Friday 22nd April 2022

Welcome back to our first week of the summer term, and the sun has been shining! It was lovely

to see smiley faces coming through the gate on Tuesday after a well deserved break. The spring term ended with a wonderful Easter themed afternoon and we thank the Friends of Rockliffe for working so hard to make it a huge success. The children enjoyed face painting, an egg hunt and even a visit from the Easter bunny!

This week, children from across Rockliffe Manor went over to our partner school, Foxfield, to take part in a training session to become mental health champions. They learnt useful strategies that will benefit all pupils

across the school and it was fantastic to see children from all 3 of our Greenwich schools working together in this way. After the

session, we spoke to some of the Y5 children who attended.

'We learnt different strategies to help us in being able to control our emotions - not all of them will work for everyone but a few will. One of the strategies was thinking of or doing something that you enjoy. I took away that sometimes asking someone continuously if they are okay can actually have the opposite effect and also it can be hard to guess how someone is feel-

ing as people can hide their emotions for different reasons. Now, we can work with children of any age to help them to manage their emotions and give them the strategies we learnt.' Lex

'I enjoyed making calm jars and one of my ideas for making an impact at Rockliffe is to make these for all year groups. Some strategies to help mental health are playing outside and talking

to family and friends. We learnt about how fast emotions can spread and did an activity about how anger and happiness can spread on the playground. I think we need to support the younger children because they get upset more and don't understand as much.' River

'I liked working with the children from Foxfield and we got together very easily as we are all alike. We loved making calm jars with water and glitter and already have these in our reflection areas at school. We played a game around spreading negative and positive emotions. I think we should now form a mental health leader team and coach children at

Rockliffe Manor.' Olivia

The children in Year 3 were hooked into their exciting new core text this week on a "fake or real" news activity based on their new book "The Accidental Prime Minister". The children are already very excited by this humorous book and have made a range of predictions about what might happen. They also wrote some interesting things about what they would do if they were headteacher for a day! In maths, the children have been learning about the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and explaining how they know.

'If I was headteacher for a day I would give children longer playtimes and provide a take away once a month for a treat because the children work hard and they deserve it.' Cairon











What a fantastic first week back. Year 6 have really hit the ground running this week. Their maths reasoning knowledge has already made progress and they can now confidently tackle problems involving proportion and ratio. As well as this, they have also learned two efficient methods for converting fractions into decimals – this was after practicing a fraction assessment and they all agreed this was an area that needed developing. They have also been working hard on what makes a good *growth mindset* attitude and created their own info grams that contained visuals and quotes of encouragement on them. This is also the first week of their gymnastic specialist lessons, they are really looking forward to this.

"I was very proud of my growth mindset poster because it had lots of quotes in the background and how I
designed it." Elsie

"I was really pleased to get a merit this week because mum and Mr. Smith said I need to improve my reading so I worked hard all Easter holiday on it for homework." Ryan

"I'm pleased I know how to calculate fractions in to decimals using division now, I just need to make sure I remember to put a place holder next to the decimal." Isabella

This week, the Nursery children were very happy to welcome three new friends into their class: Kairo, Emily and Arynana. The new children have settled in very well already! The class has been thinking about Fairy Tales. They shared what they already knew on the topic, which turned out to be quite a lot. 'The witch is going to get the princess!' said

Ellee. 'A hero saves the day!' said Albie. Tillie knew that 'the fairy will help them'.
The children also knew the names of lots of Fairy Tales: 'Red Riding Hood...
Rapunzel!' (Remi), 'The Ugly Duckling' (Ollie). They enjoyed dressing up and playing in their new castle banquet role play too. In ,maths, the children learned about repeating pat-

ing in their new castle banquet role play too. In ,maths, the children learned about repeating patterns and discovered that they could make repeating patterns

with actions as well as pictures.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday

Mrs Vdovin, Mrs cook and the whole Rockliffe Manor Team



We are so pleased to confirm the new lunch menu for children for this summer term. Please check our website to read the full menu. The cost of a school meal is £2.15 per child, per day or £10.75 per child, per week. All children in Reception and in Years 1 and 2 receive universal free school meals. Please be reminded that we are no longer accepting cash or cheques for dinner money fees, please make any payments online via your Parent Pay account.

Polling Day—Thursday 5th May 2022 - School Closed to children from Nursery to Year 5

On Thursday 5th May, Rockliffe Manor is being used a polling station and so the school will be closed to all pupils, with the exception of year 6.

At Rockliffe Manor Primary School, we encourage our children to strive for excellence and understand that for a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school engagement is needed. Every opportunity is important for the children to learn and grow. With this in mind we will be utilising the Google Classroom platform to provide children with online learning on this day.

