

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 26th November 2021

Happy Friday everyone. The children are not at school today because it is an INSET day and all the staff are in school having phonics training. At Rockcliffe, we are excited to be launching a new systematic, synthetic phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. This will enhance the teaching of early reading at our school, ensuring rigour and consistency of approach. We have also invested in new resources and books. In the spring term, we will be giving parents more information about this programme and delivering some parent workshops.



A big thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last Friday. We raised **£222.90** This money will be put to great use in supporting many projects throughout the UK. It was also fantastic to see the children in their fancy dress, they loved playing in role on the playground!

On Tuesday, it was great to see so many parents come into the classrooms for our maths stay and learn session. The children always enjoy sharing their learning with their adults and we hope that you learnt something to about the way in which we teach maths at Rockcliffe. Arithmetic skills and maths fluency is very important for our children to develop and supports their confidence in maths too.

Miss Basi, as Maths Leader, also enjoyed sharing more information with some of you in the hall and we do hope you access our math calculation policies on our website. <https://www.rockliffemanor.co.uk/2049/our-maths-calculation-policy>

Year 1 this week have been enjoying their core text Island Born. For their final written outcome, they are planning on writing a fact file about the main character, Lola and the island of the Dominican Republic. They hunted for facts around the room and even added Professor Know It All sentence starters, such as 'scientists suggest that...' and 'research tells us that' to create knowledgeable facts ready for their outcome.

Year 1 have also been immersed in the culture of the Dominican Republic and for example learned about the different fruit that is grown there. They planned to create their own fruit salad by drawing and labelling before making their own, they found it very yummy ... although a little bit sour!



This week, Year 4 have had a great week exploring the Olympics in Ancient Greece and comparing them to the Olympics we now know today. The children looked at how the Olympics started and how traditions and sports have changed and stayed the same over the years.

In maths, they used their prior knowledge on addition and subtraction and used it to solve some tricky problems involving 4 digit numbers. Year 4 have also begun preparing for the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and have done an amazing job at singing their class song, Away in a Manger. They have shown how proud and supportive they are of one another when listening and voting for who they want to have solos in the concert.

Olivia - I'm really proud of myself for being brave enough to sing by myself in front of everyone. I think I have improved because I'm much louder than before.



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Jonny - I am not someone who usually sings in front of people, but I'm really proud I got the solo because I tried my best and I overcame my fear of being embarrassed.

Charlie R - I really liked playing the dice game in Maths where we had to make a 2 3-digit numbers and add them together to see which partner got a number closest to 1000. I didn't win but I was really close.

Ann-Marie - I think the Olympics in ancient Greece was really interesting because a lot of the sports they did like racing and javelin, we still do now even though they were created centuries ago

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

From Mrs Vdovin and the Rockliffe Manor Team



Merits

Attendance This Week	
Reception	87.1%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	95.3%
Whole School	93.7%

Reception	Samuel
Year 1	Tyrone
Year 2	Albie B & Elaina
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Inaya
Year 5	Ivanna
Year 6	Reagan

Harsimar Year 6
Matilda Year 4
Jacob Year 3
Reuben Reception
Spencer Year 6
Marko Year 5

Happy Birthday to:
*until 3rd December 2021



"Hanukkah sameach!" (or Chanukah) to all our Jewish families in the community. We wish your family peace and light this holiday season!



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 happy to discuss with you.

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Dates for your diary

- **Friday 26th November—School closed for INSET Day**
- Thursday 2nd December- Winter discos after school for Y1-6
- Saturday 4th December—Winter Fair
- Tuesday 7th December- Choir performing carols on the playground
- Wednesday 8th December Parents Reading Morning
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and children's Christmas dinner
- Monday 13th December- Reception/KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14th December- KS2 carol concert to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14th December- Nursery Parent Sing-a-Long
- Wednesday 15th December- Class winter parties
- **Thursday 16th December- last day of term**



Parents and Carers, can we please ask that you are mindful when dropping or collecting your child from school.

When parking your car please adhere to strictly no parking or waiting outside the school on the Yellow zig zag road signs and also keep your speed to **under 20mph** on the roads surrounding school to protect all families.

Thank you

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

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children aged **over 7 years**:

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

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Calling all job seekers!

Discover excellent jobs and career opportunities in tourism, hospitality, entertainment and leisure at the great [Visit Greenwich jobs Fair](#) on Thursday 2nd December from 3.30—6pm at Dreadnought Building, Greenwich Students' Union and see what is available. The event is free but you need to pre-book your tickets.

#COP26: What can we all do to tackle climate emergency

Find out more about the council's commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030, 20 years ahead of the national target.

We've got big plans including building nearly zero carbon homes, procuring 100% green electricity and making walking and cycling the first choice to get around the borough. [Read the full story](#). <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/carbonneutral>



Date: 1st December 2021 - 5th December 2021

Every day

Location: Greenwich

Time: 16:00 - 21:00

Cost: Free

Immersive light trail, fire art installations, performers, and festive food and drink - your very own local winter wonderland.

Maryon Park

We are bringing the hugely successful Sparkle in the Park Christmas light trail back for a second year. Jolly on through an immersive light trail under twinkling trees and fantastical fire art installations with interactive experiences along the way. This year we have gone one step further - the event will see live music performances, shows for children and a Christmas disco to see the festivities off every night.

[London Flood Awareness Week](#)

Check out the five things you can do now this Flood Action Week to protect yourself, your family and your home in the



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We are excited to advise that we have opened registration in ParentPay for you to book your places for the Winter Activities. Please may we remind you that as space is limited in the hall, we have capped the number of tickets per family to 2. (Siblings are welcome to sit on parents laps or the floor at the front on the stage of course)

All the children are working really hard practicing their performances and we are so pleased that we are able to invite you to come and watch this year.

If you need any assistance setting up your ParentPay account, please do speak with the School Office.



Rockliffe Winter Calendar 2021

29	30	1	2	3
			Winter Disco afterschool for Years 1—6	Saturday 4 Winter Fair
6	7	8	9	10
	Choir Carol Performance in the Playground afterschool			Christmas Jumper Day and hat competition Christmas Dinner Day
13	14	15	16	17
Reception, Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2pm	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm Nursery Singalong 11.30am	Class Winter Parties	Last day of term	School Closed

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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

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