

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 30th September 2022

As we approach the mid way point of the Autumn 1 term, we reflect on how fast the term is going and as the saying goes...time certainly does fly when you're having fun!

We kicked off the week with Phil Wilcox hosting an AIM HIGH session for some of our year 5 and 6 children and also welcoming year 5 and 6 children from other local schools, children collaborated to explore poetry, they created a shared poem before writing their own. This was Phil Wilcox's first time at Rockcliffe Manor and he reported being impressed with our creativity and ideas.



We also had a rocking start to our Wednesday morning! Rockcliffe Manor was visited by the school of music 'iRock'. As the children walked into the hall they were greeted by live music held by the leader, Rory. Nikoleta loved hearing the music and enjoyed dancing along *'this assembly is so much fun!'* The whole school joined in singing songs and showed the musical talent we have here at Rockcliffe. The assembly focused on how anyone can be a rockstar, even in 5 minutes! Brave children were chosen to start Rockcliffe Manor's very own rock band, our band had Lucia on keyboard, Julian on drums, Cairon on guitar and Lily on vocals. Rockcliffe were definitely rocking in our rendition of 'We will rock you' with support from the whole school. Cairon said *'I can't*

believe I just played the guitar for the first time, I want to be a rockstar!' Reggie shared *'I want to learn how to play the keyboard'*. You could feel the buzz around the whole school with lots of excitement surrounding the music classes. A letter and email was sent to all parents and carers for all of the details regarding lessons, you will also find more details below. We can't wait to start rocking out at Rockcliffe!

Thursday was also a special day for Rockcliffe Manor. We found out we had received a PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark) Gilt award! The Primary Science Quality Mark enables confident, knowledgeable, reflective leadership which results in an improvement in the way in which science is planned and taught across the whole school. Mrs Aliaj has been dedicated to science teaching and learning for some time and this award is testament to her passion and commitment to driving school improvement. The assessor notes *'This is a good submission from a school where science is central and is being delivered in a creative and pupil centered manner'* *'The science displays were impressive, and the portfolio showed engagement of the community in the work of the school.'* *'The children are developing their social capital... The Hidden Figures work was particularly creative and impactful... The science leader has helped support the understanding of the importance of science in children's lives'* A huge thank you to Mrs Aliaj for her leadership on this.



Now... let's take a look at some of the exciting learning from this week.



Year 2 has been going into greater detail this week to write a persuasive speech for our inventor Izzy Gizmo, using adjectives, repetition and other writing techniques. Ella said *'I want Izzy Gizmo to feel positive about her invention so I'm going to use lots of kind adjectives to make her feel good'*.


In maths, the children are confidently partitioning numbers, exploring fact families and how these values can be represented in part whole and bar models. *'I know how to find a fact family in maths because all of the numbers are related. I can draw a bar model to show it now'* shared Anayah.



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Additionally, in RE, the children have explored the celebration of Chinese New Year, with special research into how food is incorporated into this celebration - we liked the sound of the steamed dumplings! *'For Chinese New Year, they set off fireworks, but they also did this when I went to Texas to celebrate something else. Fireworks are used all the time!'* Jacob explained. *'When it's Chinese New Year, I always see lots of dragons and lanterns. We celebrate Chinese New Year all around the world'* Emre added.

This week year 4 have got stuck into their RE learning. They have been looking at the concept of peace and what it means to them. After looking at peaceful symbols the class had a go at designing their own. Isaiah said *'I have drawn a symbol of a panda because they are peaceful creatures who make me feel very calm'*, Louie used the examples to help him and drew a picture of a gun with a big cross through it, *'I drew this because I think no one should ever use guns as they are not peacefull!'*

After completing their own designs, the children worked collaboratively to create a poster about one religion and what they believe peace is. The children drew religious symbols that linked to the religion as well as ensuring key teachings were present on their poster. Liya said *'in Judaism 'shalom' means peace'*. William and his group focused on Christianity and shared that *'they believe in angels who bring peace to people'*



Year 6 have had a great week. They were very fortunate enough to be part of the Young London Print Prize. This involved making a design based on climate and unity within rolled out clay, they were then taught how to make a print from this using specialist printing ink. This is part of a London-wide exhibition of 1,500 schools and there will be one winner from Rockliffe who will get their art work framed and presented at the print fair in Woolwich Works, in the Arsenal. In other learning, they have also been using their digital literacy skills to create a mood board based on portraits of gorillas and in English they have been writing atmospheric setting descriptions bases on their core text, Gorilla Dawn.



