

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 28th January 2022

As usual our Twitter feed [@RockcliffeManor](https://twitter.com/RockcliffeManor) is full of exciting learning opportunities and we love to showcase everything we are doing on this platform. If you don't follow us, please take a look!

Thank you to all the parents who came to our parent stay and learn science session this week. It was great to have you in the classrooms and experiencing a science lesson alongside the children. The children really do love having you in school and we hope it gives you an insight into what we do and how we teach different subject areas. Science is a firm favourite with the children and they especially enjoy the practical investigations. Please do ask your children what they are learning in science and see if they can tell you some of the core knowledge and vocabulary of their topics.



This week, Year 3 have been exploring a range of poetry, considering styles, devices, features and different types of poems! They have considered word choice impact on the reader, as well as learning about the structure and features of a Haiku poem. They immersed themselves in some poetry performances and gave each other some peer feedback based on this.

Year 3 have also been considering the real life uses of magnets in science including how they work in a roller coaster, train and fridges. They gathered as many real life examples as possible and discussed how not all metals are magnetic: just certain types of metal.

"I was shocked when I realised that different metals have different magnetism, this is why not all magnets work on all metals. I enjoyed this lesson a lot." Liya

"I noticed that Haiku poems are about nature - these make me feel really relaxed and calm." Cairon

The Nursery children have continued to explore plants and biodiversity, learning about the different parts of a plant and how to grow their own beans. They used a bubble map and learned a song to remember the names of plant parts and talked about what they would like to put in their own gardens: 'Red flowers...a butterfly', said Ollie. 'I would plant a beautiful flower!' (Ellee), 'Rainbow flowers!' (Ethan),

'Yellow flowers' (Freya).



The children also used seeds to practise counting objects one by one and have loved playing outdoors with their new mud kitchen and car ramp (kindly donated by Ethan's mum!)

What a fabulous week Year 6 have been having. Even though they're working hard on their next round of mock SATs, they have still had time to go to the British Museum and learn even more about the ancient city of Benin.



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They were great ambassadors for Rockcliffe Manor – showing respect and curtesy in and around London's West End. They also demonstrated some excellent science learning about light to some of their parents on Wednesday morning. As well as this, they have also had their termly visit to Plumstead Library, they were really excited to be getting their hands on some lovely new books.

"The trip was so cool; I can't believe we got to see the Benin bronzes for real"
Ezra

"I'm really pleased with the progress I've made in my SATs this week, I'm much more confident now." Osazee

"I hope the library has some cool Manga books for me to read." Freddy

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

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockcliffe Manor team.



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'**



Our School will be hosting assemblies and other activities, all of which we will send detailed information about shortly, but in the meantime please do read more on the [Safer Internet Day Advice for parents and carers](#)



We have an entire section on our website dedicated to [Digital Parenting and Online Safety](#) that we update regularly and urge you to read to keep on top of this ever changing and emerging technological world!



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Digital Parenting

The role that we as parents play in supporting our children to develop the life skills and knowledge they need to use the online world safely and confidently, is crucial.



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Attendance This Week

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	91.2%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	96.1%
Whole School	94.4%



Happy Birthday to:

*until 4th February 2022

Tyreese Year 3
Ruby Year 5
Cohen Year 6

Merits

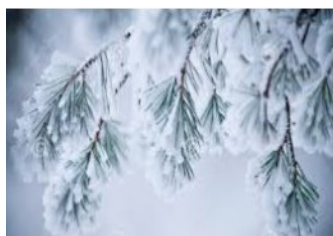
Reception	David
Year 1	Ayomide
Year 2	Hannah
Year 3	Riley
Year 4	Daisy
Year 5	Bonnie
Year 6	Elsie



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st February 2022—Chinese New Year—special menu available

- **Tuesday 8th February 2022—SAFER INTERNET DAY**
- **Thursday 10th February 2022—Year 1 & Year 2 Royal Festival Hall Trip**
- **Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022 Spring Half term**
- **Friday 11th March 2022—Inset Day**
- **Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children Polling Day**



The colder weather has arrived and it looks like its here to stay for a while! Please ensure that your child has their warm winter coat

and sensible footwear.

Due to the increasing numbers of lost items, please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that should they get lost, they can be easily identified and returned to their correct owner.



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We are pleased to share with you today the term dates for the next academic year 2022/2023 for your planning. We have also listed below the current term dates

2022 Term Dates

Spring Term 2022	
Term 3 Begins	Term 3 Ends
Children return on Tuesday 4 th January	Children's last day of school Friday 11 th February
Half Term Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February	
Term 4 Begins	Term 4 Ends
Children return on Monday 21 st February	Children's last day of school Friday 1 st April
School Closures INSET Days: Friday 11 th March	
Summer Term 2022	
Term 5 Begins	Term 5 Ends
Children return to school Tuesday 19 th April	Children's last day of school Friday 27 th May
School closures Thursday 5 th May for Polling day	
Term 6 Begins	Term 6 Ends
Children return on Monday 6 th June	Children's last day of school Friday 22 nd July
School Closures Bank Holiday: Monday 2 nd May INSET Days: Friday 24 th June	

