

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The weeks are flying by and we are fast approaching the half term break. I have been delighted this week to see that our attendance has been the highest it has been. Thank you so much to all families for making this happen. Your children will really flourish when they are in school every day!

It has been wonderful to see pupils from all year groups taking full advantage of our enrichment programme. This week we have seen multiple trips happening, such as Year 6 into university and Year 2 at the Tate Modern. Year 1 had a visit from the puppetry department at The Little Angel Theatre company who helped them to think creatively around how they could use everyday items to tell stories. Our performing arts teacher has also started working with Year groups on their performance assemblies which parents will be invited to throughout the year.

We are all enjoying the focus on Black History month and we have a multitude of learning opportunities linked to this important month. Today our EYFS have been making delicious doughnuts from linked to their text. Oliver our History lead will be setting a family focused project that ALL families can get involved in on finding out your untold stories. Information around this will be sent home on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

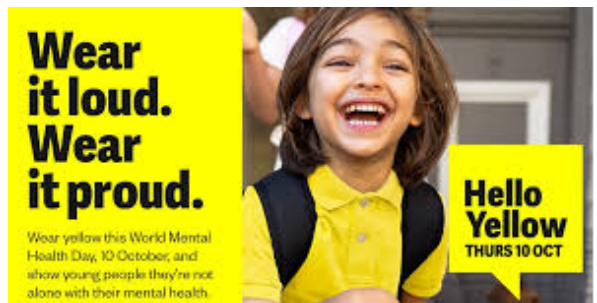
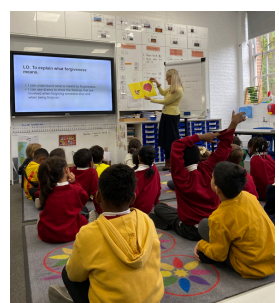
This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day! The theme for World Mental Health Day this year was wellbeing, so all the children were given a wellbeing bingo challenge to complete with activities such as singing in the shower and reading a good book. The first two children to complete all the activities will win special wellbeing books for their class!

On Thursday all the children came to school dressed in yellow to celebrate Mental Health. The school council decided that we should fundraise to buy some new equipment for the playground to support the school's wellbeing. During the day the children were able to join in games at break and lunchtime to help boost their wellbeing.

"Everyone came in dressed in yellow and we have now raised lots of money for some new equipment! The new equipment will help us to have more fun on the playground which is good for our wellbeing. Good mental health is important for everybody!" Goldie, Y3 Palm Class School Councillor



Year 5 talked about the importance of exercise - and help it can promote good mental health. The children shared that they all enjoyed different exercises. So we tried out each a variety and discussed how we felt afterward. Here are some pictures of our yoga moves, tennis, and dancing!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



Whole school: 92.6%
National: 95%

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

Year 6: Fatma and Emmanuel

Year 5: Samy and Diego

Year 4: Ishon and Malaya

Year 3: Ruzgar and Elijah

Year 2: Maple AND Pine - Amazing engagement at the Tate Modern this week

Year 1: Leyla and Shanyla

Reception: Rita

Nursery: Theodore



Oak	97.6%
Rowan	97.4%
Mulberry	97%
Willow	96%
Palm	96%
Cedar	96%
Elm	96%
Pine	94%
Apple	94%
Holly	94%
Maple	93%
Silver birch	93%
Ash	93%
Beech	90%

TOP DOODLERS

Top class - ASH

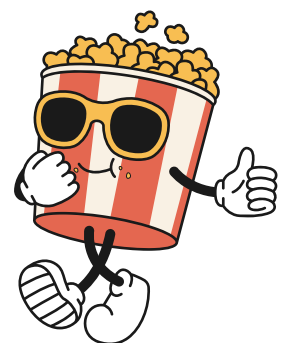


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Oak** class for having the highest attendance this week!



Attendance & Punctuality Rewards



Here are five amazing children with incredible improvement in their attendance and punctuality this year. As a reward for their effort and desire to be at school (and on time!), they were awarded with a book voucher to spend at the RF book fair which is on this week and next week. It was a pleasure to reward such enthusiastic and committed children!

Scholastic Book Fair

From the 9th to the 18th of October, the Scholastic book fair is at Rotherfield. In stock, is a beautiful range of books for all ages and the added bonus is that every book bought, also buys books for the school.



The library team have been amazing helpers and parents have been flocking to the fair to buy books for their keen readers at home!

Three Discovery Online Safety Workshops

Three Discovery Online Safety Workshops: We are delighted to have Three Discovery come to Rotherfield to run some interactive workshops with our year 5 and 6 children on Thursday the 14th November.

They have visited before and our children always have great fun and learn a lot about online safety from the experts at the Three mobile network. The workshops are free and everyone in year 5 and 6 will be making some online safety advertisements.



