



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The school year seems to have whizzed by, we are already in our final half term, and have only 5 weeks before the summer break. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our new foundation families to the school and now we are preparing to say farewell to our Year 6.

But before we say our farewells we have many exciting things to look forward to:

I hope to see you all at the Summer Concert, instrumental performances, Orchestra performance with the Governors, Year 6 show and our Summer Festival.

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Celebrating Professional Development

I would like to congratulate the staff involved in supporting other schools this year. Teachers and leaders have helped develop teaching, learning and leadership across 9 different schools.

We have facilitated professional development, reviewed school performance, observed lessons, moderated pupil outcomes and modelled outstanding practice. School outreach is an important part of school to school development. Not only are we able to support external school development but also magpie new ideas to improve our own practice.

I would like to thank Olivett Newing for the time and effort she has put into further developing our cultural capital approach. This has been a great opportunity for so many pupils, to see and visit the exciting things our great city has to offer.

Niki, Kym and Wendy have successfully gained the ELSA accreditation and all have been asked to share their practice with other schools. ELSA has enabled the school to support lots of pupils who require emotional support in some aspect of their life. This has been a huge success in school because of the commitment these HLTA's have shown.

Congratulations to Bren Amooty, Nadine Chadier, Paula Hurst and Rosie Sawyer who have made significant contributions to the local and wider community in their specialist areas of teaching. Rosie has developed specialist networks and had joined the Cultural Leadership programme; Paula has worked with local outdoor education providers to share outstanding practice; Nadine continues to lead the North London network for languages and Bren champions the use of sport to make connections within our school community.

I would like to thank and congratulate Sarah Chambers and Sam Perkins for their educational learning this year. Both Sarah and Sam have been busily conducting Action Research into improving specific areas of learning within school. Their research and the impact of their learning will be used to inform our future school development.

Aileen Cronin, Natasha Morgan and Sarah Chambers have all been appointed as Core Subject Leaders. Aileen will be leading Maths and Natasha and Sarah will both be leading English from September.

Finally thank you to all staff for being so dedicated to their roles. Leading a school, especially in these current times, can be challenging. My role as Headteacher is made so much easier because of their expertise, professionalism and passion for education- thank you!

Adrian Hall



Preparing for September

Please find below the new class teacher and classroom list for September 2019. Your child will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on Tuesday 9th July from 10.30 until lunch time, at our 'Meet the Teacher' lesson.

Current Teacher	New Classroom	New Teacher
	Nursery Hedgehogs	Sally Eustance Andrea Clover
	Nursery Woodpecker	Kirsty Spittle Kate Bentley
	Reception Kingfisher	Myrtle Calderia
	Reception Owl	Kelly Hashemi
	Reception Robin	Laura Moore
Laura Moore	Year 1 Badger	Joanne McGahon
Myrtle Calderia	Year 1 Dormouse	Meghan Grove
Kelly Hashemi	Year 1 Squirrel	Sophia Papworth Sarah Snead will return from maternity leave in January to class share with Sophia.
Joanne McGahon	Year 2 Otter	Jette Rayner
Sophia Papworth	Year 2 Rabbit	Sarah Chambers
Meghan Grove	Year 2 Fox	Amber Bowrey
Cameron Taylor	Year 3 Silver Birch	Natasha Morgan Marie-Therese Stoddart
Sarah Chambers	Year 3 Sycamore	Sam Perkins
Amber Bowrey	Year 3 Maple	Dan Norman
Dan Norman	Year 4 Mulberry	Amy Gowan
Sam Perkins	Year 4 Rowan	Catriona Burrows
Natasha Morgan Marie-Therese Stoddart	Year 4 Oak	Emel Ali
Amy Gowan	Year 5 Ash	Shari Tickell
Talia Ross	Year 5 Chestnut	Clarence Ng
Jette Rayner	Year 5 Willow	Demi Jeffels Nina Watson
Shari Tickell	Year 6 Banyan	Aileen Cronin
Demi Jeffels Emel Ali	Year 6 Beech	James Farmer
Clarence Ng	Year 6 Baobab	Alison Davies

Specialist Teachers				
Rosie Sawyer Art and Design	Bren Amooty Physical education	Dan Shafran Music	Nadine Chadier French (MFL)	Paula Hurst Outdoor education



Chess Champions

Congratulations to the children in the school U9 and U11 chess teams who earned Bronze and Silver Awards competing against the top chess schools from London and the Home Counties in the National Primary Schools Chess Championship Semi Finals held at Pontins Camber Sands.



The U9s - Yr4 Jamie, James, Finn, William, Ryoma and Inigo - faced teams from Moulsham, Northbridge House, Devonshire House, Brunswick House, The Hall and Westminster Under. Their performance earned them the Bronze Award.

The U11A team - Yr6s Harry, Kamran and Samson together with Yr5s Andrei, Alex and Charlie - played teams from Highgate, Dulwich College, Hereward House, The Hall, Westminster and Platt School.

