Friday 1st April 2022



It has been a fantastic last week of the spring term at Rockliffe, and what a busy one! The highlight has definitely been our Spring Concert which took place over two afternoons, and showcased some of the talents of the children. There was wonderful singing from all year groups and the Rockliffe Choir, as well as Irish dancing and hip hop. We also loved watching Max play the cello and Ivanna and Cienna play the keyboard. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the concerts, we hope that you enjoyed them!





The children have been busy publishing their writing and finishing their final pieces of artwork this week. The new learning displays have now gone up across the school and are of an excellent quality as usual. Please do look at our Twitter page <u>@RockliffeManor</u> to see some of these.

This week, Year 4 have worked extremely hard and showed the character skill of effort in completing their learning for this term. In English they focused on completing their ending of a mystery story, taking inspiration from their core text, Agent Zaiba Investigates: The Missing Diamond. They used a range of figurative language to help create suspense in their writing. They completed their henna art drawings by using brown paint and a fine paint brush to mimic the look of dried henna - this took a lot of patience and they showed great resilience. Lastly, the children wowed everyone with their amazing class assembly that summed up their learning this term. All children remembered their lines and got into character as we did a Doctor Who meets Agent Zaiba play, where they showed off their English, maths and science learning. They should all be so proud of themselves.

'I was nervous about performing in front of the school, but once I started I really enjoyed playing my character of Doctor Who.' Charlie B

'I really liked publishing because I got to publish my setting description which I was really proud of' Jess

'Playing Agent Zaiba was really fun because she is from Pakistan which is where my family are from.'

Inaya

'I am really proud of my ending of the story. I made sure to use ellipses to create suspense in my writing' Chi Chi

Year 1 became weather reporters this week in their science learning. They used all of their knowledge to create their own backgrounds that represented each season and constructed their own news reporter speeches. Holly said 'good morning it is a bright and sunny day in summer the



weather is perfect for the beach!' Clara shared 'on this autumn day make sure you keep a coat on as it is a little bit windy'.



Partnership

The children in Year 1 have worked so hard this half term and have produced such wonderful outcomes for their English learning. The children wrote newspaper reports that documented what the giant has been doing based on their core text 'Grandads secret giant'. Carlo wrote 'on Sunday morning the giant was spotted fixing the Broken clock as the towns people were lost without it!' Year 1 also begun to report on the thoughts and feelings of the main character Billy. Jacob reported 'Billy was so shocked that he didn't believe the giant was real. He said 'the giant is humungous!'

Have a wonderful Easter Holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back to School on Tuesday 19th April.

Mrs Vdovin, Mrs Cook and the whole Rockliffe Manor team

Ramadan Wishes

The holy month of Ramadan, which starts tomorrow, is among the most important times of year in the Muslim calendar and is one of the five pillars of Islam. A month in which all Muslims spend time in spiritual reflection and self improvement and to purify their mind, body, heart and soul by fasting and praying to Allah.

Ramadan Mubarak. We wish all our Muslim families and friends a blessed holy month and Happy Fasting.

Easter Wishes

There are several days of Easter that Christianity commemorate the resurrection of Jesus and is the most sacred week in the Church year.

- Palm Sunday (sixth Sunday of Lent) (Christ's entry into Jerusalem)
- Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday
- Holy Wednesday (The story of Judas arranging his betrayal of Jesus)
- Maundy Thursday (Lent concludes and the Last Supper is commemorated. The altars of the church are stripped bare and the priest will practice foot washing of the congregation during communion. This is followed by The Watch—a vigil and time for reflection)
- Good Friday (A time of mourning to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and subsequent death.)
- Holy (Black) Saturday (The day between the Crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Also the day Jesus was hurriedly buried in a cave tomb, with the intent to finish proper embalming and burial ceremonies on Sunday, after the sabbath had ended)
- The Great Vigil (Held in the hours of darkness between Sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. Starting in silence outside, each member of the congregation is given a candle and take part in a procession into church for service)
- Easter Sunday (Celebrated as the day of Jesus' resurrection. According to the Gospels, Jesus was seen this day and for 40 days afterwards by the disciples)
- Easter Monday (Celebrated as the day after the resurrection)







