Free School meals, please email the office on info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance number, as well as your child's name and class and we can easily check if you are eligible.

Secondary Schools in Royal Greenwich 2022/2023



Closing date for applications:
31 October 2021

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions

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