

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome back to school everyone and Happy New Year! We hope that all of our families had a wonderful winter break and were able to spend some quality time with friends and family. The children have returned to school excited to start their new texts and topics and we are all looking forward to the signs of spring appearing during this term.

It's been a great start back in Year 6. The children have been really engaged with their new core text – No Ballet Shoes in Syria – the children have been asking lots of questions about it and its pertinent issues. This then led them to locating Syria on the map and they have been discussing other refugee journeys throughout history. The children have also



so started their new science topic on light; in lesson one, they represented how the human eye interprets light into images to their peers. In art, Year 6 are creating a mood board of different Islamic patterns. They really like the form and symmetry of these and are already excited about creating their final outcome.

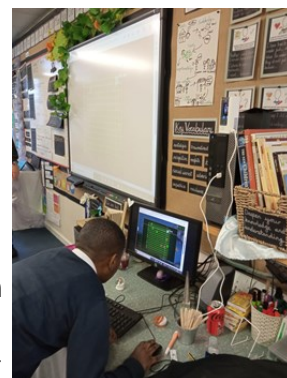


Sid - *"It was interesting learning about the journey Syrian refugees took to the UK and then Mr Smith told us about his grandparents' journey they made as refugees almost 100 years ago!"*

Max – *"I liked trying different methods to get the same answer when converting metric measures in maths this week."*

Samuel – *"I was very pleased when I thought that Benin was something to do with Nigeria, and I was right – it is in the same spot where Nigeria is now"*

This week has been a great week for Year 5, they have kicked off the week with their intense swimming lessons and have been doing very well. Already they have all made excellent progress so we can't wait to see their progression nearer to the end of the course. Isaac showed amazing resilience and the instructor



was very impressed because he never gave up when faced with a challenge and Ruby was very proud of herself as she overcame her fears 'lots of times'. The children have also been showing the value of responsibility as they immersed themselves into their new topics across the curriculum. In geography, they were reading coordinates through a game of battleships, which they will use next week to identify geographical locations on maps. Year 5 'loved it because it was fun' and wanted to 'play this again,' some of the children even offered to bring in their own board game versions. Not only that, there has also been a lot of reflecting in English as the children have been showing empathy for the Grenfell Tower victims. Eniola said 'If I were in this situation, I imagine I would feel heartbroken because people have died and lost houses because of the fire. I will also feel scared.' Cienna said she would feel 'melancholy because there would be things I wouldn't want to see and I wouldn't want to feel and I think other people would be shocked to be in that horrible situation of pain and suffering.'



We wonder what other amazing things they will learn next week!

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

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockcliffe Manor team

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School Term Dates 2022

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	



Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles.

We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps. At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities.

We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.



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This first week of January is a very auspicious occasion in Rockliffe Manor's history as it marks 20 years celebrating the launch of Beachwood House, our breakfast and afterschool club.

On a chilly morning in January 2002, Sally Fielding, and her team, welcomed the first group of Rockliffe Manor children to the breakfast club and the rest, as they say, is history.

We would like to thank **Sally** for being such a valuable member of the Rockliffe Manor family. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished in this time building Beachwood and your dedication to all the children you have cared for. A huge thank you also to Vicky and

Fiona for all your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to Beachwood.

Congratulations on achieving this anniversary with us, we greatly appreciate and value your hard work.

Thank you also to all our parents and children that have been part of the Beachwood family.



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.

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Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Health and social care workers, including those working in education settings, should follow guidance for their sector on taking LFD tests on day 8, 9 and 10. For more information, visit

[COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings.](#)

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the

[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.](#)

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the

[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.](#)

The situation is evolving and public health guidance can change at short notice. We will share any further updates with you as soon as possible. Please check the [UK Government](#) and [NHS websites](#), as well as [Rockliffe Manor's COVID-19 update page on our website](#), for the latest information.

You can also find more information and [local summary reports for our local community here.](#)

NHS

NHS 111

A&E at Queen Elizabeth Hospital is exceptionally busy, and patients are experiencing much longer waits than normal. If you have a non-life-threatening condition, please call NHS 111 first or check local services on the [My Health London website.](#)

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Attendance This Week	
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	90.6%
Year 6	96.4%
Whole School	93.4%

Merits

Reception	Henry
Year 1	Reggie
Year 2	Tochi
Year 3	Irene
Year 4	Lucia
Year 5	River
Year 6	Oliver



Happy Birthday to:

***until 14th January 2022**

Grace

Year 1



Reception 2022 Admissions

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022 the deadline for you to apply for their school place is fast approaching on 15th January 2022.

Please check our Website <https://www.rockliffemanor.co.uk/612/admissions-reception-class-2022>

for more information about our Open Days for parents and details how to submit your application

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 4th January—Friday 14th January 2022 Year 5 Swimming lessons**
- **Monday 10th January 2022—After school clubs resume**
- **Thursday 20th January 2022—Census Themed school dinner**
- **Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022 Spring Half term**
- **Friday 11th March 2022—Inset Day**



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Census Day and free school dinner 20th January 2022

In order to help us to do the best for your children we are asking for your support. This term's census is on Thursday 20th January 2020 and it is really important that as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have the free school lunch that they are entitled to. All children that usually take a school dinner in Key Stage 2 - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will automatically receive the menu as usual, however if your child usually has a packed lunch sent in from home and would like to try this special themed menu, please complete the form below and hand to the office by **Thursday 13th January 2022**. The meal will cost the usual price of £2.15 per child per day and is payable under School Dinner payment option in your ParentPay account.