

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 20th May 2022

There is still excitement in the air around our baby chicks that have grown so big in just a week! This week, all of the children across the school have visited them and have been able to handle and stroke their soft, yellow fluff. The children have been so nurturing and have enjoyed naming them, and have been fascinated by their tiny wings and long legs. Did you know that chicks are born with one tooth, called an egg tooth, to break free of their shell? Soon after hatching, the chicks lose this egg tooth and no teeth replace it. Chickens don't have any teeth; they use their beaks to peck at their food instead of chewing. The chicks will soon be leaving us so everyone is beginning to say their final goodbyes.



This week, Year 2 have used their writing skills to compose a letter in the role of the character of their core text. River wrote, *'The night I met you in the alleyway, my life changed forever. I want to you to know that I have kept my promise and as I'm writing to you, the city is full of beautiful, colourful trees and flowers.'* It has been fantastic to see the children so motivated to write for a purpose.



In maths, the children have become much more confident in telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. The children have been reflecting on why it is important to learn to tell the time. Albie B replied, *"Learning to tell the time is important because otherwise you would be late for work."*

The children have shown great enthusiasm for the chicks we have had in our school in recent days. They got to gently hold the chicks and asked lots of questions as what the chicks need to live a happy and healthy life. Karmun said, *"I wish I could take the chicks to my house!"* It's lovely to see children experience something that they would have had otherwise.

The children in Reception have been enjoying exploring the artist David Hockney and his different techniques to create some amazing self-portraits this week. To support their learning, they experimented with mixing primary colours

to make secondary colours which the children really enjoyed.

Ronnie said *'If I mix red and yellow, I can make orange, I will use this for my hair'.*

Aniya said *'I used yellow and blue to make green, then I used blue and red to make purple'.*

Reception have also really enjoyed learning to skip count and count in twos this week and to further support this learning, they have explored double facts and learnt how to double numbers using butterfly doubling mats. This has helped to develop fluency around adding single digit numbers which the children are much more confident at doing.

David said *'If I put this number 4 numicon on both butterfly wings I can double 4 which is 8'.*

Emma said *'I can double all my numbers to 10 on my own'.*



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Year 5 have really enjoyed learning about World War II through art. They have been working towards drawing portraits of hidden figures, focusing on proportion using their own images and practicing different shading techniques to add detail. Ruby has found this particularly fun as she draws portraits all the time. Lily was pleased to see that so many women had Influenced the war and used Katherine Johnson as a focus. They have also been remembering those who fought in the war by looking at

an artist called Paul Cummings and his biggest project at the Tower of London.

Paul Cummings made 888,246 poppies out of clay and metal, which thousands of people came along to see. Finlay has enjoyed sharing all of his known facts about WWII with the class and says that he enjoys researching at home. When making their own poppies for their display, Olivia said that she is proud of showing perseverance because she didn't think she would be able to do it, but she continued to try until she could achieve her outcome.



We wish you all a happy weekend and see you all on Monday,
Mrs Vdovin, Mrs Cook and the Rockliffe team

Gordon Brown Centre Residential Trip 2022

Please may we remind all **Year 5 and 6** families to keep paying into [ParentPay](#) for the Residential Trips taking place in July 2022. If you would like to discuss your child's place, please contact the School Office. if you require any further information please contact the School.

You can find more information on the Gordon Brown Centre by visiting their [website](#)

Lateness

It is very important that all children get to school on time to ensure a calm and positive start. From 8.55am one gate will be closed and any lates will be recorded.

Thank you for your support in this.

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Attendance This Week	
Reception	86.3%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	99.3%
Whole School	95.3%

Happy Birthday to:

*until 27th May 2022

Ayomide	Year 1
Kamila	Reception
Darcy-May	Year 2
Finlay	Year 5
Cairon	Year 3
Jessica	Year 4



Merits

Reception	Henry
Year 1	Adam
Year 2	Albie B & Albi T
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Jonny
Year 5	Julian
Year 6	Sariah

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 23rd May 2022—Nursery Trip to Rockliffe Gardens**
- **Tuesday 24th May 2022– Year 3 Trip to Houses of parliament**
- **Wednesday 25th May 2022—School Photographs**
- **Friday 27th May - Last Day of Term**
- **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022 Half Term**
- **Monday 6th June 2022— Queens Jubilee Celebrations**
- **Friday 24th June - INSET Day**
- **Saturday 11th June 2022—Plumstead Make Merry**

The Bexley Selection Test 2022

Information for parents

To be considered for a place at a grammar school within the London Borough of Bexley, your child must achieve the selective standard in the selection test held at the beginning of Year 6. This leaflet tells you about the test that will be held in September 2022, for children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, who will transfer to secondary school in September 2023. If you register your child for the Bexley selection test, it will be considered that you have understood and accepted all the information in this leaflet.

