



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 2018: Issue 5

Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter. We have a busy month ahead with Parents' Evenings, World Book Day (now on Thursday 8th March), lots of educational visits and class assemblies.

Our school value for this half term is *kindness*. We have been exploring with the children sharing random acts of kindness, with no condition or expectation. It is our hope that by spreading kindness we can make a real difference to someone's day.

The school Council have been busy collecting children's views on our lunch time menu and have a food tasting session next week with Accent Catering Company. They have also started to think about games and activities to engage children at break and lunchtimes. The council members have really been thinking about our outdoor spaces and will be launching our new programme of break time games in the summer term.

I would like to send a special thankyou to all RAPSA members, whether you have made cakes, planned an event, supported a sale or donated your time. Our first outdoor learning hub has been installed. We have heating, electrics and it is connected to the school IT system. We cannot wait to further develop this area during the summer.

I thought you would also like to hear that Mr. Claridge has started back at work on Fridays. It has been lovely to see him back at work and I know he is looking forward to catching up with you all in the weeks ahead.

Knitting News

Our brand new Knitting Club kicked off to a fabulous start in the brand new outdoor learning classroom last week.

The merry band of knitters from years 4 and 5 persevered with their work, ploughing through knots and dropped stitches. It was lovely to see the children concentrating so hard on a new and quite difficult skill, and for them to tell me they'd been working on their pieces at home too!



We are working on knitting Bonding Squares for the Neonatal Unit at St Thomas' Hospital this term, so if anyone has any spare wool at home it would be most gratefully received.

The club runs half termly on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes.

Sheena Patel



Playing it Safe

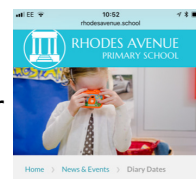
Please ensure you monitor your child's internet use. Parent controls make it an easy to keep an eye on what your child is playing and who they are playing with.

Please use the parent controls, monitor your child's account and talk about what games they are playing and who with.

Website

Did you know each year group have their own web page?

These pages are great for retrieving special information about your child's year: Key messages, staff names, topic overviews, a daily timetable as well as homework information.



NEWS & EVENTS

DIARY DATES

Our school diary dates are updated throughout the year. If you wish to add our events to your calendar click on the link below and then add/import the calendar address into your calendar.

We also upload the curriculum maps and end of year expectations, copies of curriculum newsletters, class information and trip details. Teachers also upload photographs and videos they feel you might like to see or find useful.

Did you know we have specialist subject pages?

From the list of sports trials for the term ahead to French films made by the children. Our specialist pages for French, Sports, Arts and Music contain lots of great examples of the learning that happens at Rhodes. You can see photographs of the specialist art in practice and see what techniques and skills the children are being taught.

You can find lots of useful information about our extended schools, holiday clubs, after school activities and RAPSA events. As well as information about what others say about us: surveys, statutory information and our 'core offer'.



Learning is celebrated on our Newsfeed and in the Headteacher's Newsletters, which are also available online. You are also able to access Twitter via the website, if you don't have an account, to receive instant information and school updates.

If you haven't yet, please do visit the school website.

Rhodes Avenue now has a Defibrillator

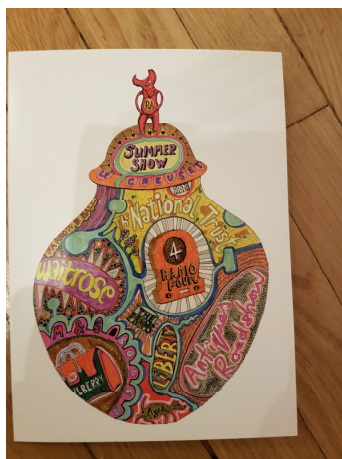
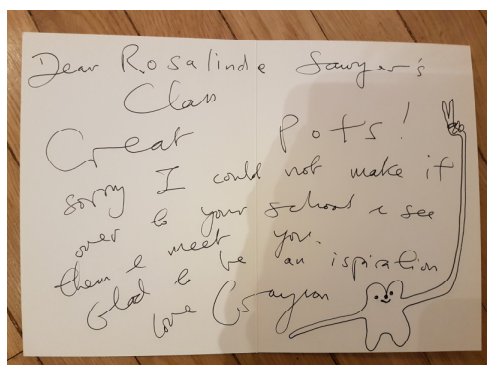


As a school at the heart of its community, we felt the need to provide a defibrillator to take care of someone's heart.

You never know when an emergency could strike. Thank you to RAPSA and one of our parents for supporting us through this purchase.

Andrew Satwick

A note from Grayson Perry



Inspired by our amazing year 3 pots. What would yours say about you?



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Chinese New Year celebrations in the Early Years



"Happy Chinese New Year 2018!" The Year of the dog. Hedgehog Nursery had great fun last week, learning about a different culture, using chopsticks and taking part in a Dragon dance as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations.

The Woodpecker children learnt about Chinese New Year. They celebrated by making their own dragon and enjoyed travelling around the school and forest. They played the instruments they had made and sang as they moved. The children learnt they had to work as a team in order to make their dragon dance!

Nursery Team

Reception celebrated Chinese New Year by working together to make a dragon. We played instruments and performed a dragon dance together, moving all around the EYFS building.



We also practised forming numbers in Mandarin in Robin Class - Yueran was a great teacher!

Laura Moore



The Kingfishers had an enjoyable afternoon celebrating Chinese New Year. We had Angela, Seb, Sebastian and Zhuowen's mums come into class to talk to the children about the special occasion.

