

# Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 15th October 2021

We love reading! This week, we were excited to welcome parents back into the classrooms for our three weekly parent reading mornings. These will be every Thursday in Nursery and Reception. It is important to us as a school that children are encouraged to read for pleasure, talk about books and hear adults read aloud.

Reading aloud to children means that we are modelling key reading skills such as using expression and that children are hearing new language and vocabulary. We are also keen that children are listening to a wide range of stories, poetry and rhymes.



Year 5 went live with author and poet, Joseph Coelho, for the Book Trust Black History event. The children loved the session and felt inspired to write their own poems and learnt what an abecedarius poem is.

On Tuesday, the children took part in a We Are Rockliffe carousel afternoon focused on equality, diversity and inclusion. Each teacher created an activity in their classroom and the children visited different teachers to take part. Miss Roper did an activity around overcoming challenges and fairness, Year 1 learnt the definitions around EDI and Miss Gallagher celebrated similarities and differences with the children.

It's been a great and varied week in Year 6, the children have enjoyed making an anti-bullying video which is now available on the @Rockliffemanor Twitter feed. Last Friday, they had special visitors in to help create lavish prints based on climate



for the Young London Print Prize. Year 6 have already started to bring in some of their homework dioramas; check out Elsie's jungle which had a flowing river through it. On Tuesday afternoon, the children got the chance to visit other classes to learn about the different aspects of inclusion and diversity at Rockliffe and beyond. Finally, they have had two visits from secondary schools in

the area and the children were very keen to ask lots of questions about secondary life.

*"Even though it was tricky, I really enjoyed making my climate print"* Ezra

*"I'm glad I got to ask about the different times secondary school starts"* Oliver

*"I made my jungle scene using colored paper that I put through the shredder and PVA glue with blue paint for the river"* Elsie



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This week, Nursery have been enjoying exploring cornflour and it's properties. They used a range of vocabulary to describe how they handled it. Ellee explained that *'it changes when you touch it.'* Albie asked *'what happens if you poke it?'* We then learned about germs and the importance of washing our hands. *'We don't want to eat dirt,'* said Freya. In maths, the children have been exploring shapes and their properties, learning the names of 2D shapes, and counting sides and corners. We are very proud at how well the Nursery are settling into school!

This week, Year 3 have been doing art in the style of the Stone Age. The people who lived during this time period did not have the technology we have today so they used plants, charcoal and blood! Year 3 recreated this by using natural sources only.

In English, the children created a story map for their core text "The Hunter". They up levelled their writing with fantastic sentence starters. In maths, Year 3 have been working on rolling numbers with new leaders leading the chant every day!



"I like when we learn new words in English because it challenges me" Cairon

"I really loved this art. I also love art because it's fun to show a growth mindset in this subject" Joel



On Monday morning we will be hosting a 'Coffee Morning' in the playground for parents, gates will be opened from 08.30. Please pop by and join us for a hot drink and a chat. It will be a great opportunity to connect with others in the School Community.



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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 <sup>th</sup> September	Children's last day of school Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Half Term Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	
Term 2 Begins	Term 2 Ends
Children return on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Children's last day of school Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>
School Closures INSET Days: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November <b>QUEEN'S JUBILEE EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Spring Term	
Term 3 Begins	Term 3 Ends
Children return on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children's last day of school Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	
Term 4 Begins	Term 4 Ends
Children return on Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Children's last day of school Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
School Closures INSET Days: Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Summer Term	
Term 5 Begins	Term 5 Ends
Children return to school Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Children's last day of school Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Term 6 Begins	Term 6 Ends
Children return on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's last day of school Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
School Closures Bank Holiday: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May INSET Days: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	

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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>



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 17th October 2021

Maximilian	Year 6
Mateus	Reception
Zaiden	Reception
Abrielle	Year 1
Joseph	Year 1

Attendance This Week	
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	95.5%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.9%</b>



## 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
- 18th October 8:30 Coffee Morning
- 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**
- Saturday 4th December—Winter Fair



## 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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**Free meals** will be available once again throughout the Borough for school aged children during the October half term.

Tasty grab-and-go lunches can be collected Monday to Friday at libraries and adventure play centres, with no sign up required

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals>

## Holiday Meals for Kids

Once again the Royal Borough of Greenwich will be providing meals for children during the half term holiday. Please [click the link for more details](#)

## 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](mailto:info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk) with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance

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## HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSES

COURSE	VENUE
1- SPORTS (Football, Basketball, Dodgeball, Cricket, Tennis & much more)	Trinity School, Belvedere, Erith Road DA17 6HT
2- GYMNASTICS, DANCE & TRAMPOLINING	

**DATES**  
Monday 25th October  
Tuesday 26th October  
Wednesday 27th October (Wacky Wednesday, Fancy Dress)

**AGES 5-14**

**Join GT Centre of Sport for endless fun over half term. Our courses are designed to engage children so that they can gain skills, make friends and keep active throughout the holidays. All coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked, safeguarded and have up to date first aid! Children will need to wear suitable clothing, trainers and have a packed lunch.**

**How to Book**  
You can book online or alternatively text or email us the following info, child name/ age/ course. You will receive confirmation once booked.

**10.00am - 3.00pm**  
£15.00 per child per day.

**Sibling/Friend Discount:**  
(£40.00 per child for all 3 days if signed up with a sibling/friend.)

**info@gtcentreofsport.com**  
01322-333157 | 07816537127  
www.gtcentreofsport.com



## Holiday Clubs October 2021

**COVID SECURE**

**10% Discount**  
Book before 3rd of October using code **10OCT21**

**Reception - Year 6**  
**Running at a venue near you**

**Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare Accepted**

**Find out more or to book:**  
**www.treetopsclubs.co.uk**  
info@treetopsclubs.co.uk | 03420 525 337

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## The Saturday Royal Greenwich Music Centre

9:30am - 12:30pm



Come and learn from the best at Royal Greenwich Music Centre!

Join us every Saturday to learn new techniques, make friends and develop your musical abilities!

Students play and sing alongside expert tutors, with rehearsals being as true to real life as possible, providing a real insight into the lives of professional musicians.

This music centre is just the start – eventually you will be able to join in with activities at new music centres across the borough. There are big bands, rock bands, music technology clubs, a gospel choir – and we're developing even more.

For more information or to request an application form please email: [music-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:music-centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

We are delighted to share details on a Music Centre available on Saturday mornings for children of all ages from year 4 up until they leave sixth form / college.

The centre is for all abilities, all instruments and all musical genres. All are welcome!

The cost to attend is fully subsidised for those in receipt of free schools meals.

For other families who may find it difficult to pay we have other subsidies or payment options available.

Please click [here](#) to read the full details.

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