

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 25th February 2022

The first week of spring 2 was certainly eventful (and windy!) with the children all ready to tell their experiences of the storms during Monday's assembly.



This week, Year 3 were introduced to their new core text 'Hidden figures' which is an amazing story about black female engineers involved in the space race during the 1940s-60s. The children began with their hook by using iPads & QR codes to explore space and find out and share some facts. They then inferred how the characters may have felt when they were told 'no' just because they were female, and learnt a range of new vocabulary to support this such as 'disregarded' and 'discriminated'. In maths, the children have shown the character skill of mindset to learn how to use the bus stop method to divide. This was tricky at times with remainders.

'I didn't give up on my maths so I managed to finally understand and my teacher kept encouraging me not to give up' Cairon

'This story reminds me of Martin Luther King who fought for rights of black people so everyone could be treated fairly, and also Rosa Parks who was involved in the Bus Boycott' Asante



In Year 6 this week, the children have very fortunate to have two extracurricular activities. On Tuesday afternoon, they walked over the common to Plumstead Manor Secondary school and had an afternoon learning PE as if they were secondary students. They were excellent ambassadors for Rockliffe Manor; listening well to instructions and encouraging each other on the trampolines. As well as this,

they will have their second afternoon session with Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team (GMHST) on managing emotions. These sessions are extremely valuable to the children as they arm with them necessary tools to recognise and regulate their emotions both in and out of school. Other than that, they have been working extremely hard on their SATs revision and learning all about their new geography unit on Africa – a continent of contrasts.

'I was so pleased I could do trampolining, at first, I thought I couldn't because I didn't have any socks. But then my friend Ama lent me hers.' Sarah



'I'm feeling really confident about my SATs already. My score just keeps going up and up!' Elsie

'I've really enjoyed the challenge of angles this week. Even after three lessons, I already know how to name, estimate, measure and calculate missing angles.' Sid



The Nursery children have been enjoying their new core text for this half term: 'Grandpa's Garden'. 'I see a garden!' said David. They learned about having to be patient while waiting for plants to grow 'they won't grow too much now!' (Freya) and enjoyed hunting for minibeasts in their new garden role play: 'A snail!' (Violet) 'I found a bee!' (Ollie). In maths, the children practised understanding and using positional language. They loved playing Simon Says, creating obstacle courses outside to move over, around and under and telling each other where to hide the teddy bear 'Put it under the table!' (Albie).



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Last academic year, Chloe from Year 5 won a competition to name a railway tamper, a machine that packs the ballast under the tracks to make it more durable and level. Her prize was to have her winning name, Tamper Tantrum, displayed on the machine alongside hers and the Rockliffe Manor logo. We are hoping that the Year 5 children are able to go and see the machine next term and learn more about the maintenance of the railway.



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

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockliffe Manor team



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.

You can find more information on the Gordon Brown Centre by visiting their [website](#)



Looking for some fun ways to extend the school day?

We have lots of spaces available in our afterschool clubs starting in the Spring 2 term week commencing 21st February.



Head over to your [ParentPay](#) account to sign up for clubs such as Irish Dancing, Arts and Crafts, Gymnastics and Yoga and breathe to name a few.

If you are already signed up for this term, you do not need to reapply, this is for new children wishing to sign up.



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Attendance This Week	
Reception	90.3%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	99.0%
Whole School	95.2%

Merits

Reception	Ronnie
Year 1	Clara
Year 2	Thea
Year 3	Joel
Year 4	Eslem
Year 5	Jaslyn
Year 6	Ama



Happy Birthday to:

*until 4th March 2022

- Kristina Year 2
- Charlie Year 4
- Olivia Year 4

Dates for your diary

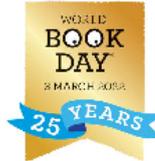
- Monday 28th February — Reception Library Trip
- Monday 28th—Friday 4th March—World Book Week
- Monday 28th—Friday 4th March—Book Fair in Hall
- Tuesday 1st March—Dads' Breakfast in the hall 8am-8.40am
- Tuesday 1st March—Parents Evening
- Tuesday 1st March — Pancake Day Pudding
- Wednesday 2nd March—Parents Evening
- Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite Book Character with a fashion show at the end of the day
- Friday 4th March—Buddy Reading
- Thursday 10th March—Year 5 Library Trip
- Thursday 10th March 2022—Year 5 & Year 6 Parent meeting for Residential Trip
- Friday 11th March 2022—School closed to children for Inset Day**
- Thursday 17th March—Year 3 Library Trip
- Friday 18th March— Children In Need
- Wednesday 30th March 2pm — Spring Concert
- Thursday 31st March 2.30 — Spring Concert
- Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children for Polling Day**