Seb's mum told the class a short story, significant to Chinese New Year, and Sebastian's mum talked about the preparations involved such as: cleaning the house, buying new clothes, cooking special food, fireworks and the importance of number 8 in Chinese culture.

The children had fun with craft activities related to the year they were born. Those born in 2012 made a dragon and those born in 2013 made a snake.

Zhuowen's mum entertained the children with the dragon dance through the activity street and garden and Angela's mum taught us how to say 'Happy New Year' in Chinese - 'Xinnian kuaile'. The children were excited to receive a red envelope with a chocolate coin at the end of the day. It is believed to bring good luck. Thank you to the mummies for making it such a fantastic afternoon for us in Kingfisher Class.



Myrtle Caldeira



Inclusion Coffee Morning

We were delighted to welcome Ellika McAuley from the Haringey Autism Team on Friday 23rd February. Ellika met with parents, carers and staff who work with pupils with autism to share some strategies for managing anxiety. The slides from the presentation are available on the school website.

<http://rhodesavenue.school/our-school/inclusion/>

You can also view the presentation from our *supporting children with Literacy* session.

Emily Gazzard



Chess Champions



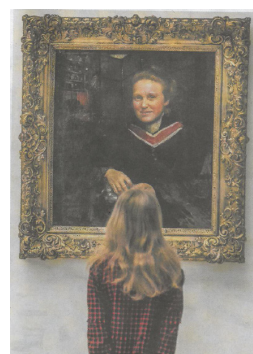
A great team photo from the chess tournament that took place earlier this term. 16 children represented the school's U11 and U9 chess teams and did amazingly well.

All three teams (U11 and the two U9s) qualified for the semi-final stage of the English Primary Schools Championship to be held over the weekend of 18-20 May at Pontins Camber Sands in Sussex. A fantastic feat.

This means that all Rhodes Avenue chess teams have qualified! This reflects progress the children have been making in chess. The children should be really proud of their achievement.

Kamlesh

Can you guess who unveiled the 1899 portrait of Millicent Fawcett, by Annie Swynnerton at the Tate Britain earlier this month?



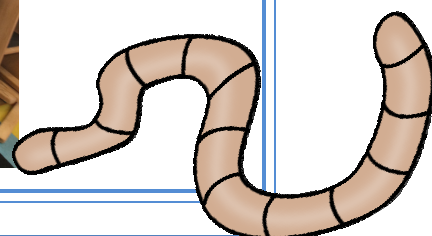
Fawcett portrait goes on show at Tate to mark suffrage act centenary



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Watching Worms

As our topic in Reception is 'Let's Explore' and our core text is 'Yucky Worms' by Vivien French, we made a wormery. The children enjoyed finding and collecting the worms from our garden and ensuring the worms had plenty of rotten leaves to eat - just what they like! We have been observing their movements and learning lots of facts about earthworms.



Science Day – 15th March 2017

This year we will be holding our Science Day on Thursday 15th March and we wanted to offer you the opportunity to share your skills and knowledge with the children at Rhodes Avenue.

We are looking for parents/carers to lead workshops, provide demonstrations or investigate theories throughout the day. If you work in a Science related field or you're a keen scientist and would like to join us on Science Day, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested please send an email to office@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk with your details and we will contact you to discuss further.



Ms Burrows and Miss Cronin (

Leaders)

RAPSA Updates

Don't forget to check out the brand new learning pod in the infant playground which has been paid for entirely by YOU. This is an example of how our children benefit every time you buy a cake at a cake sale, attend the jumble sale, come to a RAPSA event or one of our school fairs. There are plans for two more in the pipeline but we're a little way off yet, so let's keep up the good work. Speaking of which...

We've now raised £600 via the easyfundraising shopping app which is fantastic, but only 115 people are signed up. Just think how much we could raise if we all used it. It's easy, there's no catch and you don't have to donate a single penny yourself. Simply go to this link to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rhodesavenueprimary/>

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the RAPSA coffee morning recently, it was a great success and we'll definitely be doing more in the future so watch this space.

Preparations are under way for this year's Spring Fair on 24th March. Along with all the usual fun and games, we're also going to have a small petting farm with all kinds of animals for the children to meet.

Finally we want to say a sad farewell from the RAPSA committee to Bronya Elderkin whose support to the school over the years has been invaluable, not to mention the two years she spent heading up the committee itself. Having seen two children through the school and her last in year six, she's now on the Rhodes Avenue home straight and she'll be greatly missed. Thank you Bronya - what will we do without you?

Jenny Smith





Haringey are looking to recruitment a new crossing patrol officer for Albert Road. The advert has now been posted twice and has had no responses. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position please let Jo S know in the school office.

Dates for your diary

	Date	Time
RAPSA Spring Fair	24 th February	1-4pm
World Book Day Dress as your favorite book character	8 th March	All Day
Parents Evening	7 th March 8 th March	
School Governors will be collecting your views on both evenings.		
3SP Class Assembly	9 th March	9.10am
Science Day	15 th March	All Day
3ES Class assembly	23 rd March	9.10am
3SW Class Assembly	29 th March	9.10am
Spring Term Ends	29 th March	3.30pm
The summer term starts for the children on Tuesday 17 th April.		
INSET Day	16 th April	
	The school will open for children on Tuesday 17 th April	

For all this year's dates please visit the school web site
<http://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/diary-dates/>

Did you recognize Stella from Year 5?

Adrian Hall
Headteacher



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