'I loved making my design in clay with the different tools.' Jack

'I worked really hard on my setting description, it was a challenge to include fronted adverbials, but I did it.' Lily

'Maths was good this week as I really had to think about a problem-solving question and use the inverse to prove if my answer was correct or not.' Olivia

Head over to our Twitter page [@RockliffeManor](https://twitter.com/RockliffeManor) to lots more photos from the week!

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

With very best wishes, Mrs Cook and the Rockliffe Manor team

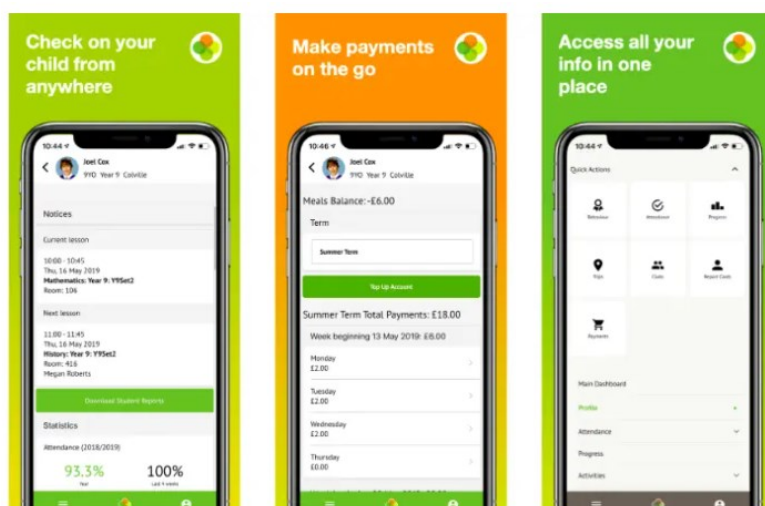
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Have you logged into the Arbor App or Parent Portal yet?



As you will have noticed, we have a new parent / school communication tool that is a fantastic way for us to keep in contact with you and allows you access to lots of information about your children, including their attendance, available school trips and clubs, as well as paying for school meals and afterschool clubs.

Next term, we will also be arranging all Parents Evening appointment, so make sure you have signed up to Arbor today. Please see the office if you need assistance with your account.



Lost Property



Do you label items?

With over 200 children attending Rockliffe Manor Primary School you wouldn't believe the amount of items we find scattered about the playground, the hall and the corridors!

Our staff regularly sweep all the areas and return all items that are named with either a fabric pen or a label. However, the rest of the items that are not personalised with a name end up in the Lost Property bin located just inside the school hall—something we urge you to check often.

Please can we ask all parents to ensure **all items** of clothing, bags, water bottles, lunch bags, coats and PE kits are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you so much



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WOULD YOUR CHILD
LIKE TO JOIN THEIR
OWN ROCK BAND?



Reserve a place today!

visit www.irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655



Parents and children in Reception to Year 6

You will have seen and heard this week that the children experienced a taste of what its like to be in a rock band!

We have partnered with iRock, an in-school band coaching company that offer not only fun lessons, but an opportunity that can massively help develop your child's life skills: boost confidence; supports wellbeing; develop social skills and even improve their academic performance.

You can reserve your child's place today by visiting www.irockschool.com email info@irockschool.com or

call 0330 174 2655. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Parent Reading Mornings

We are excited to reintroduce our Parent Reading Mornings for this year!

These mornings will take place every three weeks and will be an opportunity for you to spend time reading with your child in their classroom first thing in the morning from 8:50 – 9:15 am. You will find the dates below.

