



# Randwick Primary School: Resilience, Passion, Success



## NEWSLETTER

1 March 2019

### French theme World Book Day

As usual, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March but this year something a little different! As we have Aude and Marie with us, our trainee teachers from Brittany in France, we thought we could combine the celebration of books with a French themed day. Consequently, we'd like the children to try and come to school as a character from a French children's book (lots of ideas online). If not, as a character from any book. Donations of £1 please will go to the World Book Day charity to provide books to children.

### Lunch on Thursday

In keeping with the French theme, Chef Kate is going to serve a chicken/vegetable cassoulet instead of meat/veg samosas!

### Twice Weekly Mile!

We are always keen to encourage physical activity but recognise that fitting in time for a Daily Mile is not possible as we deliver a full curriculum over the week, which includes swimming, gym, mini-marines, country dance and forest schools, as well as after-school clubs. However, from next week we will be taking our Kestrel and Sparrowhawk classes out at 12:15 on Wednesday for the mile and replacing wake and shake with a run/jog/walk for all (children, staff, families) on Fridays from the start of the day, 08:45. Please do come and join us. We measured a mile as being 12 laps of the playground so see how many you can complete in 15 minutes!

### Staffing

We are delighted to confirm that Miss Aldous returns to the staff team from her maternity leave on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April as the part-time teacher in Owl class. She will be working alongside Mrs Donaldson, who will be teaching on Thursday and Friday, and who we now welcome as a permanent member of our team. Forest School sessions continue for Owl class on Wednesday afternoons with Carrie, so that Miss Aldous and Mrs Donaldson can plan for Owl class together.

Mr Poad will be teaching across the school at various times and Mrs Chastney will be working with our older children on Thursday afternoons.

### SDPSSA Atlas Games Cross Country Qualifiers 2019

Many congratulations to the 17 children who took part in this event at the start of this week. We were blessed with smashing sunshine - very different to the normal Cross Country weather we experience. All the children taking part ran brilliant races over a course which even Mensa experts would have found a challenge to follow! They paced themselves well and all finished confidently with smiling faces.

Particular praise must go to Emily, from Y3, who finished 3rd in the Y3 Girls race. Also in Y6, Will, who ran himself into the Stroud team for the County Championships by finishing 8th. We wish him the best of luck for his race on Saturday.

Thank you to all the parents for bringing their children to this event. The children were, as ever, a pleasure to be with and a credit to the school.

### Parents Evenings

It was lovely as always to see so many parents in school this week. Please remember that you can catch up with your child's teacher or myself anytime, just contact the office to make an appointment. Staff will meet next week to discuss how best to inform parents about spellings to learn at home, so more information regarding this in next week's newsletter.

### Owls Swimming

Our youngest children will have 5 sessions at Stratford Park starting next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Separate letters have gone out about this earlier in the week.

### Welcome

To Marie and Aude, our trainee teachers from Brittany in France are with us for two weeks, mostly in Kestrel class. Our huge thanks to Mrs Sarah White, who has kindly offered accommodation, and to Mrs Kay Badham, for helping with hosting. Welcome too to Miss Becky Lee who is a CETA (Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance) Trainee Teacher on placement with us for this term in Sparrowhawk class. Miss Sharpe returns in term 5.

## Lost Property

We seem to accrue large amounts of lost property and can we urge parents to name **everything** worn or used by children (including shoes, water bottles, pencil cases, wellies and bags please) so that we can return it. Un-named items live in the blue trug outside the kitchen back door but we can only keep clothes for so long, so please also check the trug frequently. Thank you.

## Mathletics

Thanks to the parents who let us know about the issue of swiping on tablets and phones. Mathletics response: 'I can confirm we do not have the functionality to swipe on our resource. The activities are listed on the student centre when they log in and they just need to click on the topic name.' So not much help I'm afraid. Hopefully this will improve over time.

## Cyber safety

Following on from our digital citizenship presentation for parents, you might be interested in this article, which advises on how to stay safe and settings for parents/children for each specific app/game or site;

<https://www.facebook.com/253448735308133/posts/313460739306932?sfns=mo>  
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides>  
[Guides](#)

Thanks to one of our parents for sharing this with us.

## New Classes

We hope to go ahead with the restructuring work in the summer holidays but to save money we will be demolishing the large stud wall in between Kestrel and Sparrowhawk classes ourselves the day after we break for the summer, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We are therefore looking for as many volunteers to come and help demolish the wall and shift the debris via wheelbarrow to a skip nearby. This will save the school several thousand pounds! Please do set aside the day and join us for a smashing time! Dave Poad.

## Marie and Aude

Our French teachers have settled well and are enjoying live at Randwick! If you are able to host them for dinner one night next week, please do email Mr Poad. Many thanks.