Please note, Rockliffe Manor Primary School will additionally be closed this year on **Thursday 5th May 2022** for the Local Elections



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2022 @ GREENWICH LIBRARIES



THURSDAY 3 MARCH – 'You Are A Reader'

Come along & join us in the library for fun, free & interactive sessions to celebrate 25 years of World Book Day with your favourite characters and stories!

Blackheath Library
Favourite Character Fun Story Time | 11-11.30am
Fancy dress Baby Rhyme Time | 2-2.30pm

West Greenwich Library
World Book Day Messy Morning | 10.30-11.30am

Eltham Library
Favourite Character Fun Story Time | 11-11.30am
World Book Day Messy Morning | 11.30am-12noon
World Book Day Crafts | 3.45-4.45pm age 5-11

Woolwich Centre Library
Favourite Character Baby Rhyme Time | 10-10.30 am & 11-11.30am
Class Visit with author Matt Wainwright & St. Peter's School
Class Visit with Plumcroft School
Stories and Songs in Spanish | 2-2.30pm
World Book Day RASCALS Club crafts | 4.4.30pm

New Eltham Library
Favourite Character Baby Rhyme Time | 10.30-11am

Online Read-a-long – @greenwichlibs ALL DAY

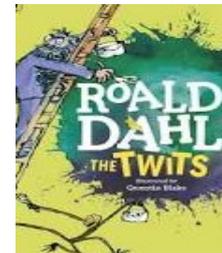
Plumstead Library
Favourite Character Fun Story Time | 10-10.30am
World Book Day Messy Morning | 10.30-11.30am
World Book Day Quiz | 4pm age 6+

Read together

If you don't want to spend the whole of half term watching TV, films or gaming, why not read a book together instead?

Encourage your children to read to you, or make up the story from the pictures if they're not old enough to read independently.

Make a hot chocolate and snuggle together on the sofa (or your newly built den) and get stuck into a classic. We think you can't go wrong with a Roald Dahl novel!



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Please find attached the local libraries free and interactive session plan celebrating World Book Day next week.

Also, a link for the Nurseries and Schools Hub, celebrating WBD - offering lots of resource ideas.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/schoolsandnurseries/>

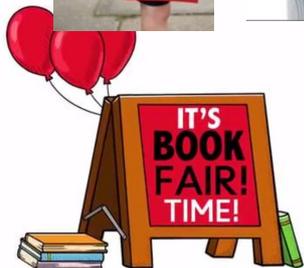
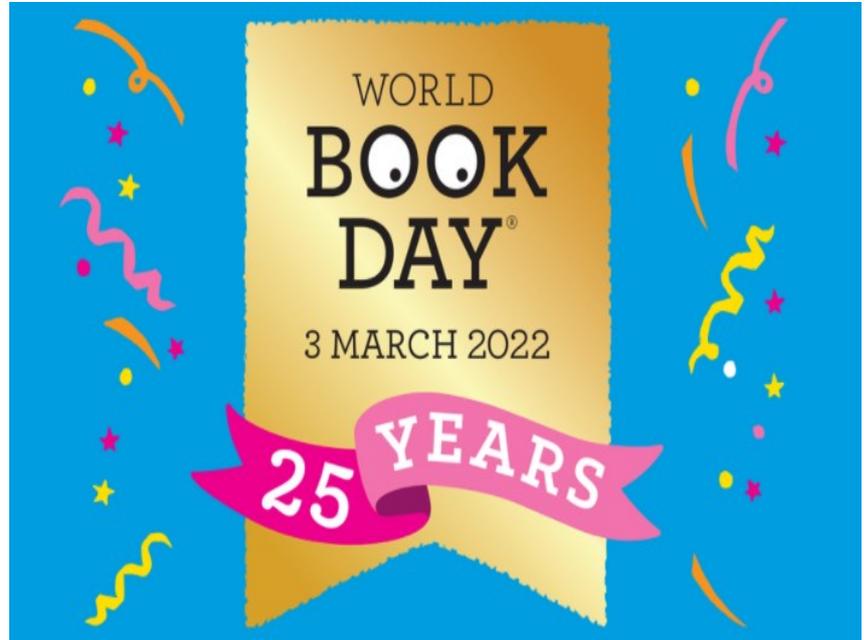
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We are pleased to be celebrating World Book Day on **3rd March 2022**. this year.