Attendance This Week				
Reception	91.7%			
Year 1	97.7%			
Year 2	95.7%			
Year 3	92.9%			
Year 4	93.8%			
Year 5	97%			
Year 6	92.4%			
Whole School 94.5%				

Merits

Reception	David
Year 1	Meryem
Year 2	Ope
Year 3	Liya
Year 4	
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Fox

Happy Birthday to: *until 22nd April 2022



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Oliver	Year 3		
William	Year 3		
Aasiyah	Year 2		
Osazee	Year 6		
Ronnie	Reception		
Niamh	Reception		
Reynolds	Year 5		
Tyrone	Year 1		
Josephine	Year 3		
Elaina	Year 2		
Emre	Year 1		
Ashwin	Reception		
Inaya	Year 4		
Violet	Reception		
Isabella	Year 6		
Douglas	Reception		
lsaac	Year 5		



Dates for your diary

- Monday 4th April— Monday 18th April 2022 School closed for Easter Holidays
- Tuesday 19th April—Children return to school
- Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children for Polling Day—Year 6 Children to attend school

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception					PE
Year 1			PE	PE	
Year 2			PE		Gymnastics
Year 3		PE	PE		
Year 4		PE		PE	
Year 5	PE			PE	
Year 6			PE		Gymnastics

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Changes to the PE Timetable for Summer term



Register to Vote!

As you are aware, Rockliffe Manor will be closed on Thursday 5th May as the school is used as a Polling Station for the local elections. You can find more information on the local elections for the Royal Borough of Greenwich here

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200158/elections and voting/2350/local elections 2022

Don't miss your chance to vote by ensuring you have registered on the Gov.uk website

https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

All you need is your National Insurance Number. You normally only need to register once.

Who can register

You must be aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland and Wales). You must also be one of the following:

- a British citizen
- an Irish or EU citizen living in the UK
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission

a citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission.

Why should you vote in these local elections?

- ⇒ It affects where you live. Local elections affect everything that happens within your local area and council. This includes the running of schools, libraries, street cleaning, leisure centres, the bins: in fact many of the services you need.
- ⇒ Your money is at stake. Councils account for a quarter of public spending—equating to millions of pounds. Using your vote can help you determine how this money (your hard earned money) is spent in your area.
- ⇒ Councillors are important. In many areas there are multiple choices of councilors to vote for. If you have the time, try to research and understand the qualities each candidate brings. They, rather than MPs, will be the people you need to contact if you want to improve your local area.
- \Rightarrow It's anonymous. The candidate and party you choose are not made public.
- ⇒ You could be helping the prime minister of the future! Your vote could be the stepping stone in a political career journey for your chosen candidate.
- ⇒ It's a right people fought for. The suffragette movement is known all over the world for the drastic actions it took to make sure women were given the vote. Still to this day, there are millions of people across the world that are not allowed to vote due to their age, gender or social status.
- ⇒ Diversity matters. When people of all sorts of different backgrounds and ethnicities vote, diversity can make a huge impact and change. The best way for all people to be represented is for everyone who can, vote!

Holiday Food and Fun

Free holiday club places for children receiving free school meals

No need to worry about what to do over the holidays, as Royal Greenwich's Holiday Food and Fun scheme is back.

Free, funded places at holiday clubs are available this Easter for children and young people aged 4-16, who are eligible for free school meals.

There are holiday clubs across the borough offering different activity camps, which will all include a healthy lunch every day too.

From football to arts and crafts, there will be a holiday club for every child's interest – and at no cost to eligible families.

There are also specialist SEND clubs taking part.

Contact providers directly to book spaces.

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HolidayFoodAndFun





The council is also offering free meals for all children (no age limit) as well as having sports coaches on hand to run fun fitness and active play sessions.

No need to sign up—just head to your local library or adventure play centre. All details can be found on their website: <u>https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals</u>

Donate chocolate eggs to Greenwich Foodbank this Easter

Greenwich Foodbank needs your help with donations of Easter Eggs so they can give them to local children and vulnerable adults. Please visit their website for more information and details of where to drop your donations. <u>https://greenwich.foodbank.org.uk/</u>





