

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

This week has flown by for me. In addition to the FGB meeting and showing new prospective parents around, I have enjoyed visiting classes across school to look at teaching and learning. The main focus for these observations was writing which, as a result of the lockdowns, is a school improvement priority for us (and speaking to other Headteachers in the Trust, we are not alone). In all the lessons I observed, the children were well behaved, engaged in their learning and making good progress with their writing. Next week is parents' evening and I am sure the teachers will be providing you with similar feedback and discussing how you can help support your child at home.

Have a good weekend.

### London's Burning, London's Burning...

One of the highlights of the week took place in KS1 for the re-enactment of The Great Fire of London. This Forest School workshop demonstrated just how quickly the Great Fire of London spread.



### Staffing update

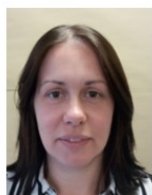
It has been a busy start to the year with our three new teachers joining us in September as well as our new School Business Manager. We had further staff join us last week too. Mr Fones, Miss de la Vega and Miss Bird have joined the team as we replaced a number of TAs who left very close to the end of the summer term. A very warm welcome to these new members of support staff. I have previously shared pictures of our new teachers and below are photos of our newest recruits as well as a picture of Mrs Atkinson who I am sure lots of you have already met.



Mr Fones UKS2  
Teaching Assistant



Miss de la Vega  
Y3 Teaching Assistant



Miss Bird Y1  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Atkinson  
School Business  
Manager

### In assembly...

This week the main focus for our assemblies was British Values. The children have been told what the 5 values are and have been challenged to remember and recall them. In the weeks that follow, we will look at each value in more detail to deepen understanding. Using the pictures below as prompts, see if your child can recall what they have been taught:



**New Chair of Governors:** On Tuesday evening, the full governing body met for the first meeting of the year. The board elected a new Chair of Governors at this meeting after Mr Briscoe stepped down after 6 years in this role. I would like to thank Mr Briscoe for his work as Chair over these years and am pleased that he will remain on the governing body as we move forward. In his place, Mr Ian Brocklebank was elected as Chair. Mr Brocklebank has been a governor at the school since 2009 and I look forward to working with him in the months to come.

**Parent Governor Vacancy:** We have 1 parent governor vacancy at the school. We have a very strong and supportive governing body and if you are interested in joining this team and taking on the role, please [click this link](#) to find out more.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11 Oct: R-Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine

Tues 12 Oct 3:40-7:00pm &

Wed 13 Oct 3:40-6:00pm: Parents' Evening will take place **by virtual means**.

Thurs 14 Oct 7:00pm: FORP AGM via Zoom

Friday 22 Oct: Half term holidays begin

Sunday 31 Oct: Spooky Halloween Trail

Mon 1 Nov: School opens for Autumn 2

Sat 27 Nov 12:00-2:00pm: Christmas Fayre

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Y1 Pear](#)

[Y1/2 Lime](#)

[Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#)

[Y3/4 Cedar](#)

[Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#)

[Y5/6 Ash](#)

[Y6 Maple](#)