The day will begin with a welcoming zoom at 9am, children will be given a suggested timetable for the day before a zoom at the end of the day at 2.30 to review the learning of the day. Each class has a zoom link identified below.

Class	Zoom Link	Morning zoom time	Afternoon zoom time
Nursery	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9449535244? pwd=ZGNJY3IEVIJ0RnhIUHBWbFhKbkpNZz09	9am	
Reception	https://zoom.us/j/3764676195? pwd=Ry9tcFhPWVpHNGtWTGI4Yk9kbVhpZz09	9am	2.30 pm
Year 1	https://zoom.us/j/95026229693? pwd=bWlqcFJ1dC9GTFNVbno1ZE96RTBaUT09	9am	2.30 pm
Year 2	https://zoom.us/j/96847327139? pwd=eG1aMzEzK2IWeERKWXQ3YUY3bFhwdz09	9am	2.30 pm
Year 3	https://zoom.us/j/97715928115? pwd=UURxazBKY0s2RjlRenVBZDRWdVZqQT09	9am	2.30 pm
Year 4	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73843030355? pwd=u4ETKkzjELEh1q22euSZwzmWR6_e6W.1	9am	2.30 pm
Year 5	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77895923059? pwd=0bt3TmXtCsYCaAFJpnhqfTforTwPXw.1	9am	2.30 pm



Plastic bottle top collection!

This half term the Eco-Team are going to be creating a mural or sculpture made out of plastic bottle tops to enter into the Message in a Bottle Top competition.

Details have been sent out to ask for design ideas from your children so please do remember to get your children's designs in by **Friday 29th April.**

The Eco-Team are also asking for any donations of plastic bottle tops that you may have at home. Please can they be placed into a bag and given to your child's class teacher.

Please can all donations be in by Wednesday 11th May 2022.

Attendance This Week		
Reception	97.1%	
Year 1	94.2%	
Year 2	97.9%	
Year 3	93.3%	
Year 4	94.0%	
Year 5	97.5%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Whole School 96.0%		

Happy Birthday to: *until 29th April 2022



Daniel Year 5

Jonny Year 5



Merits

Reception	Violet
Year 1	Meryem
Year 2	Albie T
Year 3	Ebenezer
Year 4	Mason
Year 5	Teodor
Year 6	Ryan

Dates for your diary

- . Week Commencing 25th April Afterschool Clubs resume
- Tuesday 26th April 2022—Cricket Training Experience
- Wednesday 27th April 2022—Year 5 Trip to Hither Green Depot
- Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children for Polling Day—Year 6 Children to attend school
- Wednesday 25th May 2022—School Photographs



Street Tag is a free, child and family-friendly mobile app that uses virtual location tags to encourage communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

You can read the full letter by clicking here!

Steps to join the Rockliffe Manor School team

- Download the App "Street Tag" from Play Store/ App Store.
- Click on Sign up and fill in your details.
- Password should be at least 8 characters with 1 special character, 1 upper case, and 1 number.
- Click YES for Team QR Code and scan the school QR Code on this letter.
- Click Sign Up and verify either by email or phone number.
- Fill in the questionnaire and then you are ready to go!



Register to Vote!

As you are aware, Rockliffe Manor will be closed on Thursday 5th May as the school is used as a Polling Station for the local elections. You can find more information on the local elections for the Royal Borough of Greenwich here

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200158/elections and voting/2350/local elections 2022

Don't miss your chance to vote by ensuring you have registered on the Gov.uk website

https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

All you need is your National Insurance Number. You normally only need to register once.

Who can register

You must be aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland and Wales). You must also be one of the following:

- a British citizen
- an Irish or EU citizen living in the UK
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission a citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission.

Why should you vote in these local elections?

- ⇒ **It affects where you live**. Local elections affect everything that happens within your local area and council. This includes the running of schools, libraries, street cleaning, leisure centres, the bins: in fact many of the services you need.
- ⇒ **Your money is at stake**. Councils account for a quarter of public spending—equating to millions of pounds. Using your vote can help you determine how this money (your hard earned money) is spent in your area.
- Douncillors are important. In many areas there are multiple choices of councilors to vote for. If you have the time, try to research and understand the qualities each candidate brings. They, rather than MPs, will be the people you need to contact if you want to improve your local area.
- ⇒ **It's anonymous.** The candidate and party you choose are not made public.
- ⇒ You could be helping the prime minister of the future! Your vote could be the stepping stone in a political career journey for your chosen candidate.
- ⇒ **It's a right people fought for.** The suffragette movement is known all over the world for the drastic actions it took to make sure women were given the vote. Still to this day, there are millions of people across the world that are not allowed to vote due to their age, gender or social status.
- ⇒ Diversity matters. When people of all sorts of different backgrounds and ethnicities vote, diversity can make a huge impact and change. The best way for all people to be represented is for everyone who can, vote!