Once again, we are excited to be organising a book filled fun day with activities centered around promoting a love of reading. All children and staff will be invited to come dressed as a book character of their choice.

A letter will follow in due course, but you may wish to start planning your child's outfit over the half term holiday.

We always love seeing the effort and imagination that goes into the home made costumes.

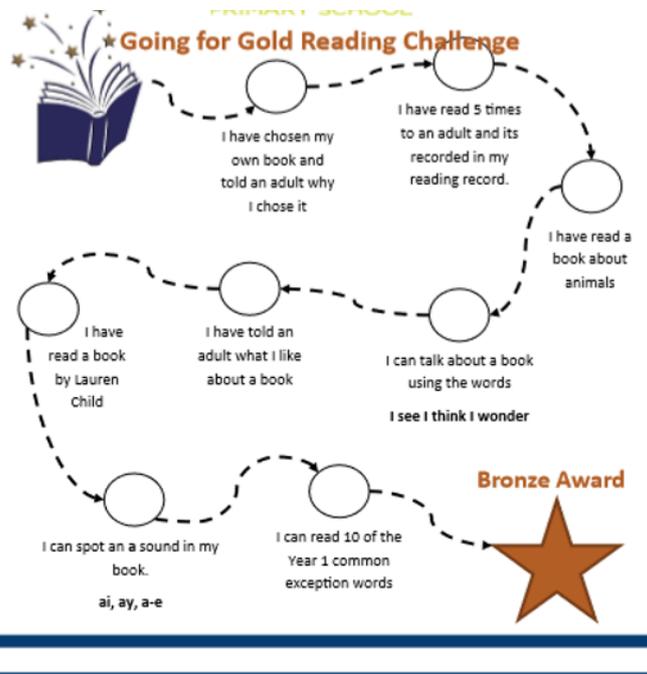


As part of our celebrations, we are very happy to confirm that the Book Fair will be returning from 28th February in the school hall.

This will be an excellent opportunity to purchase some new books to get ahead on the Going for Gold reading challenge in School. More information will follow shortly.

In the meantime, we are always happy to accept good quality reading book donations and would always ask you to return school reading books to the class teacher on a weekly basis.

Thank you



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Community Relationships Fundraising Manager for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice. Your school has been amazingly supportive of the Hospice by helping to promote our **Hospice Mini Marathon** fundraising event in the past. Your support has helped our Mini Marathon to raise over £450,000 since 2013 and helped us to give special care to people who are facing a life-limiting illness in our community - thank you.

They would be grateful if we could please support them again this year by sharing this information about their 2022 **Hospice Mini Marathon** which takes place on Sunday 8 May. Inspired by the world-famous London Marathon, this is a fun running event for children aged between 5 and 16 years old. Children can walk, run or jog 2.62miles around Royal Greenwich Park.

Why support the Hospice Mini Marathon?

The Hospice Mini Marathon is a great way to:

- Get children active
- Inspire children to think about how they can help others in their community
- Give children an opportunity to show off their achievements – every child gets a medal (a great thing to celebrate in achievement assemblies!)
- Be part of the one of the largest running events that is just for children

Lateness It is very important that all children get to school on time to ensure a calm and positive start. From 8.55am one gate will be closed and any lates will be recorded. Thank you for your support in this.



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We are delighted to offer Pancakes for pudding on the 1st March 2022.

If you are usually packed lunch please do email us to change to school for this day only to sample the delicious menu.

Usual fees of £2.15 Apply to all children in KS2 that are not eligible for free School Dinners.

