

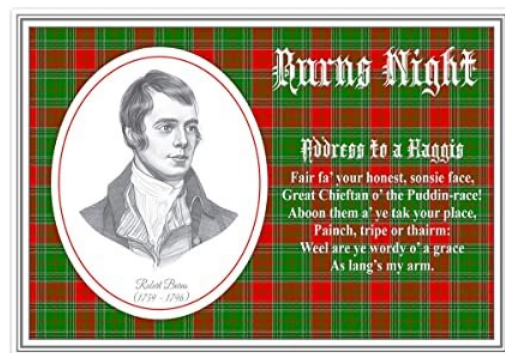
Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 4th February 2022



It has been another exciting week of learning at Rockcliffe Manor school and the children particularly enjoyed their lunch on Tuesday which was a special one to celebrate the Chinese New Year. 2022 is the year of the Tiger and the children enjoyed learning all about the traditions in their classrooms. Did you know that if your age is a multiple of 12 this year, you fall under the Tiger sign, known to be king of all beasts in China. People born in the Year of the Tiger are said to be brave, competitive, unpredictable and confident. The Year of the Tiger also fell in 2010, 1986, 1974 and 1962.

We also had a very special assembly today on Burns Night, which was last week on the 25th January. A grandad of one of the children in Reception came in to play the bagpipes and answer questions from the children. The children were very interested to find out that Burns Night is a traditional Scottish celebration that honours the life of Scotland's favourite poet Robert Burns. They loved hearing about haggis and asked questions such as 'How did you learn to play the bagpipes?' and 'How do bagpipes make that loud sound?' [Click here to hear for yourself](#)



This week, the children in Reception have been sharing their knowledge about endangered animals during their literacy sessions. The children shared that pollution, deforestation and climate change has had a negative impact on animals. The children then used this knowledge to design and create posters to raise awareness for the impact humans are having on endangered animals.

In maths this week, the children have enjoyed learning how to use number sentences with the correct symbols '+' and '='. To further support their learning the children explored all the different ways to add numbers to make eight and nine.

Freddie said 'I think sharks are endangered because there is too much pollution in the ocean'. Evie said 'I know elephants are endangered because humans are cutting down the trees, this is called deforestation'.

Samuel said 'I know three + five = eight, it will also be eight if I switch the numbers around'. Henry said 'I know that one more than eight is nine and one less than nine will be eight'.

Year 2 have had a busy week writing their final outcome in English which will be ready for publishing next week. The children take great pride in publishing their work and they have worked really hard to write a story that will engage the reader. Kristina has shown great analytical skills when discussing our core text. She has really questioned the character's actions by saying, "Why did Angus get on a train with a stranger? He shouldn't have stepped in because he didn't know where he was going."



In maths, the children have started learning about their multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table. Kyle was fantastic in his error spotting activity and he was full pride to tell everyone that he had completed his work independently.

Kyle said, "Look, Mrs Aliq. I have an 'I' in my book. I did it all by myself without help." It's a great joy seeing children develop an autonomous attitude towards their learning.



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Lastly, Year 2 went on their library trip this week and everyone was so eager and excited to be taking a book back to school to read. It's clear that the children love reading and it's a privilege to nurture their passion for children's literature even further.



This week Year 5 have been very creative! In music this week they used glockenspiels to improvise along with an Adele song they have been learning through Charanga, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Cienna and Ivanna showed off their expertise by teaching the class how to read sheet music. Also, in art the children have been working on their final outcomes. They have been creating 3

dimension London landmarks and landmarks from their core text, which they will put together to create their very own landscape. Joe has been sharing all of his knowledge of the buildings with his friends and has loved creating the London eye.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all Monday.

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockliffe Manor team



Gordon Brown Centre Residential Trip 2022

Please may we remind all **Year 5 and 6** families to keep paying into your monthly instalment plan on [ParentPay](#) for the Residential Trips taking place in 2022. If you would like to discuss your child's place, please contact the School Office. If you require any financial support we have teamed up with the Tony Trust, if you require any further information please contact the School.

You can find more information on the Gordon Brown Centre by visiting their [website](#)



Looking for some fun ways to extend the school day?

We have lots of spaces available in our afterschool clubs starting in the Spring 2 term week commencing 21st February.



REMEMBER

Head over to your [ParentPay](#) account to sign up for clubs such as Irish Dancing, Arts and Crafts, Gymnastics and Yoga and breathe to name a few.

If you are already signed up for this term, you do not need to reapply, this is for new children wishing to sign up.