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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2022—2023 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022	
Term 1 Begins	Term 1 Ends
Children return on Monday 5 th September 2022	Children's last day of school Friday 21 st October 2022
Half Term Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October 2022	
Term 2 Begins	Term 2 Ends
Children return on Monday 31 st October 2022	Children's last day of school Friday 16 th December 2022
School Closures INSET Days: Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September 2022	
Spring Term 2023	
Term 3 Begins	Term 3 Ends
Children return on Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Children's last day of school Friday 10 th February 2023
Half Term Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2023	
Term 4 Begins	Term 4 Ends
Children return on Monday 20 th February 2023	Children's last day of school Friday 31 st March 2023
School Closures	
Summer Term 2023	
Term 5 Begins	Term 5 Ends
Children return to school Monday 17 th April 2023	Children's last day of school Friday 26 th May 2023
Half Term Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023	
Term 6 Begins	Term 6 Ends
Children return on Monday 5 th June 2023	Children's last day of school Friday 21 st July 2023
School Closures Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May 2023 INSET Days: Friday 23 rd June 2023	

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On Thursday 3rd February 2022, the borough will be celebrating 10 years of being a Royal Borough. To celebrate their royal history month they will be organising a range of events open to all. They will also be sharing some exciting announcements ahead of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Be sure to check [RBG's website](#) and social media for updates.

Greenwich certainly deserves the honour, at least from an historical perspective. Three monarchs — Henry VIII, Mary I and Elizabeth I — were born at the palace of Placentia, the long-demolished royal residence formerly on the site of today's Old Royal Naval College. Only St James's Palace can boast more Crown births. In addition, boy king Edward VI died at Placentia, and two of Henry VIII's marriages took place there.

Then there are, or were, many other 'Royal' buildings around the borough: the Royal Observatory part of the [Royal Museums Greenwich](#), the Royal Artillery, Dockyards and Arsenal downriver at Woolwich, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on the slopes of Shooters Hill.



[Greenwich Together for Winter: Support for residents over winter | Greenwich Together for Winter | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](#)

The Greenwich Together for Winter campaign gathers information about all the support and help that's available for residents over wintertime in one place, making it easier to find and access.

Please [click the link](#) for information on the Household Support Grant; Staying warm; Staying well—including mental wellbeing, looking after your body, drinking less alcohol, stopping smoking, holiday food and fun and so much more

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.

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We have whipped up super yummy treats in the kitchen!
Join us on

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!

We are delighted to offer a special menu to celebrate the Chinese new Year of the Tiger.

If you are usually packed lunch please do email us to change to school for this day only to sample the delicious menu.

Usual fees of £2.15 Apply to all children in KS2 that are not eligible for free School Dinners.

Free School Meals

If there are any changes in your circumstances that may make you eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium), please call into the office with your National Insurance number and date of birth as we are able to perform a very quick check to let you know the outcome straight away.

You could also be helping to raise vital funds for the school!

Boppin' Bunnies brings the magic of live music to babies and toddlers.

Their interactive music classes are taught by professional musicians who perform to the class on their live instruments each week.

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Covid 19 UPDATES

The changes you need to know

From Thursday 27th January, the majority of COVID-19 restrictions in England have been eased.

It will still be compulsory to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19.

The risk of COVID-19 has not disappeared completely. You can still catch and spread the virus.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, [get a PCR test as soon as possible](#). Stay at home until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.



If you are symptomless but test positive on a rapid lateral flow, self-isolate immediately to stop the virus spreading. Self-isolation in England has been reduced to a minimum of five full days.

People with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6 (where day zero of the isolation period is when you first show symptoms or, if you do not have symptoms, the day you took your test).

If you are unvaccinated and come into close contact with a positive case, you are still required to self-isolate for 10 days.

Additionally from 27th January the Government will remove mandatory mask wearing, but you're still encouraged to wear a mask in crowded indoor settings.



In general, the risk of catching COVID-19 is higher in crowded, enclosed spaces.

It will still be compulsory to wear masks on TfL services, such as buses, the DLR and tubes. This will reduce the virus spreading again.

The virus spreads through the air, and if a setting is poorly ventilated, it isn't blown away quickly. That's why wearing masks is an easy, effective thing to do.

Working from home guidance is no longer a government requirement. [Find out more about returning to work](#). Please contact the School office if you would like more information on our Extended Provision Breakfast and Afterschool clubs to help this transition back to work. More information can be found at the bottom of the Newsletter.

If you have any concerns or feel anxious about COVID-19 and the lifting of restrictions, please head over to the NHS website for some wonderful tips to help you cope.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/coronavirus/tips-to-cope-with-anxiety-lockdown-lifting/>



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Beachwood welcomes children in the morning before school and afterwards until 6pm. We have sixteen places available for pupils in Reception to Year 6 and who attend Rockliffe Manor.

Beachwood opening times are:

- **7.30am to 8.45am** – Morning sessions
- **3.30pm to 6.00pm** – After school sessions

We offer breakfast in the morning and a snack in the evening, and there are two staff members on site at every session. Beachwood is a registered play setting and is run in line with Ofsted regulations. The staff provide planned activities including a movie night on a Wednesday, a cooking night and help with homework.

All places are offered on a full time basis at a cost of **£75.00** per child per week. Fees are payable in ParentPay.

We currently have spaces available, please email is on info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk if you would be interested in booking a space.



Please may we politely remind you to regularly check your ParentPay account if your child has a school dinner to ensure they are not accruing dinner debts.

If you are also having any difficulties making payments towards your school dinner account, please do contact the school office, where we will be happy to discuss with you.

Recycling Batteries

Don't forget that we have the facilities to recycle your old batteries.

Please give them to your class teacher or to the school office.



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.