Into University

Ash class have spent their week working alongside staff from Into University. We have been developing our knowledge of WW2 at Hackney South Centre, focusing primarily on the events that lead to the beginning of the war and how Britain was able to defend itself from German invasion. We were extremely lucky to visit the Imperial War Museum and the children have had the opportunity to use artefacts and exhibitions to create their own filmed documentary on WW2. In addition to this, we have also been investigating the Windrush generation and why people chose to migrate to Britain in 1948.



Year 2 - Tate Modern Trip



Year 2 went on a trip to the Tate Modern this week. They were asked to draw some paintings that stood out to them and to write how they made them feel. The children were very engaged, some were even inspired to make their own art and did some observational drawing of their surroundings.

Phonics

Little Wandle letters and revised sounds information for parents How we teach phonics at Rotherfield Primary School

Short daily sessions

Follow a specific order of teaching

Revisit previously taught sounds at the start of each lesson

Daily assessment of your child's learning

Daily, short keep-up sessions whenever your child needs it

You may hear your child, or their teacher use these words...

Phonics - making connections between the sounds of our spoken words and the letters that are used to write them down.

Phoneme - any of the 44 sounds which make up words in the English language

Grapheme - how a phoneme is written down. There can be more than one way to spell a phoneme e.g. the phoneme 'ay' is spelt differently in each of the words way, make, fail, great, sleigh and lady

Blending - putting together the sounds in a word in order to read it e.g. "f - r - o - g, frog"

Segmenting - breaking a word into sounds in order to spell them e.g. "frog, f - r - o - g"

Digraph - 2 letters making one sound e.g. ch, th, ay, ee

Split vowel digraph - a digraph that is split by a consonant e.g. cake, five, code

Trigraph - 3 letters making one sound e.g. air, ear, igh, tch











Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

Autumn 1

Grapheme and movement	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
s s		Slide your teeth and let the s hiss out sssss sssss	Draw the snake from head to tail.
a a		Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth aaaa	Press the ant's stomach and down into space.
t t		Open your lips, put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press ttt	Draw the tiger and across its neck.
p p		Bring your lips together, push them apart and say ppp	Draw the penguin's back, up and around its head.
i i		Pull your lips back and make the i sound at the back of your mouth iii	Draw the iguana and dot the leaf.
n n		Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnnn sound nnnnnn	Draw, up and over the nose.
m m		Put your lips together and make the mmmmmm sound mmmmmm	Draw, up and over the moose's ears.

How to say the Phase 3 sounds

Grapheme	Cartoon picture	Pronunciation phrase	Grapheme	Cartoon picture	Pronunciation phrase
ai		Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai	oo		Flatten your lips and keep them small as you say oo oo oo
ee		Smile with your lips apart and say ee ee ee	oo		Open your mouth just a bit, put your hand on your forehead, pull your tongue in and say oo oo oo
igh		Open your mouth in a relaxed way and say igh igh igh	ar		Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down and say ar ar ar
oa		Place an 'o' with your mouth and say oa oa oa	or		Place an 'o' with your mouth, push your tongue down and say or or or

How we teach reading

Reading practice sessions are:

-  timetabled at least three times a week
-  taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
-  taught in small groups

Books are:

-  matched to children's secure phonic knowledge at word reading
-  used three times
-  sent home



Correct pronunciation is key. We teach the children to use pure sounds and not to add an 'uh' sound to their letters. Notice the difference between these two words.

c-a-t

cuh - a - tuh



Phonics at Home

Reading Practice

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading records with reading books will be given out every Tuesday and must be returned every Monday.

It is important that these books are looked after.

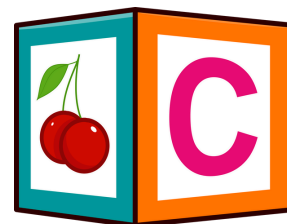
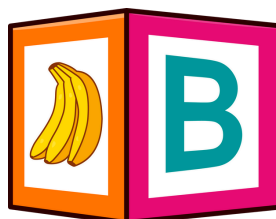
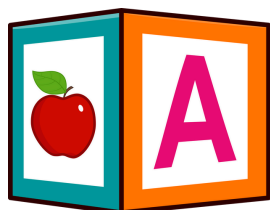
What should I expect my child to bring home?

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

Further information and videos can be found on the 'For parents' section of the little wandle website.



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REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
KS1 Parent/Carer Reading Session	Monday 14th October @9am
Year 4 Trip - Science Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Year 6 Trip - Jewish Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Parents/Carers Evening	Tuesday 15th October (3:45-6:30) / Wednesday 16th (3:45-5:00)
Halloween Disco & Dressing Up Day	Thursday 24th October
October Half term	Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
INSET day	Monday 4th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th November
Year 1 Oak - Freightliners City Farm	Monday 11th November
School photos	Tuesday 12th November
Year 2 - Trip to The Monument	Wednesday 20th November
Year 3 - British Museum Trip	Monday 25th November
Year 6 - Diverse Voices Workshop	Tuesday 29th November
School Nurse Drop-in	Wednesday 27th November
Year 5 - Science Museum Trip	Friday 29th November

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington
[Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership](#)

Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099