## PFORS

### 2nd hand uniform sale

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the small playground at 3pm. Please drop any uniform that you no longer require into the office beforehand. Many thanks

## Attendance

**Kestrel** class have had the best attendance this week with **96.8%** (our whole school target is 97%). Well done to Kestrel class!



## Donations please

Owl class require the following items for our Bug Hotel and Mud Kitchen.

### Bug Hotel

Drain pipe, ceramic plant pots or broken ones, straw/hay and corrugated cardboard.

### Mud Kitchen

Mixing bowls, saucepans/frying pan, baking/muffin trays, spoons/wooden spoons, ice cream scoops, metal beer bottle tops. Many thanks!

## WAP nominations

The WAP committee would like parents to nominate children for the following roles:

Princesses, Flower Girls, Flag Boys, Flag Juniors and Junior Guard.

Please note that although nominations for the mayor and queen finish 28 Feb, nominations for children are extended until 08 March. Please return nominations forms to reception by 08 March. Thanks

## Update from George Edmunds, FGR Ambassador

**Forest Green Rovers' Soccer Camps are back this Easter**  
Run by former FGR midfielder Rob Sinclair, the camps will now take place at the usual venue of Archway School in Stroud and now also at Rednock School in Dursley.

The camps allow boys and girls aged between four and 14 the opportunity to develop their footballing skills in a fun, safe and engaging environment. The camp at Archway school will run on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, while the camp at Rednock will run on Wednesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 18.

All days will run from 9am to 3,30pm at a cost of £20 per child, per day, if booked before April 1.

To book, please visit [www.fgr.co.uk](http://www.fgr.co.uk)

## Home games for March 2019

**Sat 2nd March:** Lincoln City at 3pm

**Sat 16 March:** Carlisle at 3pm

(George will be arranging a trip for this match, tickets will be reduced for adults and children go free, letter to follow with more details)

**Sat 30 March:** MK Dons at 3pm

Hope to see you at the home games.

## Class news

### Owl

Owl class outside on Wednesday afternoon enjoying various activities: fire starting with flint and steel, mud kitchen and sawing. Thanks to Mrs Kemp and Carrie for their enthusiasm!



### Kestrel

What a wonderful week it has been! We had a lovely and sunny morning up in the woods on Wednesday. Once again we learnt some new skills – some of us learnt to make a fire whilst others learnt how to whittle or how to tie different knots when building shelters. On Thursday, we walked down to the Museum in the Park where we learnt about jobs in Stroud during the Victorian era.

For our class blog, please follow the link:

[www.kestellclasscom.wordpress.com](http://www.kestellclasscom.wordpress.com)



### Sparrowhawks

We had a fabulous week on our amazing trip to the Roman Bath Spa. We experienced life as a Roman, built our own mosaics and handled real life Roman artefacts. The swirls of steam from the hot spring water was brilliant to see and unbelievable to discover the water fell on the Mendip hills over 10,000 years ago. What an amazing day!



## WEEKLY AWARDS



**Finlay** for listening with interest when learning about the Victorians, at the Museum in the Park.



**Emily PP** for her excellent homework on Emily Pankhurst.



**Poppy May** for helping a peer use a hack saw to cut bamboo.



**Jonathan** for great control on the vault in gymnastics.



**Leo D** for independent writing in Bob's souvenir shop.



**Freddie W** for super engagement with learning at the Roman Baths.



**Freddie** for making an alien trap at home.



**Ryley** for a superb attitude to learning at the Roman Baths.



**Anya N** always being polite and helpful.



**Randwick Cross Country Team** for resilience, enthusiasm and amazing running!



**Lyra** for excellent comprehension in guided reading with beautiful handwriting for recorded answers.

## DATES FOR THE YEAR

Date	Event	Who
5 Mar	Swimming	Owl
7 Mar	French /World book day	All
12 Mar	Swimming	Owl
15 Mar	Sponsored run, 2pm at playing fields	All
19 Mar	Swimming	Owl
20 Mar	Rescheduled School Nurse Health visit	YR & Y6
26 Mar	Swimming	Owl
27 Mar	Woodland day	All
2 Apr	Swimming	Owl
5 Apr	Easter service and egg hunt	All
8 – 22 Apr	Easter Holidays	All
23 Apr	Inset day	All
24 Apr	Woodland day	All
25 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
27 - 31 May	Half term	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	All
19 Jul	Last day of school	All
20 Jul	Demolition of stud wall	All
22 and 23 Jul	Inset day	All

### Open Mornings 2019

#### Marling School

Wednesday 24 April & Tuesday  
25 June 2019  
arrive for 9.00 or 9.30 a.m.  
(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.

#### Denmark Road High School

Open Morning:  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
8:50 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

#### King's Gloucester

Open morning:  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
9:30 a.m – 12.30 p.m