

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 21st January 2022

Over the last few weeks at Rockcliffe Manor, we have been focusing on retention and retrieval strategies to support children in their learning.

Every week on a Wednesday, the teachers take part in a professional development meeting and this week's PDM was around metacognition. Metacognition is working with pupils to develop their awareness and understanding of their own thought processes and learning. It is essential that children become independent learners through this and recognise what they need to succeed. As a school, we are focusing on retrieval and retention strategies so that children are developing their long term memory and constantly practicing key skills. Practice makes permanent! Something to aid this is our knowledge organisers, a tool that has been developed across the Partnership. These one page sheets give the children the key knowledge and vocabulary for each of their topics and are stuck at the front of their books and displayed in the classroom. They also list prior knowledge that the children can build upon to support with their current learning. Please do talk with your children at home about what they are learning at school and see if they are able to articulate the key knowledge and vocabulary for that subject.



Year 1 this week have shown great collaboration skills. In English the children watched the film 'UP' which they are using as part of their learning journey. Meryem said, "I like 'UP' because in the film Carl broke his promise but he travelled the world to get Kevin back. I like Carl because he is a kind person and he is funny."

In maths, the children have worked really hard to understand subtraction using number lines.

Carlo explained that, "First you circle 18 on the number line and then count 3 steps back. Whatever the number the number you land on, that is the answer."

Lastly, all children have shown excellent attitudes to their phonics learning and have made some great progress in their reading. Well done Year 1 and keep up the amazing effort!



This week, Year 4 have been very busy in English understanding what the mental illness OCD is, linked to their theme of identity. Using the character from our core text, The Goldfish Boy, Year 4 have had to create questions to ask Matthew, to find out more information about his OCD and how he copes in day to day life. They then used these questions in role play, acting out how the interview would go and how Matthew would answer the questions.

In maths, they continued to apply their multiplication and division skills to a range of multistep problems. From multiplying using 3 numbers to using number facts to help solve harder calculations, they worked collaboratively to find the answers. In art, to prepare for their outcome, inspired by surrealists Salvador Dali and Rene Marguritte, Year 4 practiced their painting techniques using watercolours to help them create a background that reflects their emotions.



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"I really liked doing the interview because I think my interviewer voice was really good when I was asking the questions." Penny

"I enjoyed using different paint brushes to get different textures with my watercolours. I didn't know the colours could come out so thick!" Malachi

"I really enjoy maths because I find it fun. I practiced really hard and now I know my 7 times tables." Tommy

"I've learned that when you have to times 3 numbers together, if there is a 10 it is always easier to times that number last. It makes sense when you do it step by step." Charlie R



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

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockliffe Manor team



LEC New Year Go-Ride Race

Limited Edition Cycling is hosting a mincepie-busting, one-off winter Go-Ride event on **22 January 2022**. The race is open to all novice riders born in or after 2006.

Enjoy the Thrill of the Race!

Race venue
Elmstead Wood Primary School
Castlecreech Road
Motttingham SE9 4AT

Saturday 22 January
Sign-on from 9.00am
£4 cash entry on the day

Bring a bike, helmet and gloves!

Limited Edition Cycling
Every rider UNIQUE



Pre-race registration

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lec-new-years-race-tickets-237523628567>

For more information, contact
junior@limitededitioncycling.co.uk
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This cycling event for primary and secondary school children taking place on Saturday 22 January 2022 at Elmstead Wood Primary School from 9am. This stand-alone race is being organised by Limited Edition Cycling Club, who are based in Eltham and are part of the British Cycling South London Go-Ride Racing League.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the attached flyer to your pupils, please, along with this link to book their place in the race.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lec-new-years-race-tickets-237523628567>

This fun, entry-level event is for novice* riders aged 16 years and younger who want to try bike racing. Riders in each age group from Under 6s, Under 8s, etc, to Under 16s will race against other riders in their age category on a cyclocross-style off-road course, so mountain bikes or bikes with chunkier tyres will be ideal. Riders must bring a bike in good working order, a helmet and gloves. Entry is £4 cash on the day.

*This event is unsuitable for riders with race experience at regional level and above.

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Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally 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. The theme this year is 'All fun and games?' and the day is a fantastic opportunity to engage students to think about positive, safe and kind online relationships. There are some really good resources available via:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

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!



Young Greenwich free KS2 and KS4 tutoring programme

INFORMATION

To help support children and young people whose education has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Young Greenwich are offering free extra-curricular educational sessions at 4 youth hubs across the borough.

This is a great opportunity for young people in Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 to prepare for their SAT'S, GCSE's and receive free support from qualified teachers.

Currently, there are spaces available for young people to join sessions at Avery Hill and Hawksmoor Youth Hubs. Sessions at Valley Central and Woolwich Common Youth Hubs will start in March.

Please find attached the flyers and introduction letter which includes more in-depth information regarding the programme and the sign-up process.

[Young Greenwich Tutoring Programme](#)
[Extra Curriculum Education Programme](#)



[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

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Attendance This Week

Reception	92.1%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	87.2%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole School	93.5%



Happy Birthday to:

*until 28th January 2022

Samuel	Year 6
Opemipo	Year 2
Anayah	Year 1
Ellee	Nursery
Julie	Year 3
Jack	Reception

Merits

Reception	Henry
Year 1	Bessie
Year 2	Benjamin
Year 3	Isaiah
Year 4	Hani
Year 5	Elizabeth
Year 6	James



New phone for Christmas?

Please can you ensure that you have updated the school office with any changes to your contact details.



We rely on these details to contact you in an emergency and inform you of any changes and updates, which is especially important at the moment.

Year 6 parents. Reminder that your child needs to bring Packed Lunch, bottle of water and a suitable coat for the trip. Also if you haven't yet consented please do so on ParentPay.



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.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 24th January 2022— Year 6 British Museum Trip
- Wednesday 26th January 2022 –KS1 & KS2 Parent Stay & Learn sessions
- 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



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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 will be 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.