Head over to Greenwich Market on Saturday 26th February and Shrove Tuesday 1st March for Flippin'Good Pancake races. [Click here for more information on their website](#)

PANCAKE DAY!

Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

LIGHT AND FLUFFY AMERICAN PANCAKES

With a choice of your favourite dessert toppings

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!

The poster features a vibrant green and blue background with illustrations of pancakes, lemon slices, and a frying pan. The text is bold and clear, providing details about the event and school meals.

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To visit the Local offer website click here or scan the QR code

Inside this issue:

- Spotlight on: GPCPF—What have we been up to?
- Provider Updates....'Love is a SEND Parent'
- Top Tip...Register an account
- Good News!
- Happy Valentines Day...free resources from Widgeit

Spotlight on....

Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum (GPCPF)

Are you interested in becoming a SEND Parent Champion?

We are looking for parent/carers who would be willing to volunteer 2-5 hours a week and meet with other parents telling them about services for children and young people with SEND through a range of different avenues.

If you are interested please email: admin@greenwichpcpf.org

Housing for SEND families in Greenwich

"We have been building relationships with key members of Greenwich Council with the aim to improve the understanding of the housing situation for SEND families, and to make the navigation of the system and processes easier to access for those families" *Lilian Odum*

IND Update

The Integrated Neurodevelopment team is responsible for diagnosing and supporting children with ADHD and Autism. There has been a big improvement in wait times particularly for Autism diagnosis and we are happy to report that the average wait time is now under 55 weeks. There will be more updates in this area in the future. The goal is to get the wait time down to zero. The team are also looking at ways to better support families who are on the waiting list for a diagnosis" *Rachael Withers*

Other work in Progress:

- Collaborating with RBG SEND Outreach Services to produce the Local Offer Newsletter
- Upcoming Parent Forums
- School visits

Spotlight on....

SENDTIVATE Parent event

February 11th 5pm-9pm, Jubilee Community Centre.

- Pamper session
- Feel good massage
- Food, cocktails

And more....why not treat yourself this Valentines



Click here or scan the QR code to visit the GPCPF website



Click here or scan the QR code to view the flyer

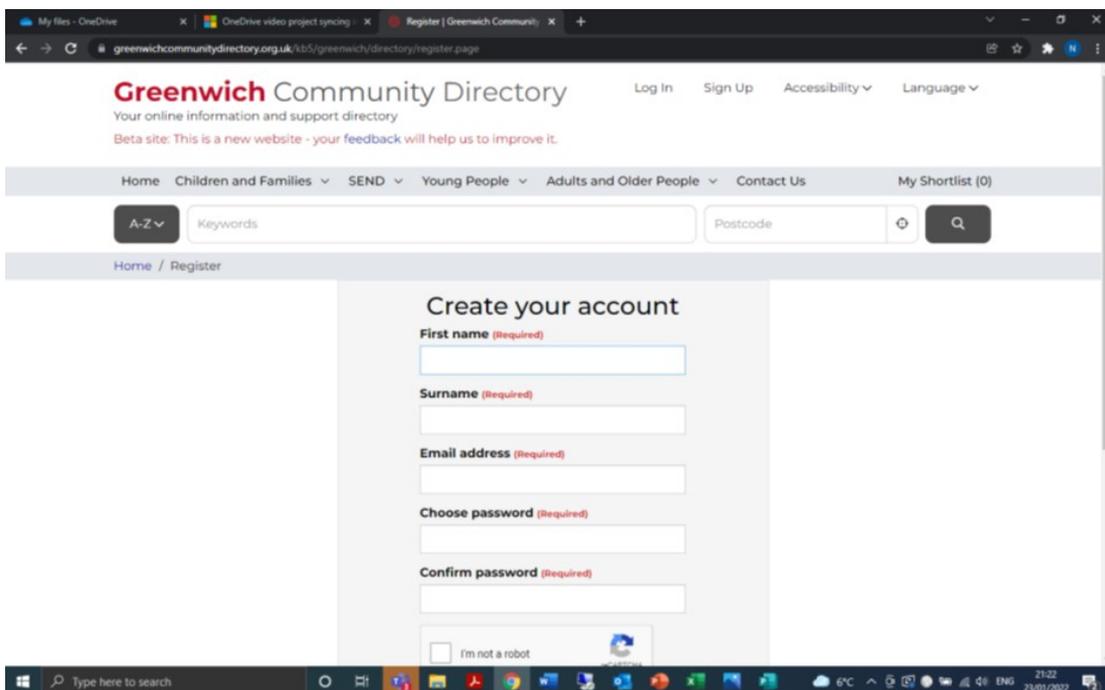
LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER: FOCUS ON THE PARENT CARER NETWORK

The Local Offer is a great source of information for families and young people with SEND to find out more about what is available to them in the Local Area ...It's also a great place for schools to find out about local resources and services.

We will be trying to get this out as far and wide as we can but are asking schools specifically to make sure a copy goes in the book bag of every child with SEND and /or put as an attachment to digital newsletters that already go out to families. Please disseminate any other way and also to try out some of the links and see what's available. We have co-produced this with the Greenwich Parent Carer Forum.

Feel free to print off as an A3 poster and put up in key areas/notice boards, newsletters etc.. too

[Local Offer Newsletter](#)



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New Street Tag app launched!

Information



NEW SEASON BEGAN 6th JANUARY 2022

Sign up if you haven't already for a chance to win prizes for the top 3 schools and monthly draws. Join the other 30 schools already registered and compete for the 'Most Active Street Tag School' banner.

Already registered?

Get more families involved to move up the Leaderboard. A school team can have up to 250 players. More players, More physical activity, More points!

Invite more parents, staff and teachers to join your team. Once you hit a mark of 100 participants, **Calling All Schools - register for Street Tag**

Join now, learn how to play and recruit participants now in preparation for Season 3.

The Street Tag app is designed to help people easily access physical activity and develop an active lifestyle. Street Tag will be used to engage and incentivise schools and residents to be more active in the borough. Players collect points which can be turned into prizes.

Street Tag is entertaining and highly competitive, with the opportunity for people to engage in a variety of activities and competitions using their phones, with a **Schools' Leaderboard** and a Community Leaderboard.

Find out how you can play – and win prizes for yourself or your school – with Street Tag at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/streettag

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Did you know

If you are pregnant, or have a child under 4 years old, you could get £4.25 a week, for each child, towards your food shop. That's £221 a year!

[Sign up here](#) or call 0300 330 7010



We can help you buy fresh, frozen or tinned vegetables

Apply for your prepaid Healthy Start card now at: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

COVID-19 Latest Update—what you need to know!

Cllr Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, has this week reminded us that it has been over 715 days since the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Royal Greenwich. *For more latest News from the Royal Borough of Greenwich, [please click here](#)*



That is 715 days of varying levels of restrictions, of anxiety, of loss; but also of strength, of community spirit and of resilience!



Now, 715 days later the Government has outlined its plan to live with COVID-19 moving forwards. After enduring so much over the past few years, it feels that we are now finally ready to starting putting this chapter behind us.

As a School, we are so very grateful to all of you, our wonderful community, for the way parents, staff and pupils came together to support each other. We celebrate with you the achievements made by all to work together during remote learning, key worker opening, school bubbles, phased openings (and closures) and constant disruption the pandemic brought to our school routine.



We know how the various lockdowns have impacted on families with difficulties ranging from arranging childcare to the changing job market and subsequent financial hardship through no fault of their own. We have been so lucky to have benefited from the support of the School, Royal Greenwich, Magic Breakfast, the Government and the wonderful local community who have done everything we all can to help those in need. Like a family, we pulled together the things got tough!

The biggest change announced this week by the Government is the removal of the legal requirement to self-isolate if you catch COVID-19. From Thursday 24th February, it will no longer be law to stay at home—but it is still important that, like you would with a cold or flu, you are considerate to others if you are ill and stay home to rest and recover and also avoid any future outbreaks.



As much as this is something we have all wanted for such a long time we understand that some families may still be anxious, we will continue to ensure good hygiene with regular hand washing and deep cleaning of high use areas.

If you are feeling worried about these big changes we urge you to speak to someone. Every mind matters and every feeling is valid. [The NHS has some wonderful tips to manage anxiety and put your mind at ease here.](#)



We are always here to help if you need help or have any questions.