The U11B team - Yr5s Alex, Rafael, Sacha, Thomas, Elmira and Leo - faced teams from Haberdashers Aske's, Princes Avenue, Brunswick House, Moulsham, Platt School and Thames Ditton.



Both teams' performance over the six matches earned them the Silver Award.

Mr Karia who runs the school chess clubs said, 'The children should be really proud of their achievement. They played in a particularly strong National Semi Finals with over 70 teams from 50+ schools taking part and fully deserve their awards.'

Kamlesh Karia



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Making links across the curriculum French and Art in Yr2. We will have lots more popping up around the school, so download your QR reader now.



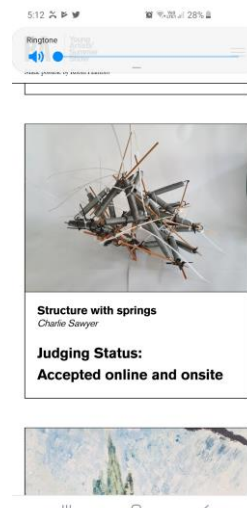


Rosie Sawyer

RA Young Artist Summer Show

Congratulations to Jesse Mildenhall and Charlie Sawyer have both had their artwork selected to be displayed in this summer's show. The online exhibition will be from 10th June to 31st December. To be selected from over 6200 entries is a great achievement.

We are also exceptionally proud of Emma Russell who was one of 600 to be shortlisted for their work.



Outstanding Governance

Way back in November, the Governors entered an application for the 2018 National Governance Awards. Fairly sure that these sorts of things are normally awarded to very different schools to ours, we thought we'd complete the form as a self-evaluation exercise and use it to reflect on what we do as part of the school's leadership. You can imagine our surprise when we found out we were through to the next round!

In March, we were visited by three NGA representatives who grilled us for two full hours on our work as Governors. Topics included the transition to three form entry, the new school building project, pupil attainment, the impact of leadership as well as current school issues. We came away fairly drained from so much talking, but also really pleased that we'd been able to show how fantastic the school is and that we'd had the opportunity to say how proud we are to be a part of it. The icing on the cake came just a few weeks later when we were informed that we had made the finals and were invited to the House of Commons for the awards ceremony.

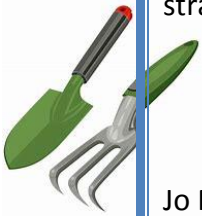
Suited and booted, nine Governors including Mr Hall, Mr Claridge and Ms Panayiotou made our way to The Houses of Parliament to collect our award for great achievements in the 'Outstanding Governing Body of the Year' category. As pleased as we were to receive the award, what we were really happy about was being able to represent Rhodes Avenue and let people know all about our fantastic school. We are so proud to be your Governors and a part of such a positive and thriving school community.

Fiona Doyle, School Governor

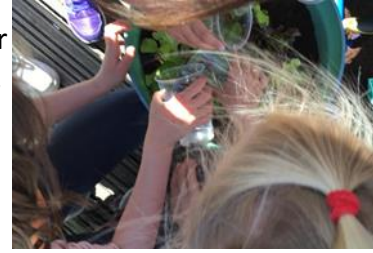


Green Fingers

In 1JM we have been doing lots of planting as part of our science topic. We have planted lots of different flowers, vegetables and fruit. We even got to plant our own bean in our own pot. Every day we have been making sure the plants have enough space, water and sunlight. We take it in turns to water and look after them. It is so exciting to see them grow. We have lettuces and strawberries that are almost ready to eat. Yum!



Jo McGahon



Map Skills in Reception



Reception thoroughly enjoyed their outing to Ally Pally. They showed great orienteering skills by following a map to find pictures of birds that were hidden around a section of the park. The children had a list of 12 birds but only 11 pictures were hidden around the park. When they had found all 11 pictures, they could identify the bird that doesn't live in the park - it was an ostrich! We learnt a little about the history of the Palace too and made a Victorian toy, similar to what children would have played with in those times. It was a lovely trip and great to be learning outdoors in such a beautiful setting so close to our school.

Laura Moore

National Portrait Gallery



Year 6 enjoyed a day at the National Portrait Gallery on the last day of term where they worked alongside gallery teachers to explore and respond to portraits in the collection. The theme of the day was, How we see ourselves/how we see others. An inspiring day of learning, sharing and working together. Well done year 6 for all your enthusiasm and fantastic observations!

Ms Sawyer



Sports Day

We have had 2 fantastic sports days with all children in KS1 and KS2 giving their very best in all events. The days were filled with sunshine, laughter as well as a little bit of competitiveness.

Each class in KS1 visited 9 different activities trying to score as many points as possible. All children ran, jumped, balanced eggs and jumped in sacks as quickly as they could. Well done to all the children and a special congratulations to our overall winners 2SC.

