

Rockliffe Manor News

Friday 7th October 2022

We love reading! This week we were excited to welcome parents back into the classrooms for our first reading morning of the academic year. It was lovely to see parents and children connecting over a range of stories, siblings reading together and the older children supporting their younger peers. It is important to us as a school that children are encouraged to read for pleasure, talk about books and hear adults read aloud. Reading aloud to children allows us to model key reading skills such as using expression and exposes children to new language and vocabulary. Thank you for your continued support with this, it is always amazing the impact the community can have in the classroom. We will begin our weekly reading mornings in EYFS in the new term, so please keep an eye out for further information on this.



Another first this week... on Monday we were excited to launch our very first Food Fortnight, enhancing our DT learning opportunities for the children. Through this week and next, the children will have DT (Design and Technology) focused lessons where they will work towards creating a dish inspired by a chosen culture. In doing this, we want to celebrate what makes the adults and children in our school community unique. At the end of the two weeks, the children will showcase their learning by contributing to Rockliffe's infamous World Café. Please take a look at twitter to see how this learning is unfolding and we hope you will be impressed at the event next week.

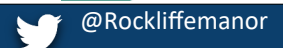


Before we take a look at the fantastic learning that has happened this week, we are excited to share that at the end of last week, 7 members of year 5 and 6 came together to take part in the first Inspire Greenwich Hub Cup event. The first stage of this sporting themed schedule of events was a football tournament where Rockliffe faced our fellow Greenwich partnership schools; Woodhill and Foxfield.

The children were pumped with excitement to face the other schools in a 5-a-side football game. Throughout the whole afternoon, Rockliffe showed our character skills and values consistently, the team represented Rockliffe beautifully and made the adults accompanying them very proud. Regardless of whether they lost or won a match the children showed great sportsmanship and respect to the fellow players on the field. We are proud to say we came second out of four teams, despite not winning the first cup there was a lot to celebrate from this event! We look forward to giving you an update after the next event!

Now for the learning from this week, in EYFS the children have been exploring their identities through the provision in their classrooms. In the creative area, Nursery have been manipulating a range of cooked and uncooked pasta to create self portraits while discussing their facial features. During carpet sessions, they have also been discussing the different hairstyles in Nursery. Aariz shared that he had 'crinkly hair' before making a connection with Tiwa who he said also had 'crinkly hair'.

In Reception, they have been drawing their self portraits and identifying what they like and dislike.



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Freya shared that she likes babies, Mikail shared that he likes water slides and Ollie shared that he likes his dad. Also, the children continue to work well together during blended free flow time, showing the value of kindness through turn taking and sharing.



This week, Year 1 have really enjoyed their learning linked to Food Fortnight. The children have been identifying fruit and vegetables and categorising them according to where they grow. Some children were quite surprised to find out that apples don't grow in Tesco but actually on trees! The children loved watching some videos of how food travels from farm to fork. Alongside that, Year 1 have been learning about the properties of materials in science and they are planning an investigation to test various materials. In RSE, we began to discuss different families and the children were

confidently discussing how their families are special. Overall, Year 1 have had a variety of rich learning experiences!

Year 5 have also absolutely loved our new Food Technology learning in DT this week. They have been learning about the history of Italy, and linking new found knowledge to the traditional cultural dishes of Italy that we see today. Paul has said that he was even able to guess that we would be studying Italy as he made the connection to our trip next week. The children have created informative posters, and presented them to their classmates as well as creating a variation of recipes for Bruschetta. They are really looking forward to their trip to Pizza Express next week, where they will develop their understanding of Italian cuisine even further by making their very own pizzas in a professional kitchen.

In English, year 5 have got stuck into their research around Salva Dut and the "Lost boys of Sudan". The children are feeling confident to start their own biographies on Salva Dut next week, and are now bodies of knowledge when it comes to social enterprise within Sudan. Oliva told Mrs Clifford that she "enjoyed researching new information this week, and creating my own timeline of events". In maths, the class have been practicing addition and subtraction using the inverse method as well as practicing our short division in arithmetic.



