

# Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 22nd October 2021



Wow, who can believe that we are already at the end of our first half term of the academic year! Autumn 1 has been a fantastic term and the children have settled into their new year groups marvellously. It has been such a joy to watch them flourish after the disruption of the last two academic years. We have seen such progress across the school and this is evident in each classes' published outcomes. This week, the staff and children have been busy publishing their writing outcomes and finishing their art pieces ready for displays around the school.

Please do visit our Twitter page [@RockliffeManor](https://twitter.com/RockliffeManor) to view them. The children are very proud of what they have achieved and we hope you will enjoy them in person during our Parents' Evenings after half term.

Next half term is a very exciting one with lots of events planned in for winter time. We will again be having our Winter Fair, Winter Discos, Nativity and concerts. The dates will be shared after half term. It was great meeting with the Friends of Rockcliffe to

discuss how parents can get involved in these events and fundraise for the school. They have hosted a parent coffee morning on the playground for parents to chat and get to know each other more and today after school they are hosting a bake sale. Please do come along, buy a slice of cake and wish everyone a lovely half term!

This week, Reception have been enjoying creating loose part models of themselves for their published outcomes. They started the week discussing what character skill they best demonstrated and what needed to be improved. It was interesting for the children to learn that they all have different strengths and weaknesses. They then presented their learning and shared what they had improved on with their peers.

Eni said *"I show captain relationship by being kind to my friends"*.

Rose said *"I am captain wonder, I like to find out new information"*.

Freddie said *"I love to make things for my mum and dad, it makes them so happy"*.

Lila said *"I show integrity, I always do the right thing even if no one is watching"*.



This week, Year 2 have enjoyed publishing their final outcome in English and they have shown great enthusiasm for editing and improving their writing. In addition, the children have proudly created some beautiful pieces of art using different mediums to creature a textured background. In maths, the children have been using their knowledge of addition to compare number sentences.

The science learning journey has really captured the children's interests. On Tuesday, Year 2 explored the nature garden where they found different mini beasts living in various micro-habitats.

The children could use key vocabulary to describe different habitats and why they are important to living things.



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This week in Year 5, the children have had the fantastic opportunity to explore the local area with a trip to Shrewsbury Park. On their walk to the park, they observed the physical and human geographical features and discussed how this may differ to Salva's community in South Sudan from their core text. To document what they had found, the children created 'journey sticks' by attaching their findings onto a stick along the way. Luckily, there was just enough time for a quick go on the tree swing... what an amazing afternoon they had with lots of positive things to say!

Isaac had an amazing time and said that he was going to ask his mum to go on more walks like this. Chloe said that she enjoyed going on the swings and adding to the journey sticks. Finlay said he enjoyed finding different types of trees, robes and loved that everyone came together to explore the nature in the park. Finally, Gabriella was happy to see lots of different kinds of plants and her favourite part was going on the swings.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break for the week very much look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 1st November.

From Mrs Vdovin and the Rockliffe Manor School team



Today, we say goodbye to Miss Smith as she embarks on a new adventure in becoming the SENCO at West Thornton School, one of our Partnership schools in Croydon. This move sees Miss Smith working closer to home and also taking on a role that she is very passionate about. Miss Smith has been a fantastic EYFS Phase Leader and class teacher to the youngest children in our school.

Her love and commitment to the school community has been felt by us all and we will miss her.

Attendance This Week	
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	89.3%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	95.8%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.8%</b>



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## Happy Birthday to:

\*until 5th November 2021



Joseph	Year 1
Ricards	Year 5
Isaiah	Year 3
Julian	Year 5
Ana	Year 1
Hannah	Year 2
Eslem	Year 4

## Children in Need—Friday 19th November 2021

We are delighted to once again be supporting the

[BBC Children in Need appeal.](#)

On Friday 19th November all children and staff are welcome to come to School dressed in their best Fancy Dress—all for a donation of £1

Teachers will be in the playground on the morning with buckets to put your donations



## Merits



Year 1	Clara
Year 2	Albi T
Year 3	Irene
Year 4	Tommy
Year 5	Eniola
Year 6	Toby

## Dates for your diary

- Week commencing 18th October—5th November Year 6 swimming lessons
- **W/C 25th October —week off for half term**
- Monday 1st November —Children return to school for Autumn Term 2
- Friday 19th November—BBC Children in Need Fancy Dress Friday
- **Friday 26th November—School closed for INSET Day**
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Winter discos after school for Y1-6
- Saturday 4th December—Winter Fair
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day and children's Christmas dinner
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Choir performing carols on the playground
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Reception/KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December- KS2 carol concert to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Parent Sing-a-Long
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Class winter parties
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December- last day of term**



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We are happy to confirm that we will once again be holding face to face Parents' Evening this year on either **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

These evenings are an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

We are now returning to using the online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and receive an email confirming your appointments.

Mrs Thomasi-Hyde, the school SENCO, will also be available on the evenings, so please do call the school office if you would like to meet with her.

Appointments will close on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 23:30pm**. We would recommend that if you have children who are **siblings** in the school that you book early so that you can get appointment slots close together.

Please visit <https://rockliffemanor.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

(A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter and is also available on our website <https://www.rockliffemanor.co.uk/1282/parents-evening-online-bookings>).

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.



## Rockliffe Manor Primary

### SchoolCloud

Welcome to the Rockliffe Manor Primary parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

### Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email	Confirm Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

### Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	1	January	2010

Log In

**Free meals** will be available once again throughout the Borough for school aged children during the October half term.

Tasty grab-and-go lunches can be collected Monday to Friday at libraries and adventure play centres, with no sign up required

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals>

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Secondary Schools  
in Royal Greenwich  
2022/2023

Closing date for applications:  
31 October 2021

[royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions)



## Secondary School Admissions for 2022 for our current Year 6 children

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

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](#)

## [Connecting Communities Dance Festival](#)

The festival is set to dazzle with a five-day extravaganza revelling in different dance styles from our African, Asian, and Caribbean diaspora communities across several borough locations.

The live festival celebrates the wonderfully rich cultural diversity we have in our borough and runs over half term, Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2021.

## [Dance Festival Poster](#)



## Have a spooky, safe and sustainable autumn

### Spooky season is just around the corner!

Halloween is a ghoulishly great time of year, giving us the chance to enjoy lots of costumes, toys and games. But this can mean that non-recyclable waste can build up, so check out our top tips on how to have a green Halloween.

### Bonfire night

Fireworks for private use can only be purchased from registered retailers during selected dates throughout the

year. If you suspect the illegal sale of fireworks in the borough, you can report this to

[tradingstandards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

For the majority of the year, it is illegal to set off fireworks (including sparklers) between 11pm and 7am. However, for Bonfire Night this is extended until midnight and for Diwali the cut off is 1am.

See more information on how to safely purchase and use fireworks at [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/autumntips](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/autumntips)