

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Monday
9th October:
Parents' Association
Meeting

Thursday
19th October:
Year 5/6 Class
Assembly

Thursday
26th October:
International Day

Outside Fun

As the weather has cooled slightly now, pupils have been outside making the most of the outdoor space we have at the RGS. Pupils in Early Years have enjoyed using their own private outdoor areas during lesson time and have been busy at playtimes on bikes, in the sand and water trays and 'fishing!'

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils have also been very busy at playtimes and have worked together to build some impressive structures with our large outdoor building blocks. Football, basketball and giant Connect 4 have also proved to be very popular!

As the weather cools further in the coming weeks, PE lessons and sports ECA's will also move outside so pupils can further benefit from our outdoor facilities.

Please remember to ensure your child has a hat in school as all children playing outside must wear a hat to protect them from the sun. School hats can be purchased from the school shop.

RGS Learning Habits

Daily life at our school is based upon fostering a love of learning and encouraging all of our children to be curious, tenacious, independent and above all else, happy, lifelong learners. Building upon the success of RGS Guildford in the UK, we ensure that all of our pupils acquire the sixteen RGS Learning Habits, which are taught through our very own RGS Super Squad characters. These habits include the ability to learn with creativity, to work effectively with others, to be reflective and to take responsibility for their own learning and organisation.

In assembly on Thursday we discussed the RGS Learning Habits and children gave examples they had seen around school of others demonstrating these characteristics. I was then accompanied by Princess Kelly, Royal Guard McCullagh and the 'W' Brothers (Prince Walsh and Prince Woodhouse) who acted out a story to highlight the importance of teamwork which is a characteristic of our 'Link and Learn Hero'.

Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first parents' coffee morning of the year earlier this week. It was lovely to see so many people there and I am looking forward to working with parents over the coming months to develop a close knit and supportive community. If you are interested in becoming a member of the RGS Parents Association, then please speak to the school office and come along to our first Parents Association meeting which will take place from 7.30am on Monday 9th October. Have a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs





News from Early Years

In Nursery and Reception, our youngest pupils have made such a positive start to the school Year. They have really enjoyed making the most of the cooler weather this week, exploring the outdoor play equipment together.

With their topic of Superheroes off to a flying start, the children in Reception have been busy building superhero headquarters, creating disguises and thinking of ways to be like the Super Squad every day.

In Nursery the children have been learning all about their sense of hearing. They created their own special learning ears and went on a sound walk around school. They got very noisy this week exploring the sounds of musical instruments and created their own shakers and drums.

Continuing with their work on parts of the face, Seahorse class made some healthy pizza faces. They had to listen carefully to the sound peg instructions to find out how to make the pizza dough. It was very messy but everyone enjoyed the pizzas and there was enough to take home! All in all a great start to school life.

Mrs Stuart

House News

Three weeks into the school year and the House Championship is well and truly up and running. Our newly elected House Captains worked with Mr. Walsh on Thursday to collect the House points and calculate the totals so far. Austen have taken an early lead this year closely followed by Hamad and last year's winners, Nettles. Keep an eye on the House noticeboard, located next the sports hall, for the latest scores and updates.

Austen: 249 points

Hamad: 222 points

Nettles: 218 points

Powell: 179 points

Valpy: 99 points

Beckingham: 90 points

International Day

Our first whole school event of the year will be 'International Day' which will take place on Thursday 26th October. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that make up our school community and the wider world. We have scheduled International Day to coincide with United Nations Day which is held on 24th October, and so throughout the week students will learn about different cultures and take part in a wide range of activities aimed at increasing their understanding of the world around us.

On International Day all of the teachers will be representing a different country and will come to school wearing clothing from their chosen country. We ask that all pupils also come to school on International Day wearing clothing that represents a country of the world. This might be your child's home country or the country that your child's teacher is representing. Your child's teacher will have contacted you with details of their chosen country, but if you have any questions please speak to them.

All parents are invited to our International Day Assembly which will start at 7.55am in the Early Years Shared Area and finish at approximately 8.30am. For the remainder of the morning, pupils will spend time with their teachers learning about different countries and taking part in a variety of activities.

Our special International Day lunch will take place from 11.20am in the main school atrium. Parents are encouraged to attend and we look forward to a fantastic community event. We would appreciate it if parents could choose a country to represent and bring in food from that country for pupils to share. Parents are welcome to choose a country on their own, or team up with another parent to represent a specific country. Parents might also wish to create displays for the pupils to look at and learn from and wear national dress from their chosen country. If parents would like to contribute items of food for pupils to share, then please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet which will be located at the front of school. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office or come and see me.

Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to pupils from each class who have excelled in an area of school life during the week. Pupils receive these awards for demonstrating one of the RGS Learning Habits and becoming a member of our RGS Super Squad!

This week the following pupils received one of these special awards:

Nursery Seahorses: Hannah

Nursery Starfish: Ahmed

Reception Dolphins: Jassim

Reception Turtles: Anmar

Year 1 Meerkats: Layla

Year 1 Giraffes: Ayah

Year 2 Lions: Rhiley

Year 3/4: Al Jazy

Year 5/6: Saif

Class of the Week

Maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality at school are essential for pupils to ensure they maximise their learning time in school and reach their full potential; academically, socially and emotionally.

Each week Class of the Week trophies are awarded to the classes who achieve the highest weekly attendance and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am.

This week saw Year 1 Meerkats, Year 2 Lions and Year 3/4 claim the trophy for the highest attendance, while Nursery Starfish, Year Meerkats, Year 1 Giraffes and Year 2 Lions shared the trophy for on time arrival.

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.

Top Table

To promote healthy eating and good table manners, pupils who demonstrate excellent behaviour, eating habits and manners during snack time and lunch time throughout the week are invited to eat lunch with me on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating lunch with Moza (Reception Dolphins), Al Dana (Reception Turtles), Aisha (Year 1 Meerkats), Basheera (Year 1 Giraffes), Rayyan (Year 2 Lions), Khaled (Year 3/4) and Ssuubi (Year 5/6).

