

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 10th September 2021



We are at the end of the first week of the autumn term and it has been so lovely to have all the children back happy and smiling. It has also been great to see all of our parents on the playground and get back a sense of normality. It was fantastic to ring the bell on the first day! The children have settled back into their new year groups extremely well and jumped straight into their learning with enthusiasm. All of the staff are very proud of them.

As we move into the autumn term, we are thinking about our school development plan priorities for this year and hope that many of you can come to the meeting around

this. One of our key priorities will be to have some whole school events and bring our community back together properly, this will include bringing back our famous World Café....watch this space!

This week Reception have really enjoyed their first week back at school, they have made some new friends and have been learning each other's name. Using the core text 'All are welcome' during English has supported the children in sharing a bit about themselves and their cultural backgrounds which has been very exciting. In art, they have used photos from home to help create some family portrait masterpieces that they can't wait to see on display.

Douglas said *"This is my family; I have included everyone that I love so much"*.

David said *"I drew my brother and sister, it's us all together having an adventure"*.

Niamh said *"I love my new class; I am having so much fun with my new friends"*.

Mishaal said *"I have learnt everyone's name in my class, I am going to be friends with everybody"*.



We were so excited to welcome the Year 5's back and they have all shown positivity and enthusiasm about the new year. Marko said that he is excited to learn new things because he feels like he is ready for a new challenge since he has left Year 4. They have been introduced to their new subjects and are looking forward to the learning journey they will face. In particular, Joseph is look-

ing forward to learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. He wonders if his ancestors may be Vikings!

When being introduced to their new core text 'A Long Walk to Water', the children were fully immersed in their learning when they embarked on a journey through the playground. They were set with a task to work in teams to collaboratively travel through an unknown route. They had to consider the obstacles along the way and used their orienteering and communication skills to succeed. Once completed, they were very eager to reflect on the success of the task, the challenges and how they demonstrated our character skill of wonder.



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Eniola said that she found it challenging at the end of the journey when she had to pair up and walk to the gate with her eyes closed. However, she wrote that she was able to overcome this by not giving up, showing the character skill of leadership and our value of effort. Also, Alissa believed that she showed the character skill of wonder through discussions with her team mates asking questions and working together.

There has been lots of wonder shown across the curriculum this week, especially in RE where the children shared and compared their ideas of how the world was created. They understood that everyone has different beliefs and compared similarities and differences. Olivia said that 'some people believe in the big bang and others believe in God like me'.

We can't wait to see all of the amazing work that they produce this year across the curriculum and look forward to sharing it with you.

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week in school. In English, the children were puzzled to find a hammer, brick and some books in our classroom. They made predictions as to who might use these tools and for what purpose.

Emily said, *"I think the books belong to a librarian because they love reading books."*

Elaina on the other hand suggested that, *".. the hammer might belong to Mr Daws because he might have used it to fix our new toilets."*

The children made great inferences from the objects that they find. In addition, the children have enjoyed going to the nature garden to observe microhabitats as we are going to be learning about habitats in science. Overall, it has been a joy seeing children being with one another, learning together and showing great friendship.

We very much look forward to seeing everyone back to school next week and hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

From Mrs Vdovin and the Rockliffe Manor School team



If you need any assistance setting up your accounts for ParentPay please do not hesitate to contact us for help.

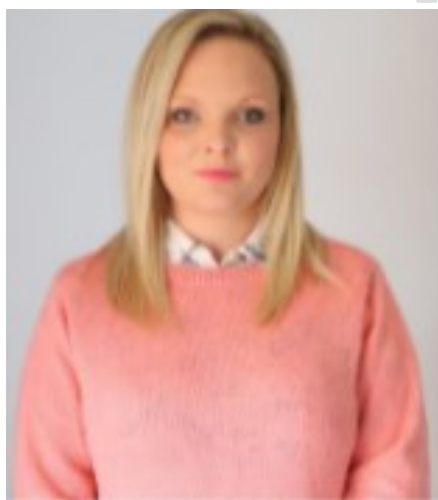
ParentPay is not only our online payment system for your school meals, afterschool clubs and uniform purchases, but also a fantastic way of communicating all details for trips and other activities taking place.