Bexley's grammar schools are Beths Grammar School (boys), Bexley Grammar School (mixed), Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School (mixed), and Towtley Grammar School (girls). There will be 800 places in these four schools in September 2023. One test covers admission to all four schools.

The test is open to all children regardless of where they live, but places at the grammar schools will be allocated in accordance with the schools' oversubscription criteria. The 'Admission to Secondary Schools in Bexley 2023' booklet will be available by 1 September and will give more information about schools in Bexley and how to apply.

Achieving the selective standard does not guarantee the offer of a place at a grammar school, unless your child is one of the 180 highest scorers. Most places are offered in order of home to school distance.

COVID-19:

COVID-19: The London Borough of Bexley is planning to deliver the Bexley Selection Test in September 2022 in the usual format we have operated in the past, and as set out in this leaflet. However, bearing in mind the challenges that this has caused over the last 2 years, we reserve the right to alter testing arrangements in the case of any restrictions or other related issues that may be in place at the time of testing.

Please see information below on the Bexley Selection Test and website links below for more information

[Register for Bexley Selection Test](#)

[Information for Parents](#)

For a full list of locations and serving times visit royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals or see the table below.



To sign up please visit greenwichdance.org.uk/whats-on



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Short Breaks offer 2022

What are Short Breaks?
Short Breaks are designed to help families to care for their disabled children by providing them with regular breaks. This is so that they can meet the needs of other children in the family, study or take part in leisure activities themselves, or carry out day to day household tasks. RBG also want short breaks to help to make sure children and young people access positive, meaningful activities.

Who can access?
Anyone aged 4-17 who lives in Greenwich and has an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan can register for Short Breaks. To register, contact the Short Breaks team, or download the registration forms on the Local Offer website.

Feedback from a parent
"Short breaks was a saviour for my daughter in lockdown as her mental health deteriorated and nothing was open and she was unable to attend school due to severe anxiety even when the school's were re-opened. 'Ahoj Centre' was the only place she was able to access at this difficult time and we were so grateful! Then when she started a new school and her anxiety got better she was able to feel ready to try something different and she picked horse riding. Initially it was a long waiting list, but she has now started her weekly lessons on a Sunday and is really enjoying it and she is learning a new skill! Whilst she was waiting she was able to access the pony mornings. Even though they are only about twice a year, she really enjoyed attending them in the holidays."

Short Breaks Survey
As part of the re-commissioning of the Greenwich Short Breaks service for 2023, we would like to collect feedback from children, young people, parents, carers and other professionals on the current service and what is provided. - all information collected is anonymous.

Click here or scan the QR code to complete the survey

Click here or scan the QR code to download the consent form

Click here or scan the QR code to find out more and download the brochure

Click here or scan the QR code to download the registration form



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Top Tip Send us your feedback...we want to know what you think about the Greenwich Local Offer website, let us know in 3 easy steps.....

1—Download the form

2—complete the form

3—Send it back to us

Send your feedback to: SEND.localoffer@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Fill out Form

Provider Updates

Tas Scooter Club
Saturday Scooter club for children and Young People with SEND.
Call 020 3651 4863
[Click here or scan the QR code to find out more](#)

The All Aboard Club
Inclusive train play sessions
for autistic, ADHD & special needs children
LEWISHAM: Leckham Hall Community Centre
[Click here or scan the QR code to find out more](#)

Free School Meals
Many families are entitled to free school meals but are not claiming this support.
Free school meals support in the form of supermarket vouchers or food parcels will be provided over the school holidays for all children who are registered for free school meals.
Apply as soon as possible to your school or local authority so that you don't miss out.

Could your child be entitled to a FREE school meal?

GET INVOLVED!

The Greenwich Parent Carer Participation Forum brings together parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in the borough. We would love to receive your personal testimonials in regard to the Local Offer Page. Your voice is paramount in making improvements to services and what better place to start than the Local Offer.

Please visit our forum website and join in participating for our SEND children and Young People in RBG. Together we share different stories but have a common interest as parents and carers. Our forum meetings are pivotal in examining issues within the SEND community such as housing, short breaks, health, and EHCP processes to mention but a few.

Also a quick reminder that we are still recruiting and training SEND Parent Champions to be our voice in the local community. If you are interested please contact us on admin@greenwichcf.org