360 KS2 children moved around 12 stations throughout their morning. Everyone gave 100% in the running, throwing and jumping events. The afternoon was for the relay races and the 100m and 400m finals. A huge well done to all children.

A special congratulations to the overall winners America and all finalists. We celebrated personal and school records being broken in the long and short distance running races.



Adem Ali

Year 1 had fun at their Lego workshop.

Year 1 have been learning all about castles in our Fairy tale topic, we learnt all about the different parts of castles and why they were important.

We looked at lots of different designs of castles and then in design and technology we planned and designed our own castles, using the features we had learnt about.

We made our castles first using Lego at the workshop and then using cardboard boxes.

We had lots of fun!

Sophia Papworth



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Stepping back in time...

Last half term, Y4 went on a trip to Southwark Cathedral. The children were transported back in time and immersed in the experience of a Victorian classroom.

They learned about the 3 Rs, reading, writing and arithmetic. They also found out that school was a lot stricter back then! After their classroom experience, they got to handle a range of Victorian artefacts and guess what the mystery objects might have been used for. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and getting into the Victorian spirit!



Steve McQueen – Year 3 – Tate Exhibition



Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen will unveil his epic portrait of London's Year 3 pupils in November 2019.

We can't wait!

Our whole School attendance so far is 96.93%.

Summer 1

Nursery	93.45%
Reception	96.18%
Year 1	97.08%
Year 2	97.23%
Year 3	97.84%
Year 4	97.43%
Year 5	97.13%
Year 6	97.20%

Can we reach our target of 97%?
We'll have to wait and see!



A note from Rapsa

Thank you to all that made the last three Rapsa events such a success, both on a community and social level, as well as financial. The financial breakdown of the events was:

Kids' Disco	£2,450
Spring Jumble	£3,170
Comedy Night	£75

Which is all a phenomenal achievement. We hope that you or your children were able to attend at least one of these events and enjoy it. A lot of the residual jumble could be passed on to other charities which is great, but if you have any suggestions for future jumble sales, please get in touch.

So all that remains for us at the end of this busy year is our Summer Festival taking place [on Sunday, 30th June, 1-5 pm](#).

This is a school-wide event, with each class having a role to play in manning the stalls. Your Reps will have been in touch with the rotas - please do sign yourself or your partner up if you have an hour to spare.

New this year are the Rhodes Avenue dog show in which you will be able to show off your pooch, a silent disco in the Spinney and a go-karting track in the Junior playground, while old favourites such as pony rides, laser tag, bouncy castle, water limbo and face painting will not be missing. Music will be on all day, food will be sizzling on the BBQ, popcorn, candy floss and watermelon will be on offer, the bars will be selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks - in short, there will be something for everyone.

In addition, we are trying to make this festival as green as possible by avoiding single-use plastics. We would appreciate the children bringing reusable water bottles to the festival so that they'll be able to fill their bottles at the 'Reusable Bottle Filling Station', the festival glitter will be biodegradable and the prizes will be sustainable.

We look forward to seeing you [on Sunday, 30th June!](#)

In the meantime you can follow us on Instagram and Twitter - https://www.instagram.com/rapsa_rhodes/

<https://mobile.twitter.com/RapsaRhodes>

Your Rapsa Team

Our Spring/ Summer JustGiving fundraising campaign – Thank you!

This term saw the launch of our online JustGiving fundraising campaign. With the increasing squeeze on school budgets, fundraising is more important than ever and as a school, we really rely on your support throughout the year. We set an ambitious target of £4,000 and we are delighted that to date with gift aid, you have donated and raised a staggering £4,382! We launched the page asking for donations for the Children's disco in May and were overwhelmed by the generosity shown by you – we're so grateful to everyone who donated to the page.

Our first fundraising challenge was undertaken by a group of Yr3 football enthusiasts who set up their own fundraising event, challenging their team's football coaches to the ultimate penalty shootout. Having smashed their way to victory, they also smashed their target, raising an impressive £675 for the school! Well done to the boys and better luck next time, coaches!



If you or your children have an idea for a fundraising activity to raise funds on the JustGiving page, please get in touch with the RAPSA team and they'll be happy to help. Please do continue to donate on the page and to gift aid your donation – your support is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rhodesavenueschool>



Which inspirational people will the children be learning about this half term?

Nursery



Maya Lin

Reception



Greta Thunberg

Year 1



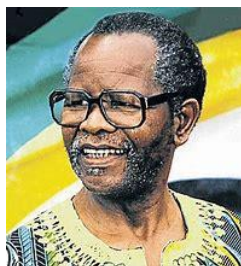
Freda Kahlo

Year 2



Robert Peel

Year 3



Oliver Tambo

Year 4



Mo Farah

Year 5



David Attenborough

Year 6



Alan Turing



Adrian Hall
Headteacher

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