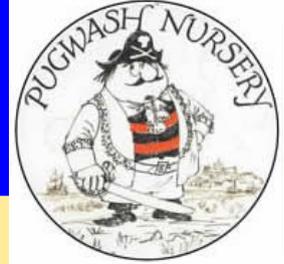




APRIL NEWSLETTER 2017



Hello,

It has been lovely to see the school grounds spring into growth with the hard work from our active PTA; thank you to everyone who has supported us in developing the willow arbour and the new planters. The impact on our school is immense, giving everyone an understanding that we care for our environment, as well as our children.

I would also like to invite you to 'Feelgood Friday' which is a real success and a brilliant opportunity for parents and carers to meet up and share the trials and tribulations of parenting over a coffee and a listening ear; nobody is perfect at the hardest job we will ever do!

Nursery had a fantastic trip to The Rare Breeds Centre this week. Fun-filled learning was certainly had by all. However, when the coach returned it highlighted a safety problem that is occurring in the car park daily; people are parking in the space that is needed for our coaches to turn.

Please keep our children safe by parking in marked bays only.

*Jane Howard
Headteacher*



Attendance and Punctuality—We need your help!

It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives at school, on time, every day that the school is open.

Children who miss time in school are missing essential learning. Your child is the one missing out.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who support us in this responsibility.

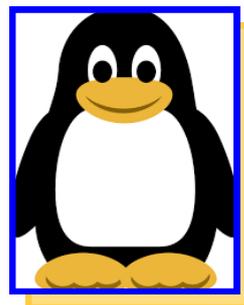
Unauthorised absences:

Minnows	3 sessions
Sardines	14 sessions
Clownfish	81 sessions
Seahorses	71 sessions
Sea Turtles	77 sessions
Lobsters	27 sessions
Barracudas	33 sessions
Cuttlefish	21 sessions
Killer Whales	38 sessions
Stingrays	92 sessions
Marlin	89 sessions
Jellyfish	76 sessions
Sharks	44 sessions
Dolphins	49 sessions

The school doors are open from 8.30am, we encourage children to come in for early morning learning. This helps the children settle and be ready for a good day of learning.

Late Marks since beginning of this academic year:

Minnows	20	Killer Whales	40
Sardines	69	Stingrays	59
Clownfish	112	Marlin	210
Seahorses	51	Jellyfish	193
Sea Turtles	174	Sharks	31
Lobsters	85	Dolphins	105
Barracudas	59	Cuttlefish	79



WaterAid

At the end of last term we welcomed Lisa, Livvie and Rose from Rye Retreat to our assembly when they came in to talk to the children about WaterAid.

After watching a short film, Lisa explained what WaterAid is and how it has helped so many children around the world. For example Linah from Madagascar, who said that collecting water had been the toughest task she had to deal with, however, since WaterAid installed a pump at the back of their house, it is now the easiest task.

There are still hundreds of children who have to walk up to 10 miles morning and evening to collect fresh water, that equates to 35 times around a football pitch! If they don't go to get fresh water, they will just get sicker and sicker and may even die. Poppy, Greta, Rocky, Oliver and Mitchel were selected to carry a bucket weighing the same as a bucket of water around the hall during the rest of the assembly.

Lisa then explained that when £15.00 has been raised it covers the cost for one child to have safe drinking water. £30.00 will fund a toilet for a whole family and £50.00 a hand pump for clean water. Minnows and Sardines children were very pleased to learn that the money they raised from their collection outside the front door last month will fund a pump!

Following the WaterAid assembly Lisa, Livvie and Rose went into the Reception classes to help the children create some water themed pictures. On Tuesday of this week six children from Reception visited Rye Retreat to see their artwork which is displayed in a 'pop-up art gallery' in the salon. The children also handed over the money they had raised for the pump.

We are sure you will agree they have done some amazing pictures. If you are passing Rye Retreat, please do go in and have a look for yourselves, they will be on display all this week leading up to a cake sale in the salon on Saturday!



E-Safety Matters

We were very pleased to welcome Kirsty Harrison and Hamish Gale from ESBAS to Rye Primary recently to deliver some E-safety workshops for all of our year groups. In Key Stage 1, the children watched a short film about staying safe online and made puppets for their imaginary online profile. The purpose of these sessions was to help children understand the dangers of revealing personal information of any kind on the internet.

In Key Stage 2, the children took part in a range of activities aimed at getting them to think about the risks of using the internet and how these might be controlled. The activities included;

Reading text messages from real children, identifying mistakes they had made and what they should do next;

Looking closely at pictures posted on social media apps and how strangers can use these to find out information about an individual;

A news report role-play giving advice to children their age on how to stay safe online.

For more information on e-safety have a look at the following websites:

Get Safe Online: www.getsafeonline.org

Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org

Connect Safely: www.connectsafely.org



Football Successes

Our Year 5 and 6 competed really well in the tournament at Bexhill College last week. They were up against some very good teams who had outstanding individuals that effectively won them the games.

Our girls worked so hard and played well as a team. We are all very proud of them.

Earlier this week our Year 1 boys and Year 2 girls entered the Peasmarsch Tournament and played some brilliant football!

Fletcher snatched a 1-0 win as the whistle went in the first game, the team won the next two games with ease and scored some great goals. Archie scored goal of the day with a thunderbolt in the top corner.

The team narrowly lost the last game, but with 3 wins and 1 loss, the little legends finished top in their first tournament!

Well done to you all!





Year 3's Jerwood Visits

Our Year 3 children have had two brilliant visits to the Jerwood Gallery in Hastings recently. On their first visit they had the Gallery all to themselves whilst they went on a hunt for different paintings and sculptures, within an exhibition for the Turner award-winning artist named Keith Tyson. Later that day, Year 3 explored the beach and the Old Town, before taking part in a printing workshop with local artist Ed Boxall.

On Monday 27th March Year 3 returned to the Jerwood Gallery to complete their art workshop. This time they were able to explore the Gallery and create their own versions of the artist - Keith Tyson's - pieces. They used a range of materials to do this, and their creations will be shown in an exhibition at the end of the year!

Year 3 also visited a WW2 lifeboat which is in the process of being restored - this was fantastic and they learnt so much.

As always, their behaviour was fantastic and 'Rye Smart' at all times!

Dates for your Diary

1st May	May Day Bank Holiday—School Close
2nd May	Jellyfish visiting Rye Library
4th May	Year 4 visiting Wakehurst Place
4th May	Clownfish and Seahorses swimming
4th May	Barracudas visiting Rye Library
8th May	KS2 SATS—All week
8th May	Cooking for the Family Parents Course
8th May	Sea Turtles visiting Rye Library
11th May	Clownfish & Seahorses swimming
11th May	Lobsters visiting Rye Library
12th May	Year 1 visiting Port Lympne
12th May	Parents Craft Session 9.30—11.00a.m.
15th May	KS1 Sports Day
15th May	Cooking for the Family Parents Course
15th May	Cuttlefish visiting Rye Library
16th May	KS2 Sports Day
16th May	Seahorses visiting Rye Library
18th May	Clownfish & Seahorses swimming
19th May	Triple P Parents Course—'Hassle-Free Shopping'
19th May	Clownfish visiting Rye Library
22nd May	Cooking for the Family Parents Course
22nd May	Dolphins visiting Rye Library
23rd May	Sharks visiting Rye Library
25th May	Clownfish & Seahorses swimming
26th May	Last Day of Term

Children return to school on Monday 5th June

Don't forget to check the School Calendar on the website:
<http://www.ryeprimary.co.uk>

