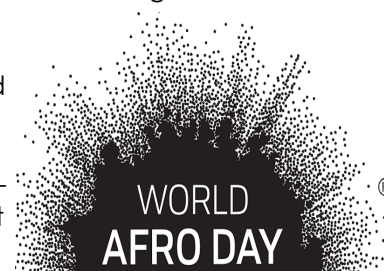


Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 1st October 2021

Today is our World Café and the first of our parent We Are Rockliffe events. Thank you to everyone who has brought in food, and celebrated with us. More in next week's newsletter....

As part of We Are Rockliffe last week, the children and staff embraced their differences and celebrated World Afro Day. The children and teachers were all excited to showcase their individuality by conquering the 'Catwalk of Confidence' in assembly. It was so great to see the level of confidence and support in both the children and the adults in the school. Ivan in Year 6 has been asking to do the catwalk every day since because he loved it so much. After celebrating together in the morning, the classes went away and widened their knowledge and understanding of afro hair. In Year 6, Reagan was amazed to find out that slaves used cornrows to communicate and to also create maps of the railways as escape routes. Across other year groups, children learnt how to draw afro hair from a tutorial video and created some amazing outcomes! In Year 5, the children created some amazing poems about afro hair. They worked independently or in groups to produce either an acrostic poem or free verse. Here are a couple of examples:



Embrace it- by Olivia

Your parents have afro hair and so do you,
don't be ashamed if your friends laugh at you.
Do not try to hide it, this is your specialty.
This is your hair, your individual thing.
Don't take it for granted.
Embrace it!

Be strong, be brave,
afro hair is your crave.
Even if you are afraid,
be proud of your hair, don't hide it in a cave.
Be strong if you fall down,
there will always be someone to pick you off the ground.

We are very proud of all of the learning and outcomes across the whole school. Even the early years children spent some time reading a story about differences and discussing their hair. We look forward to celebrating more of our community uniqueness in the future with our Rockliffe Manor family!

This week, children in Year 2 have been engaging in their history learning. They have been learning about historical events and significant people who fought for equality. When learning about the suffragettes, the children weren't impressed when their character couldn't place their vote because of their gender! David said, "I'm sad that girls couldn't vote because it's not fair!"

Afro Hair- By Marko

Afro hair, afro hair.
You can see it everywhere.
Afro hair, afro hair.
It's here and there.
Afro hair, afro hair.
It's cool, fair and rare.



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In English, the children have been examining the relationships between the characters and they have been using their oracy skills to support their writing. River wrote, "Yasmin has a positive relationship with her dad because he works really hard to take care of her and buy her books so she can learn."

In science, the children have been using scientific skills to classify living and non-living things. They have been using technical vocabulary of living processes to justify their reasoning. Great effort and collaboration demonstrated by everyone in Year 2 this week!

This week, Reception has been enjoying learning about their community in school and outside of school. They started the week discussing what a community is and what they like most about being in a community. It was interesting for the children to learn that they live very close to each other and use the same transport and amenities available in the area.

Ishmael said "I Love that in my school community we can do everything together, play time is my favourite".

Samuel said "I like that I can learn together with my friends, it makes it so much fun".

Ashwin said "The community is important because we can help each other".

Niamh said "I think it is good that we have diversity in our community".

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 Rockcliffe Manor team.



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In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

As part of the year long celebrations everyone in the country has been given an extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, providing an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The government has instructed that as the Bank Holiday date of Friday 3rd June 2022 falls within the May half term, all schools will be required to claim the extra bank holiday day at a date of their choice during this academic year.



As a Trust, it has been agreed that this will be held on Friday 17th December 2021, **therefore the last day of term will now be Thursday 16th December 2021**. Please find attached a revised set of term dates for this academic year. Thank you for your continued support to the education of our children.

Autumn Term	
Term 1 Begins	Term 1 Ends
Children return on Monday 6 th September	Children's last day of school Friday 22 nd October
Half Term Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	
Term 2 Begins	Term 2 Ends
Children return on Monday 1 st November	Children's last day of school Thursday 16th December
School Closures INSET Days: Friday 26 th November QUEEN'S JUBILEE EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 17th December	
Spring Term	
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	
Term 5 Begins	Term 5 Ends
Children return to school Tuesday 19 th April	Children's last day of school Friday 27 th May
Half Term Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	
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	

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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



ParentPay

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.



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 Office.

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Happy Birthday to:

*until 8th October 2021

Mishaël Ettien Reception

Ruby Martin Year 2

Ava Vi Year 3

Ciara King Year 6

Attendance This Week	
Reception	89.3%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	90.1%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	97.6%
Whole School	94.6%



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 now started
- Week commencing 18th October—5th November Year 6 swimming lessons
- 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**



Coats

As the days are getting cooler, please may we remind all families to send children in wearing an appropriate coat.



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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>



Secondary Schools in Royal Greenwich 2022/2023

Closing date for applications:
31 October 2021

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions

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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.

If you are struggling to pay your balance, please do talk to us and we can arrange an affordable payment plan.

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**XPLORE
HEALTHY
LIFESTYLE
PROGRAMME**

ACTIVITIES FOR
KIDS 4 - 14 YEARS

XPLORE is a **FREE** 8-week programme for children, young people and their families to become fitter, healthier and more active.

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XPLORE MOVE MORE, EAT WELL AND FEEL GOOD

**FREE
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In partnership with the Young Greenwich Service, the Xplore programme is aimed at children, young people and their families who are above a healthy weight.

The programme includes both face-to-face and online healthy eating workshops, physical activity sessions and parent/carer discussion groups. The sessions are designed to be fun and inclusive for all abilities.

The programme gives lots of handy tips around healthy eating and activity, so families can discover new ways to improve their health and wellbeing and lead a more active lifestyle.

Sign up today by:
emailing xplore.greenwich@gll.org
or calling 020 3795 0715

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Please see important message below from Councillor Adel Khairah.

"Royal Greenwich is a vibrant, dynamic borough and home to many diverse communities – which is one of our greatest strengths. However, this diversity also presents challenges and inequalities which need to be addressed to make sure our borough is a place where everyone can succeed and prosper, no matter what your background."

We have launched an [Equality and Equity Charter](#) which sets out pledges to promote the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion. We have a key role in shaping what life is like in Royal Greenwich, but we cannot do this alone.

Please follow the link <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/equalitycharter>