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Meet the Leadership Team 2021



Mrs Vdovin
Headteacher



Mrs Cook
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Thomasi-Hyde
SENCo



Miss Smith
EYFS Phase Leader



Mrs Aliaj
KS1 Phase Leader



Miss Basi
LKS2 Phase Leader



Mr Smith
UKS2 Phase Leader

Meet the Teacher 2021

We will be holding informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for children in [Years Reception to Year 5](#) and children in [Year 6](#) on **Thursday 16th September** from **3:30 – 4:00pm** to give you an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher in their classroom and also to receive important information regarding class routines and timetables, as well as other curriculum information to enable you to support your child's learning.

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Happy Birthday to:

*until 17th September 2021

Alissa-Angel Year 5

Reagan Year 6

Gabriel Year 4

Malachi Year 4

Jawad Year 2



Attendance This Week	
Reception	99.6%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	90.4%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	100.00%
Whole School 97.8%	

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring you have read and understood the letter we sent home this week regarding the importance of [good attendance and punctuality](#) each and every day.

If you have any concerns you feel may prevent you from making certain that your child attends school every day and arrives on time before 8.50am, please contact the school office to make an appointment with one of our senior leaders to discuss how we can help you.

Our email address info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk or telephone 02088544785.

Lunchtime meal preference

Please may we politely remind all parents that you must inform the School Office if your child changes their lunch preference from School meal to packed lunch or vice versa.

School meals are charged at £2.15 per child per day and offer a wonderful variety of nutritious and [wholesome hot dinners](#) suitable for all children including vegetarian and [Halal](#). Please click the link to view the menu.



If you pay for your child's school meals, (children in years 3—6 not eligible for free school meals) please ensure that you log into your ParentPay account regularly to keep your payments up to date. Please contact the school office if your circumstances have changed and you would like us to recheck your free school meal eligibility.

Please note, we are a fully nut free school and therefore ask that parents do not make their children packed lunch with any products that contain nuts (including peanut butter and chocolate spreads such as Nutella).

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Public Health
England



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from their GP by early November. If your child is at

primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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Secondary School Admissions for 2022 for our current Year 6 children

The deadline for secondary school admissions is fast approaching at 31st October 2021.

The Year 6 team will be hosting two parent information sessions in the bottom hall on:

Thursday 16th September at 3.30pm after the Meet the Teacher session

This will provide all the key dates involved in the process, how to apply as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If you are unable to attend this session, please and would like some support with your application please do let us know.

To complete the admission form, follow this link [apply for a secondary school place](#)

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The NHS School Nursing team will be visiting Rockliffe Manor School on **Wednesday 22nd September 2021** to administer the Nasal Flu Immunisation Spray to all those that have given consent.

Please may we remind ALL families that you must return the completed form to the office by Monday 13th September 2021. It is compulsory for all families to return the form, even if you are signing to withdraw your consent.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do contact the school office.

Secondary Schools in Royal Greenwich 2022/2023



Closing date for applications:
31 October 2021

royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions



To view the booklet with all the details please click the picture or click link below.

<https://bit.ly/secondaryadmissionsbooklet22>



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Beachwood Extended Provision

There are currently spaces available in Beachwood Breakfast and Afterschool club.

Beachwood is open from 7.30am before school and until 6.00pm after school at a cost of **£15.00 per day, per child.**

Please contact the school office for more information.

Dates for your diary

- W/C 13th September all After school clubs commence
- Thursday 16th September—Meet the Teacher Reception—Y5 from 3.30 –4pm
- Thursday 16th September—Meet the Teacher Year 6 and talk about Secondary Transfer 3.30
- Thursday 23rd September 12.00—Meet the Teacher—Nursery
- W/C 25th October —week off for half term
- Monday 1st November —Children return to school for Autumn Term 2



Got an idea that might help a fellow parent / carer?

Let us know and we can include in the next issue.

Email us your ideas to

info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk