

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 8th July 2022

Thank you to so much to everyone who supported our Summer Fair last weekend. It was our first one since the pandemic, and what a success it was! It looked like the families had a great time, crafting, bouncing on the bouncy castle, eating delicious treats, listening to an author and even going on a fire engine! The sun shone and we raised lots of money for the school- nearly £2000! This money will all go towards our playground and our first plan is to save up for a shaded seating area for the children. Watch this space! We would also like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Rockcliffe and especially to Kat who made the Summer Fair happen. We couldn't have done it without your fantastic organisational skills and creativity.

You can view some photos further down this newsletter and on our Twitter page [@RockcliffeManor](https://twitter.com/RockcliffeManor)



This week has been full of smiles, laughter, risk taking and adventure at the Gordon Brown Centre for Year 5 and Year 6. Since arriving, all the children have participated in a range of activities such as; blind folded low ropes, archery, trim trail, fire making and cooking and shelter building along with many more. During this week, they have tested their collaborative skills, resilience, strength, coordination and patience. The children have had nothing but positive things to say about their experience and it has been great to watch them all grow in confidence and independence as well as forming new

friendships and bonds. Here are some of the things they said: Ruby said *"I really liked making the campfire because I like the way fire looks and it was also fun to collect sticks."* Shaheer said his favourite activity of the trip was *"making the fire because I haven't made one before and I liked having popcorn which we cooked on the fire."* Julian's highlight of the trip was archery because he got to beat everyone - except Miss Gallagher- in the group. He said he missed home but he would definitely come again. Chloe's most memorable moment of the trip was the first time she went into the dorms because she was so excited for the week ahead and looked forward to spending time with her friends. We have included some of the pictures below, but you can view them all, as well as lots of videos on Twitter [@RockcliffeManor](https://twitter.com/RockcliffeManor)

Year 2 have continued to learn about the global theme of sustainable development which they are exploring through their core text, 'One Plastic Bag.' The children have researched facts about Isatou Cessay who is an inspiration woman from The Gambia. She has taken action to help her community by recycling and reusing plastic bags which were a big problem in her village. The children have been reflecting on the impact that Isatou has had on her local and global community. Karmun said, *"Since learning about Isatou Cessay, I have asked my aunt if I can pick up the rubbish on the floor because the streets look very dirty."* Elaina on the other hand said, *"I want to make a bird house using plastic bottles so that they don't end up in the environment."* It's great to see children so inspired to be change makers. In addition, Year 2 went to the library on Thursday afternoon where they enjoyed a story read by the librarian and they had the opportunity to borrow books of their choice. Tochi was delighted to spend the afternoon reading for pleasure. He said, *"I like my new book Mrs Aliaj! I'm going to read it with Miss White."* Albie B was so excited that his mum was coming with the library. He said, *"I love coming to the library because it's fun."*



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Reception have all enjoyed learning about the concept of capacity and volume. To support their learning, they have been using water with different colours to fill a variety of containers. The children then had a go at identifying the volume of liquid that was in each container, saying which was empty, half full and full. Mr Harracksingh made lots of mistakes and the children had to use their developing knowledge to spot the errors and help him to pour the correct amounts of liquid into the containers. During this activity, the children had the opportunity to develop their growing mathematical language using words such as, capacity, volume, amount, full, half full and empty.

David said *'That's not full, if it is full the container will not be able to hold any more liquid and it will pour out'*.

Mateus said *'This is how you make the container half full; you stop at the middle and check'*.

Lila said *'It is full because the liquid is filled to the top, the container cannot take any more liquid'*.

Uliana said *'This container can hold more liquid than this container because it is much bigger'*.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead

From Mrs Vdovin, Mrs Cook and the Rockliffe Manor team

Please may we politely remind you that all school dinner and Beachwood balances should be completely cleared by the end of summer term on 22nd July.

REMINDER

No-one should be carrying any debt into the new academic year in September.

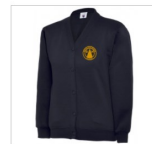
If you are having any difficulties making payments towards your school dinner account or extended provision, please do contact the school office, where we will be happy to discuss options with you.

We are pleased to advise that all Rockliffe Manor branded school uniform is now exclusively available to purchase at JK Clothing.

You can visit them in store at 14 Wellington Parade, Sidcup, DA15 9NB

Or by visiting our dedicated page on their website:

<https://www.jkclothing.net/product-category/schools/blackfen-store/rockliffe/>



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As you may know, we are expecting some very hot temperatures again next week. You can help to ensure that your child is safe and able to enjoy the good weather by doing the following:

- Put suncream lotion on your child in the morning;
- Give them a sun hat to wear at break and lunchtimes to protect them from the heat and from getting sunburnt; and
- Give them a bottle of water to take with them to school, we will keep this topped up

Sports Day

The Nursery will be having their Sports Day on Tuesday on the common, and Years Reception to 6 will be having their Sports Day on Wednesday at Rose Cottage at Teviot next week.



Please make sure that you apply lots of sun cream before coming to School each day, and ensure that the tube is placed in their bag. School staff will assist your child to reapply during the day to ensure they are protected. We recommend all children wear a sun hat too.

Don't forget to send your child in with their home packed lunch (unless you have already informed the school you require a school packed lunch) and we suggest sending an extra bottle of water too. We look forward to seeing many of you there to cheer the children on!

Broadstairs Beach Trip—Years 1 and 2

Please can all parents of children in Years 1 and 2 be sure to apply lots of sun cream before coming to School on Monday, and ensure that the tube is placed in their bag. School staff will assist your child to reapply during the day to ensure they are protected. Please don't forget that they will also need:

- A swim costume and towel (please wear the swim costume under clothes in the morning)
- A sun hat
- Sun Cream
- A change of clothes and a bag to put wet things in
- Money (£3 maximum)
- Bucket and Spade (if they have one)
- Wet wipes or tissues
- A bag to put shells in if they collect any



The coach will be leaving at 9am sharp so please make sure you arrive no later than 8.50am usual time.

We are expecting to return for 4pm, but will keep you updated on the day.

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We are very excited to announce that our school has moved our student information system to Arbor.



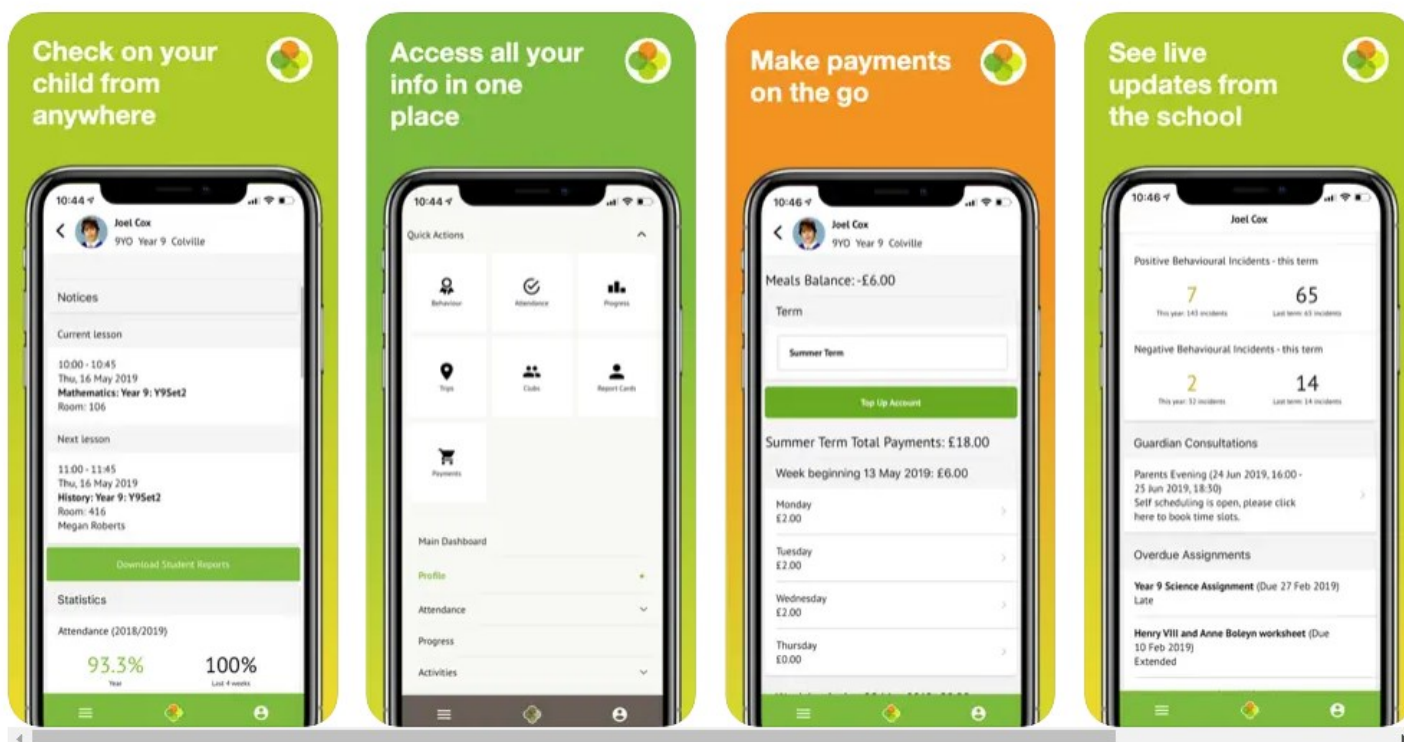
Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently through one system and will allow you more control over registering your child for an after school club, receive all letters home and other communications, book parents evening slots, and manage all payments - all from your computer or mobile phone. You will also have the opportunity to check your child's attendance and, potentially in the future, access information on academic progress and behaviour.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your Arbor account. The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the [Playstore on android phones](#) or the [Apple Store on iPhones](#).

We invite you to familiarise yourself by using the link <https://bit.ly/arborparentinfo>

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for parents - including how to log in, how to book trips and pay for items such as dinner and extended provision.

We will fully launch the full Parent Portal/Arbor App in September 2022 with all payment information. In the meantime, we hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!



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Attendance This Week

Reception	88.9%
Year 1	80.5%
Year 2	86.3%
Year 3	90.6%
Year 4	84.3%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	99.3%
Whole School	89.8%

Merits

Reception	Ikechukwu
Year 1	Ella
Year 2	Carmen and Hannah
Year 3	Daisie-Beau
Year 4	Evie
Year 5	On school trip
Year 6	On school tip
Eco-Warrior	Zechariah



Happy Birthday to:

***until 15th July 2022**



Joel

Anna

Charlie

LEAVERS DAY!

A MEAL FOR A STAR - THAT'S YOU!

MAINS
A choice from
Pizza or Fish Fingers
Served with
Chips, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

DESSERTS
Chocolate Brownie or Ice Cream
served with Chocolate Sauce

2022

**Join us on
22 July 2022**

Dates for your diary

- Monday 11th July 2022 Y1 & Y2 Broadstairs Trip
- Tuesday 12th July 2022—Nursery Sports Day—On The Common
- Wednesday 13th July 2022—Sports Day at Rose Cottage Reception—Year 6
- Friday 15th July 2022—Transition Morning for children
- Friday 15th July 2022—Year 6 Production for parents
- Monday 18th July 2022 & Tuesday 19th July 2022 — Water Fun Day
- Wednesday 20th July 2022 -Year 6 Leavers Ceremony
- Thursday 21st July 2022—Nursery Graduation
- Thursday 21st July 2022—Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Friday 22nd July 2022– Last Day of Term
- Friday 22nd July 2022—Leavers Day Lunch
- Monday 5th September 2022 Children re-
turn to school



If your child usually has a home packed lunch,
please email the office on

info@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk to advise
if they would like to have the special Leavers
Day lunch menu on 22nd July.

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[Please head over to our Website to read The Local Offer SEND Newsletter for July 2022](#)



Do you know someone that identifies as a young Black male?

The Mayor of London's Workforce Integration Network Programme Moving on Up is organising an event on Tuesday 12th July at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors titled '**A journey Towards Inclusion: Young, Black and Talented**' aimed at Black men and young people (aged 16-24) looking to enter and/or progress in the Construction, Tech and Finance sectors. [Please click HERE for more information](#)

Holiday Food and Fun is back for Summer!

Using money from the Department of Education, there are free, funded holiday club spaces available for eligible children and young people.

If your child is aged between 4 and 16, and receives or is eligible for free school meals, they'll be able to claim a spot at one of our participating clubs.

All of our programmes are SEND friendly but some can offer 1-to-1 support.

[Check a programme's profile to see if they offer specialist support.](#)



The Apprenticeship Plus team are really excited to be attending an event hosted by the Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance team (CEIAG), that will showcase a range of traineeship and Apprenticeship opportunities for young people.

The event taking place on **Tuesday 19th July** at The Greenwich Centre, SE10 9GB is aimed at 16-18 year olds who are thinking about their future and next steps in education and/or employment.

The event will enable young people to access advice from a range of experts, hear about training courses and find the best opportunities to apply for.

The Apprenticeship Plus team provide a range of traineeships and apprenticeships opportunities that are tailored for either a business or an education role within schools, local authority and other establishments.

The event will also showcase the offer from a range of services and organisations including GLLAB, Shooters Hill College, our very own Inspire Academy, the Army and many more!



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