We endeavour to make arrangements for siblings to also connect during these times, making these mornings enjoyable for all.



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Secondary Schools in Royal Greenwich 2023/2024

[Year 6 Transition to Secondary School](#)

Click the link to take you to our School Website for all information on making the secondary school applications for your Year 6 child

DEADLINE 31st October 2022

All children aged 1-9 in London are being offered a polio vaccine. For some children this will be an extra dose, for others it will bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in Greenwich is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

If your child is aged 1 to 4 local NHS services will be in contact to book your vaccine

If your child is aged 5 to 9 you can book your appointment now at selondonics.nhs.uk/polio-vaccination All children aged 1-9 in London are being offered a polio vaccine. For some children this will be an extra dose, for others it will bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in Greenwich is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

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[New Reception places September 2023](#)

Click the link to take you to our School Website for all information on making your Reception application for September 2023

DEADLINE 15th January 2023



NHS



On Sunday 2nd October runners will take on the [London Marathon](#).

The course passes through Charlton, Woolwich and Greenwich town centre, before leaving the borough towards Deptford.

[Please check road closures in advance and move any parked cars.](#)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OXLEAS NHS TRUST REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Bostall House, Goldie Leigh
Lodge Hill SE2 0AS
0208 320 5742
Oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net

September 22

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the National Childhood Vaccination schedule your son/daughter is being offered the nasal flu vaccination. This is being offered routinely to all children in special schools and children in primary and secondary schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The annual nasal flu vaccination protects your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and in rare cases can sometime cause serious complications. Also, through herd immunity, vaccinated children are less likely to pass the virus on to others, some of whom may be at great risk from flu. The childhood nasal flu vaccination protects against 4 different strains of the flu virus. The vaccination is given once yearly as a simple spray up each nostril, which is painless, very quick and serious side effects are uncommon.

Please Use the QR Code or follow the link to complete the consent online at:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oi41/143593>

If you experience difficulties accessing the eConsent system, please email <https://parentsupport.schoolscreener.com/portal/en/home> and they will be able to assist you.

To use the consent form, you will need to enter one of the following details for your child:

- NHS Number or
- Legal surname, their date of birth and postcode



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If you decide you **do not** want to vaccinate your child against flu, You Must Decline using the eConsent Form. This will automatically remove your child from the flu programme, and we will not contact you further.

The vaccination session will be held at your child's school on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Please complete the online consent form by midday on Tuesday 18th October 2022.

If you are not the young person's parent or legal guardian with full parental responsibility you will need to obtain **Formal consent** from their parent or social worker who can legally consent, along with a legal document stating otherwise.

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Attendance

Attendance This Week	
Reception	93.6%
Year 1	90.12%
Year 2	92.96%
Year 3	96.33%
Year 4	87.41%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	92.76%



Happy Birthday to:
*until Friday Friday 7th October 2022



Ezri	Tillie
Daisie-Beau	Mishael
Ruby	Ava
Lily	



Merits

Reception	Isabel
Year 1	Douglas
Year 2	Isabella D
Year 3	Albie T
Year 4	Shiann
Year 5	Matilda
Year 6	Eniola

Diary Dates

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 5th October—8.50—9.15am Parent Reading Morning
- Thursday 6th October—Space Adventure themed day with special lunch menu
- Tuesday 11th October 9.30—2.30 Year 5 Pizza Express trip
- Wednesday 14th October 2022—World café
- Tuesday 18th October—deadline to complete Nasal Flu Spray Consent
- Wednesday 19th October—Year 3 trip to Horniman Museum
- Friday 21st October—Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school
- Monday 24th October 2022 —Friday 28th 2022 October Half term
- **Monday 31st October 2022—DEADLINE for secondary school applications**
- Wednesday 2nd November—Individual and Siblings School Photographs
- Thursday 3rd November—8.50—9.15am Parent Reading Morning
- Thursday 24th November—8.50—9.15am Parent Reading Morning
- Friday 25th November 2022—Staff Inset Day
- Thursday 15th December—8.50—9.15am Parent Reading Morning
- Friday 16th December—Last day of term