

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 5th November 2021

It has been a chilly first week back at school with lots of great learning opportunities! The children across the school have been immersing themselves in their new core texts and the teachers have provided exciting 'hook' lessons to get the children excited.

This week, Year 1 have been immersed in their new core text, *Island Born*. After returning from assembly on Monday, they were transported to the Dominican Republic, which is the main character's home in the story. The children were so excited to look at the artefacts on their tables which had things such as: drums, palm leaves, pictures and flags. Bessie said *'I can't believe our classroom has changed; I wonder what our new book is going to be about'*.



After exploring the artefacts, Year 1 watched traditional dancing before joining in and dancing themselves. Carlo loved dancing and hoped *'that our new book has lots of music in it'*. The class used all of these items to predict what their new core text is going to be about. Akoma used images from the book to predict, he said *'I predict the little girl lives with her grandma because I can't see her mum and dad.'* After looking at images of the main character in school, Ella wondered *'if the little girl has any friends because she is sitting by herself'*. The children will begin reading their new core text next week to see if their predictions were correct. The Year 1 team are looking forward to the amazing writing that the children will do this term.



This week, Year 4 have had an amazing start back after half term. On Monday, they took part in a cricket session, run by experienced coaches, and learnt how to position their bodies to improve their balance when throwing and catching a ball. They had to rely on teamwork to ensure that the ball reaches their partner's hands without hitting the floor.

In English, they began to explore their new core text, Christophe's story and explored the challenges the main character, Christophe, had to face starting a new school as a refugee. Year 4 have also enjoyed learning their new song in Music 'Lean On Me'. They were so supportive of one another that a

few children volunteered to sing the song solo or in a duet to the class, wowing their peers and teachers.

Lucia - *I liked learning how to play cricket. I was really happy that I was able to hit the ball both times with the bat and score points for my team.*

Madison - *I really enjoy singing and I am so proud that I sang in front of the class. I was really nervous but I was happy that Isabella came and sang with me because it didn't make me feel so scared. I'm proud of myself for doing this.*



Malachi - *I like learning about Christophe in our new book. I really liked acting out scenes from the book and learning what a mime is to help me.*



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On the first day back, the children in Year 6 visited the library. The children were able to self-select books to read and shared their favourite stories with their friends. It is so important to foster a love of reading with children from an early age as it will impact on the rest of their lives and education. Children who are good readers have better outcomes across the curriculum and children learn lots of new language and words through being read to every day. At Rockliffe, we have relaunched our reading challenges, reading buddies and our parent reading mornings. Teachers are also doing lots of book talk in their classrooms and it was great this week to see Year 3 and 4 children reading together!



A reminder that next Tuesday and Wednesday is Parents' Evening and we can't wait to invite you into your child's classroom to look at their books and talk to their teacher!



We are delighted to welcome 3 new team members to Rockliffe Manor this term

Please join us in welcoming :

Miss Riches as the new Nursery Class teacher, Miss Wilson and Miss Verma in our TA team

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and very much look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 1st November.

From Mrs Vdovin and the Rockliffe Manor School team

Attendance This Week	
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	90.7%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole School	96.0%



Coats

As the days are getting cooler, please may we remind all families to send children in wearing an appropriate coat.



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Happy Birthday to:

*until 12th November 2021



Freddy Year 6

Teodor Year 5

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



Reception	Nikoleta K
Year 1	Ayomide A
Year 2	Pippa L
Year 3	Louie CP
Year 4	Charlie R
Year 5	Jayden M
Year 6	Isabella C

Dates for your diary

- Week commencing 18th October—5th November Year 6 swimming lessons
- Wednesday 17th November—Parents Reading Morning
- Friday 19th November—BBC Children in Need Fancy Dress Friday
- **Friday 26th November—School closed for INSET Day**
- Thursday 2nd December- Winter discos after school for Y1-6
- Saturday 4th December—Winter Fair
- Tuesday 7th December- Choir performing carols on the playground
- Wednesday 8th December Parents Reading Morning
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and children's Christmas dinner
- Monday 13th December- Reception/KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14th December- KS2 carol concert to parents 2pm
- Tuesday 14th December- Nursery Parent Sing-a-Long
- Wednesday 15th December- Class winter parties
- **Thursday 16th December- last day of term**



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Friday 15th October 2021

We are happy to confirm that we will once again be holding face to face Parents' Evening this year on either **Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th 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 3rd 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.

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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
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Email		Confirm Email
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

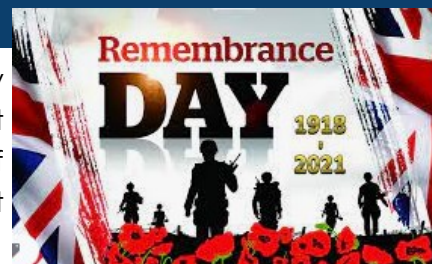
Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth
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Log In

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Remembrance Day (Or Poppy Day as it is also known as) is a memorial day observed in the Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty and the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.



Remembrance Day is observed on 11th November each year to recall the end of the First World War hostilities—which ended “at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month” in 1918—in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente (the Allies of World War I led by a coalition of countries such as Britain, France, Russian, Italy, Japan and the United States).



There are many ways that you can celebrate Remembrance Day and in England we traditionally start with wreath-laying ceremonies at war memorials followed by a two-minute silence observed at 11am on 11th November. You may hear buglers playing '[The Last Post](#)' to mark the start of the two minute silence and then buglers play '[The Rouse](#)' to mark the end. In larger towns and cities you will also [hear the firing of field artillery \(also known as a gun salute\)](#).

In the UK, the main observance is held on **Remembrance Sunday**, which is the Sunday closest to 11th November and this year falls on Sunday 14th November 2021. There is a National Service of Remembrance held in London (as well as all other regions) attended by representatives of the Crown, the armed forces, civic leaders, ex-servicemen and women, cadet forces, the Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigade, St Johns Ambulance and the Salvation Army, as well as local organisations. A minute or two-minutes silence is also incorporated



The Poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. During the First World War previously beautiful countryside everywhere was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again quickly turning the landscape to fields of mud: bleak and barren where nothing could grow. But out of this devastation the delicate but resilient bright red poppies grew and flourished in their thousands. As beautifully captured in this poignant poem by [Major John McCrae—In Flanders Fields](#)



By wearing a poppy, one shows support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. Representing all those that lost their lives on active service in all conflicts: from the beginning of World War I to the present day. It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

Woodhill Primary School will be once again be supporting the Poppy appeal and will have various items for sale in the School Office from wrist bands, reflectors, zip tags and the traditional poppy to be worn on your lapel. We will have children offering these items to purchase for a suggested donation of 20p—£1. We are very grateful for any monies you can send your child in with to contribute to this wonderful cause.

Thank you.



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**COLLECT FOOD
SUPER HERO
PLAYING CARDS
WHEN YOU EAT
WITH US!**

**COLLECT ONE
FOOD SUPER
HERO PLAYING
CARD EACH DAY
WHEN YOU EAT
WITH US FROM
8TH NOVEMBER -
12TH NOVEMBER**

**THEN COLLECT A
FOOD SUPER HERO
PLAYING CARD
EACH THURSDAY
WHEN YOU EAT
WITH US FROM
18TH NOVEMBER -
9TH DECEMBER**

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

Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

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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

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



- Date: 20th November 2021
- Location: Eltham
- Time: 11:00 - 17:00
- Cost: Free

Watch the Christmas lights of Eltham switch on and light up the sky!

Passey Place

- Christmas tree lights
- Christmas markets
- Music and festive performances
- Free craft making workshops
- Special surprise visit from Elf on the Shelf