



# Newsletter

July 2016

Hello again.

This is the last newsletter of the school year and yet again the attendance data is above the targets set. Thank you for supporting your child in attending school regularly.

We have had a turbulent few weeks as I have tried to ensure that the changes planned for Rodney House will not have too great an impact on the children. Although difficult at the moment, the future does look very bright for us—the refurbished building is beginning to take shape and it is still on track to be finished in September. I have had quotes from a variety of sources for the outdoor areas and the sensory rooms but getting the very best for the children will be very costly. If anyone is interested in fundraising for the school I would very much like to hear from you.

A new school calendar will be sent out this week to reflect the need to close the school so that we can move, so please get in touch if you don't have one. We are finalising the school uniform suppliers and will send details and costs to you as soon as we can.

From September 2016, Rodney House will be entering a new phase in its long history: children will, for the first time, be able to stay with us until they are 11 years old and ready to move to secondary school. Please look at the public consultation on the proposals for Rodney House and make your views known. You can find the information on the school website: [www.rodneyhouse.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.rodneyhouse.manchester.sch.uk)  
You have until 17th July to reply.

School finishes on Wednesday 20th July for the children and reopens on Monday 5th September 2016. Have a lovely Summer. Nuala Finegan

# Sunflower Class

The children in Sunflower Class have fun learning during a variety of exciting sessions. They have the opportunity to communicate, make choices and share the equipment during 'Circle Time'.

Sunflower Class experienced a variety of different activities both inside and out. These activities helped to support learning in Physical, Maths, Literacy, PSE, EAD, Communication and Language and Understanding the World areas of development.





# Forest Activities

The children in Sweet Pea Class regularly go out into their local community to join in with activities such as 'Forest School'. This is where they have lots of fun learning about the natural environment and take part in EAD Focused Activities such as leaf collage pictures.







# Outdoor Learning



This year we have widened the opportunities to work creatively outside particularly using natural resources. There is always an opportunity to develop literacy skills during community walks.



A 'Total Communication' approach is used with all the Rodney House children. The children have access to a visual timetable both for full or part day sessions in addition to using PECS for requesting during a variety of activities. They are encouraged to make choices throughout the day 'more' of an activity of their choice. The staff also use Sign Language during the sessions to assist with communication.



# Total Communication






# Celebrations

As part of the teaching of 'British Values', the children from the bases celebrated the Queens 90th birthday. The activities included making flags and sandwiches. They also had the opportunity to communicate and share during the various tea parties that they enjoyed.



# Signs of the Month






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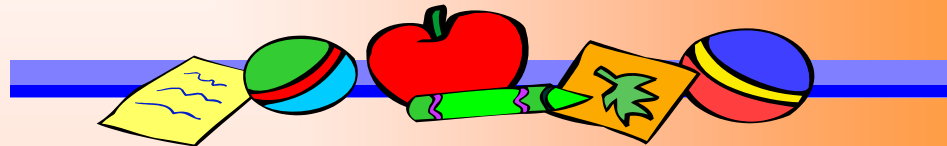
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# ATTENDANCE

23.05.16—24.06.16



BARRASS ST - 96.0% (target—95%)

HALLAM RD - 97.1% (target—92%)

LYNDENE - 97.7% (target—92%)

SACRED HEART - 92.3% (target—92%)