As ever, Rockliffe Manor continues to show our commitment to promoting Reading for Pleasure for all children. We have kicked started this year with a range of events that foster this love of Reading and support raising the profile. Firstly, we have welcomed parents into school for Parent Reading Morning which is an opportunity for parents/carers to come in and read with their children sharing a favourite book together. The morning had a fantastic turnout and the children were thrilled to have adults come in and read with them. This event will continue every 3 weeks to further strengthen the parental engagement across the school.

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

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

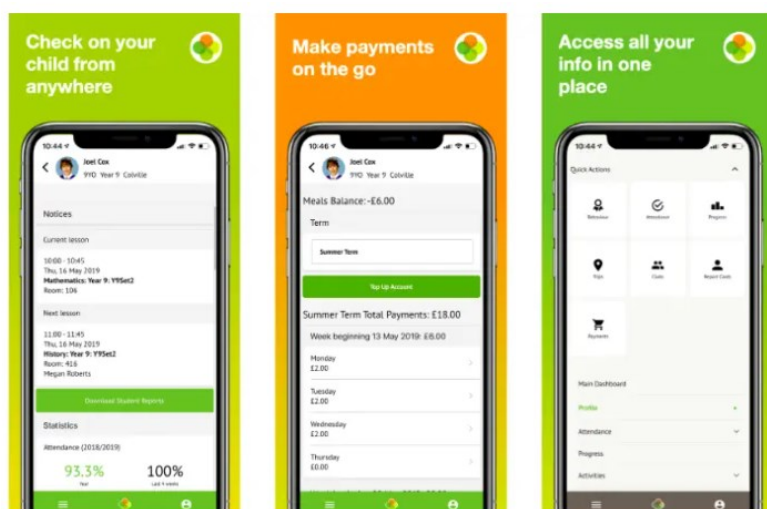
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Have you logged into the Arbor App or Parent Portal yet?



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](#)

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DEADLINE 15th January 2023



Parents and Carers, please be mindful when parking your cars. Do not park on the double yellow lines—or the Zig Zags.



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Harvest Festival

As you may be aware the Annual Harvest Festival period is soon approaching. This is a time in which people celebrate the food that is grown from the land and offer their thanks by giving to those in need. Traditionally, this has been a festival that here at Rockliffe Manor, we have always celebrated by collecting donations and offering these to charities who support those most in need. This year, however, we are very mindful that with the current cost of living rising, we do not want to put an additional stressor on our families. For this reason, this year, we have decided not to host a collection.

We do, however, wish to continue to support those in need and if this is something you would like to donate to, we have listed below the details of the local donation banks that would, of course, love any help at this time of year.

Greenwich Food Banks - Website: greenwich.foodbank.org.uk

Plumstead Welcome Centre

Location: East Plumstead Baptist Church, Griffin Road, SE18 7PZ

Woolwich Welcome Centre

St Peter's Catholic Church, Woolwich New Road, SE18 6EF

We will still be sharing the importance of this festival with the children through whole school assemblies and during individual class circle times as we want the children to still reflect and understand the importance of giving.



Piano & Guitar Lessons

at Rockliffe Manor Primary School



Piano and Guitar lessons at Rockliffe Manor Primary School

Link Learning are offering piano and guitar lessons at Rockliffe Manor Primary School. Lessons are held weekly during the school day on Thursdays with tutor Vlad. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at james@linklearning.education

What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

Tuition price (15 min)

- Individual - £8 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Paired - £5.50 per lesson (Guitar only, max group size 2 (15 minute duration))

Please register at www.linklearning.education/register

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

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improving lives

Oxleas **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

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0208 320 5742
Oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net

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

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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eConsent

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

Reception	93.04%
Year 1	89.3%
Year 2	96.14%
Year 3	95.54%
Year 4	88.89%
Year 5	91.11%
Year 6	98.08%
Total	98.08%



Diary Dates



Happy Birthday to:
*until Friday 14th October 2022



Ethan	Reception
Evie	Year 5
Caleb	Year 1
Gioia	Reception

Merits

Reception	Mikail
Year 1	Henry
Year 2	Meryem
Year 3	Tochi
Year 4	Jasmine
Year 5	Jonny
Year 6	Jack

Dates for your diary

- 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