

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 11th March 2022

At the beginning of the week, Rockcliffe Manor hosted our first in-person Challenge Partner review in 2 years, and are glad to say that we achieved leading status! The 3 day review meant that we were visited by 3 external reviewers from schools across the UK who observed lessons, looked at books and spoke to children and staff. The lead reviewer said that we are a small school with a big heart and they were so impressed by how well the children were able to articulate their learning. The reviewers also commented on the high quality writing outcomes and how our curriculum effectively weaves knowledge, skills and values. We will be receiving our report in the next few weeks and are excited to share it with you!



This week, Year 1 have been researchers within their history lessons. They used QR codes and articles to find out interesting facts regarding leisure activities from the past. They focused on dancing, cinema and swimming and gathered many facts. Holly said 'Did you know that people used to go to the cinema to watch the news?' to which the whole of Year 1 were very confused about, Akoma said 'but we just watch the

news in our living room?' which opened up an interesting conversation about electronics within households. Year 1 were also surprised to find out that films used to have no sound but instead were accompanied by an orchestra. Reggie H made the connection to our school trip last half term 'we listened to an orchestra they would have played music for movies!'. The children watched videos of children dancing around a maypole and Izzy exclaimed 'that looks like so much fun, I wish we could do that!'. The children worked so hard and are very excited to pass on their new found facts in their upcoming sharing assembly this half



term.



There have been some very exciting learning opportunities across the school and you can see lots of photos on our Twitter page @RockcliffeManor. Year 3, as part of their measure unit in maths, got out onto the playground to explore perimeter. They counted steps to measure around the outside of buildings and shapes. Year 6 have loved their Sandbox augmented reality project and have loved building virtual worlds on iPads. The Year 6 children have also enjoyed visiting Year 2 and coaching the younger children in their maths learning on fractions. The older children showed kindness and were excellent in extending Year 2's knowledge and skills.

This week, Year 4 have worked really hard in their learning. In English they enjoyed a senses lesson where they used their 5 senses to explore a setting of a Pakistani wedding. They tasted fruit, smelt incense and listened to Bhangra music, developing vocabulary to help them with their setting descriptions. In maths, the children finished their topic on area and perimeter and took part in a fun revision lesson on Roman Numerals playing walkabout bingo. In geography, they used maps and atlases to find countries that were part of the Silk Road trade route. They are really excited to start their learning on Pompeii and volcanoes.



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"My favourite lesson this week was writing my setting description because I think I came up with really good figurative language. My favourite simile was "the pink and purple ceiling was like a jungle canopy" Arlo

"It was fun walking around the classroom and playing bingo. It was quite hard at first because we all kept making mistakes. I'm really happy that I won, I was surprised." Jess

"I liked tasting the grapes in English. The grapes were really juicy." Lottie

"Geography has been really fun. I like researching about different countries and their features. I like the new app that we used to find different countries and continents" Tommy



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

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockliffe Manor team

Our school dinner provider, Chartwells, are delighted to introduce their annual school meals survey, called **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, putting an emphasis on to what they do best – serving great tasting, nutritious food to schools.

The insights gathered from this survey will help to develop the Autumn/Winter menus and help to further improve the service going forward making lunchtimes a better experience for your children.

The survey will be live on **15th March** and we urge each of you to complete with your thoughts.

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Attendance This Week

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| Reception | 91.3% |
| Year 1 | 94.6% |
| Year 2 | 96.7% |
| Year 3 | 95.5% |
| Year 4 | 90.2% |
| Year 5 | 95.8% |
| Year 6 | 97.4% |
| Whole School | 94.5% |



Happy Birthday to:

*until 18th March 2022

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| George | Year 1 |
| Sinead | Year 2 |
| Lily | Year 5 |

Dates for your diary

Merits

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| Reception | Kamila |
| Year 1 | Dasha |
| Year 2 | Aasiyah |
| Year 3 | Shiann |
| Year 4 | Arlo |
| Year 5 | Lex |
| Year 6 | Joe |



- Tuesday 15th March—Year 3 Trip to The London Museum
- Thursday 17th March—Year 3 Library Trip
- Friday 18th March— Red Nose Day
- Friday 25th March 2022—Year 5 trip to Trinity Laban
- 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



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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RBG 500 Words Competition

In celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, RBG are inviting all students from Greenwich borough schools to enter our 500 word short story competition.

2022 is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, so the theme for their story competition is:

celebration.

You can write any short story you like inspired by the theme of celebration. It needs to be 500 words or under. Please type your entries, if possible.

There will be a winner and runner up for each key stage 1 and 2 (and beyond)

The deadline for entries is Friday 29th April 2022

Email your entries to Lizzie Church on

Elizabeth.church@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Make sure you include your full name, school and year group when entering!



Our school has been amazingly supportive of the Hospice by helping to promote their **Hospice Mini Marathon** fundraising event in the past. Your support has helped the 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 in the 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 2.62 miles 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

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Red Nose Day is back and we are excited to be fundraising for this appeal by inviting all children and staff to wear something **Red** on **Friday 18th March 2022** for a donation.

The children can wear a full, red outfit or just one red item! They are also welcome to wear an official red nose available online or from Sainsbury's and TK Maxx. The children can also come in with a face painted red nose and we will have red face paint in school should they want one.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7099>



I'm writing to give you notice that I can now promote the official launch date for the 'Love Your Space' art installation in Plumstead Gardens.

As your school took part in the project, it would be great if you could inform parents, carers, staff and pupils, that they are all welcome to attend on **Sunday 20th March, at 2pm**. The launch will take place by the artwork which is located towards the centre of Plumstead Gardens. Access to it can be located towards the end of Church Manorway.

It was lovely to work with your school on this project, and I am excited to finish the art installation so that everyone that created a tile for the wall can have the opportunity to see their work displayed in a public setting.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Sarah