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Attendance This Week	
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	91.8%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	95.8%
Whole School	93.9%

Merits

Reception	Ashwin
Year 1	Carlo
Year 2	Kyle
Year 3	Asante
Year 4	Isabella
Year 5	Lex
Year 6	Ama



Happy Birthday to:

*until 11th February 2022

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Nursery

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 8th February —SAFER INTERNET DAY
- Thursday 10th February —Year 1 & Year 2 Royal Festival Hall Trip
- Thursday 10th February —Year 4 Library Trip
- Friday 11th February—Read for Good Readathon
- **Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February Spring Half term**
- Thursday 24th February - Year 2 Library Trip
- Monday 28th February —Reception Library Trip
- Monday 28th—Friday 4th March—World Book Week
- Monday 28th—Friday 4th March—Book Fair in Hall
- Tuesday 1st March—Dads' Breakfast in the hall 8am-8.40am
- Tuesday 1st March—Parents Evening
- Wednesday 2nd March—Parents Evening
- Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite Book Character with a fashion show at the end of the day
- Friday 4th March—Buddy Reading
- Thursday 10th March—Year 5 Library Trip
- **Friday 11th March 2022—School closed to children for Inset Day**
- Thursday 17th March—Year 3 Library Trip
- **Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children for Polling Day**

Please note, Rockliffe Manor Primary School will additionally be closed this year on **Thursday 5th May 2022** for the Local Elections



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Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on **8th February** and will be celebrated with the theme '**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online**'

As a school, we are very mindful of how important it is to ensure that our children are fully aware of how to use the internet safely. We do this by embedding e-safety lessons throughout our curriculum and by talking about issues surrounding the internet through circle time sessions and assemblies.

As part of this, we would like to host some parent workshops on the topic to support you in reinforcing the safety messages that your children receive in school. The workshops will cover:

- Key online safety risks including grooming, cyberbullying and sexting.
- Practical advice and strategies to support parents.
- Useful resources and helplines.
- Where to report inappropriate content and specific online safety concerns.



Conversation starters to get families talking about online safety

We would like the workshops to be an informal chance for discussion and an opportunity for you to ask any questions over tea and coffee.

The workshops will take place on **Tuesday 8th February** via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/93229328815?pwd=d09uV3pURnVqbUsyQ2VrVXh2ckpwdz09>

Meeting ID: 932 2932 8815

Passcode: Rockliffe



We are offering two different times to ensure that as many parents as possible can attend. The first will be at **9:00am** and the other at **5:00pm**.

The sessions will last approximately 30 minutes with time for questions.

We really hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has an overriding message that parents should start challenging conversations early about online sexual harassment and how they can support their children online. Their focus groups suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10. The guide focusses on issues such as:

- Easily accessed online pornography
- Pressure to send nude pictures
- Sexualised bullying
- Editing pictures and body image
- Peer pressure

The aim for the guide was to pull together these challenging (often seemingly unapproachable) topics for parents in an accessible way. We see this guide as the 'starting point' for parents to begin confronting the issues with their children. There are signposts to the excellent resources of other expert organisations, including NSPCC, Childnet and Internet Matters, throughout the guide.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>



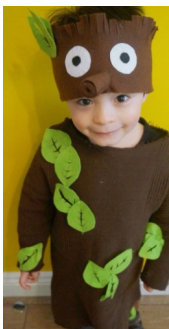
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We are pleased to be celebrating World Book Day on **3rd March 2022**. this year.

Once again, we are excited to be organising a book filled fun day with activities centered around promoting a love of reading. All children and staff will be invited to come dressed as a book character of their choice.

A letter will follow in due course, but you may wish to start planning your child's outfit over the half term holiday.

We always love seeing the effort and imagination that goes into the home made costumes.



As part of our celebrations, we are very happy to confirm that the Book Fair will be returning from 28th February in the school hall.

This will be an excellent opportunity to purchase some new books to get ahead on the Going for Gold reading challenge in School. More information will follow shortly.

In the meantime, we are always happy to accept good quality reading book donations and would always ask you to return school reading books to the class teacher on a weekly basis.

Thank you



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It's all smiles for these children today as they received their bronze certificate for the Going for Gold Reading Challenge this morning! I'm sure they will be back again to collect their silver certificate very soon.
#readingforpleasure #goingforgold



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We are thrilled to announce that we have been contacted by Junior Bake Off who have opened applications for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2022, but the **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



We have been offered some complimentary tickets for some of our families to attend the **Charlton Athletic Vs Oxford United** game on **Saturday 19th February 2022** at **The Valley** (Kick off 3pm).

The atmosphere at recent matches there has been terrific and they have been delighted to welcome groups of young supporters from the surrounding area and across the South East.

We have a limited number of tickets which will be offered on a first come first served basis and a maximum of **4 tickets per a family**. Please see the letter sent home today for more details.

Nominate your favorite Teacher and TA for an award at the Royal Borough of Greenwich's [Civic Awards 2022](#)



This year sees the return of the [Teacher / Teaching Assistant Award](#), which gives you the opportunity to nominate a teacher that you think is doing an exceptional job every day. You will need to write why you think they deserve the award in no more than 200 words.

[You can access the nomination form here](#)

The closing date for nominations is 5pm on Monday 7th February 2022

The form may time out after 15 minutes, so you might want to write your reason separately and the copy and paste it on the form.