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Friday 8th October 2021

Happy Friday everyone! Last week ended on a high with our World Café. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attend and the food donations this year were just delicious. We received such a variety of food, and the children loved sampling it during their

afternoon. Thank you to everyone for making it such a success. The first event of many!

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day

and watched a live Zoom in their classes from the poet, Liv Torc. Schools from across

Greenwich joined in the fun and the children

produced some great Haiku poetry based around their lives during lockdown. Haiku is a type of short form poetry originally from Japan



and consists of three phrases in a 5 7 5 syllable pattern. Here is an example from Year 5:

*Covid please go now
Feeling horrible at home
Up so late can't sleep*



This week, Year 4 have had an exciting week in their maths learning. After finishing their learning on rounding and ordering numbers, Year 4 began to explore Roman numerals and how they may be similar/different to the way we write and use numbers today. In history, Year 4 explored the term democracy and how the ancient Greeks were the founding fathers of the system that we use today. Following their ancient Greek learning, the children took part in an exciting debate, arguing for and against the big question 'Should children wear school uniform?'. They looked at the oracy strands from our framework, Physical and Linguistic, to help them successfully present their argument and in the end had the option to switch sides, based on the points made.

Madison - *'I really enjoyed the maths lesson with roman numerals because we got to use lolly pop sticks to make the numbers. I learnt that 9 is IX which means 10-1 or 1 before 10.*

Malachi - *I think I was successful in my debate because I asked loads of*

metaphorical questions that made the opposing team question their original

statement. Even though I was originally against children wearing their uniform, I changed my mind because our points for wearing uniform were clear.



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This week, Year 1 have begun using part part whole models in maths. The

children learnt what it meant to partition a number, Emre explained to his peers '*partitioning is when you split the number*'. The class focused on identifying the two parts and began to understand that when added together they created the whole again. Izzy D was so excited when she realised '*the whole was 5, one part was 3, one part was 2, so that means 3 add 2 makes 5!*'. Year 1 worked collaboratively to partition cubes and see what number bonds they could find. Anayah said '*I know that 4 add 5 makes 9*' and Ella added '*3 and 6 also make 9*'. The children have started their addition learning with a bang and are excited to continue to expand their knowledge.



Thank you to everyone who donated food to our Harvest Festival

celebrations. All of this food will be delivered to the Greenwich Food Bank next week and will surely help many people. We will still be collecting items until the morning of Monday 11th so do bring any last minute donations to the hall. It is very important to us that we talk to the children about kindness and helping others, and we have been talking about where the food will go during assemblies.



This week in assembly the theme of kindness also continued with our anti-bullying week presentation. The children all made a pledge and said 'I'm putting my hand up and pledging to put an end to bullying' Year went back to class and explored the

different types of bullying that can happen for example physical and online video. The children wanted to make a video to raise awareness and you can view this on our Twitter page @RockliffeManor



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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 15th October 2021**

Evie Higgins

Year 4

Attendance This Week	
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	91.0%
Whole School	94.0%



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
8 WEEK
PROGRAMME**

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>