



# Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



## NEWSLETTER

11 January 2019

### Welcome back!

Happy New Year to one and all! As always, we've had a wonderful start to the term here with exciting 'wow' days on Tuesday in Hawks and Owls and our Kestrel class out to visit a Victorian school. Topic webs are coming to you on Monday so you know what the children are focusing on this spring term. Clubs start on 21<sup>st</sup> January and letters go out next week with choices. Please do come and help with any club if you are able. We are currently receiving quotes for the building work that needs to happen to improve the toilets and to make four classes, which we hope will happen in the summer holidays, ready for September. Another exciting year at Randwick Primary School! Mr Poad

### Save your milk bottle tops please!

Owl class are developing a tool station and work bench on the decking and would like plastic milk bottle tops for wheels please! Please leave any outside the office. Thanks.

### Eco-Council Action!

Our School Eco-Council has prompted a significant change by getting our milk suppliers to change to bottles so that we don't now use plastic straws in Owl class. We are applying now for our Green Flag Award and await an assessor's visit.

We have also collected an amazing 23 kg of plastic so far! Thank you to everyone who is remembering to bring in soft plastics to be recycled in school. Our target is to collect 70 kg of plastic in a year. If you have plastic from work or home please do bring it in to be recycled.



### Attendance

Our Local Authority has advised us to reinstate 'leave of absence' forms which should be completed at least seven days in advance of any absence from school. The Local Authority have published new guidance on fixed penalty notices for unauthorised leave of absences, details of which are in our policy on our website. The Attendance Policy has been updated to reflect these changes, on our website.

### Sean the Sheep

As previously explained, we have been hosting a replica sheep from the Diocese over Christmas and Sean has had much fun whilst at Randwick.



He has gone now to another school but returns to us in March as our time with him was curtailed. Our thanks to Mr Stanley and all at the church for having Sean with them over the holiday period, and for the photos of his activities which have been passed on. Our y4 children have been writing about Sean's adventures in diary form to accompany him too. Miss Marais and Kestrel class adorned Sean with wings made of inscribed feathers. Here's Sean being fed a sprout at our Christmas dinner!

### Learning Detectives

Our School Councillors (Charlie, Spike, Billy, George, Ewa and Leia) are hosting 11 children from Whiteshill, Longney and Haresfield Primary Schools next week who are coming to look at learning habits at work in classes (our Secrets of Success) and spend lunchtime with us. They will be visiting the other three schools in the next few months.

### PFORs

I attended the meeting last night and was blown away by the enthusiasm and commitment of the PFORs team. My huge thanks to them and all that help out so often to make a difference for our children. Mr Poad

### Kiddivouchers

If you are an existing Childcare Voucher member you may like to know that we are able to accept Kiddivouchers in payment for Breakfast Club and Forest School Club sessions. If you would like further details, please visit [www.kiddivouchers.com](http://www.kiddivouchers.com)

## Gymnastics Competition

Today, Mrs Chastney took a team of 6 gymnasts to Stratford Park to compete in the Stroud Schools



Gymnastics. They performed brilliantly and Mrs Chastney was very proud of them. They finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place!

## Happy New Year from George Edmunds, FGR Ambassador

### Home Matches for January 2019

Bury: 19 January 2019 15:00 kickoff

Grimsby Town: 22 January 2019 19:45 kickoff

Mansfield Town: 29 January 2019 19:45 kickoff

[www.fgr.co.uk](http://www.fgr.co.uk)

Buy FGR tickets and check fixtures and league tables.

## Fish

Our huge thanks to the Jaworska family for looking after our fish over the holidays – they have returned as if they've been in a 5 star fish hotel!

## Class news

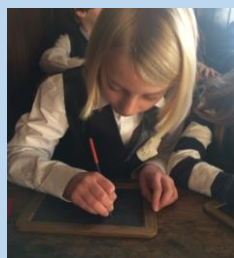
### Owl

This week Professor Nutz came to teach the children how to launch the rockets they'd made. On the playground they were shown how to mix 'explosive juice' (eg cola) and an even more 'explosive tablet' (eg for dentures!) to make a big bang. Even better was the 'dynamite potion' (vinegar) and 'blow your socks off powder' (bicarbonate of soda). There's a rocket and planets in the class and we are all excited about learning what's in space and about walking on the moon!



### Kestrel

On Tuesday, Kestrels travelled back in time, to the year 1897, to learn about the Victorians. Miss Squire, the headmistress of the school, was very strict. When we arrived she split us into a boys' group and a girls' group, and checked our nails to make sure that they weren't dirty or long. We spent the rest of the day in our groups, doing lessons that children in Victorian times would have done. What an interesting day we had! Back at school, we have been researching Queen Victoria, and adding our information to a class Padlet. Feel free to add some more ([www.padlet.com/marais\\_elme/Victoria](http://www.padlet.com/marais_elme/Victoria)).



### Sparrowhawks

We have had a fabulous first week back with the Romans of Randwick returning and recruiting the children. All children have signed a decree saying they will work hard, wear a toga and obey orders. We have made mosaics, created Roman portraits with laurel leaves and written descriptions of the Colosseum.



## WEEKLY AWARDS



**Ravi** for hard work in maths.



**Florence** for working hard on writing her recount of our day to a Victorian School.



**Freddy T** for working hard and persevering with his hand writing.



**Daisy Mai, Fabbie and Sam** for precision during their mosaic making.



**Eve** for her kind and caring nature towards others in the class.



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## DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Event	Who
15 Jan	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
22 Jan	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
24 Jan	Morfa Bay meeting 6-7pm	Y5/6
29 Jan	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
30 Jan	Woodland day	All
5 Feb	School Nurse visit	YR/YR6
5 Feb	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
12 Feb	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
15 Feb	Randwick Runway Open House	All
20 Feb	Woodland day	All
25 Feb	X country	Y5/6
26 Feb	X country	Y3 /4
26 Feb	Swimming lessons	Kestrels
26 & 27 Feb	Parents eve term 3	All
27 Mar	Woodland day	All
5 Apr	Easter service and egg hunt	All
24 Apr	Woodland day	All
30 Apr	Country Dance Festival Stratford Park Leisure Centre	Y2 - 4
w/c 13 May	Ks2 SATS	Ks2
w/c 20 May	Sports week	All
22 May	Woodland day	All
24 May or 12 Jul	Sports day	All
17 – 21 Jun	Morfa Bay Residential	Y5/6
19 Jun	Woodland day	All
25 Jun	Ks2 district athletics	Ks2
9 and 10 Jul	Production	All
w/c 15 Jul	Bikeability	Y6
17 Jul	Teddy Bear's Picnic	All
17 Jul	Woodland day	All
18 Jul	Y6 leavers assembly	

### Open Mornings 2019

#### Marling School

Wednesday 24 April & Tuesday  
25 June 2019

arrive for 9.00 or 9.30am  
(no need to pre-register).

#### Stroud High School

Open Mornings will take place on  
Friday 26 April and  
Friday 28 June 2019  
(no need to pre-register).

#### Thomas Keeble

Thursday 26 June 2019.

All tours take place  
between 9.00 a.m. and  
10.15 a.m., and will  
commence at 15-minute  
intervals. Parents are  
kindly requested to call  
the school office on  
01452 770301 to book  
their slot.