

# Newsletter

**October 2016**

Hello,

Moving is exciting but not without issues. There have been some staffing changes and I have had to adjust groups of children accordingly. One such change is that Angie McCann—the Lead TA at Hallam Rd— will be moving across to the RHOSEY team after the half term. She will be a great addition to the team but of course she will be missed in school. We also have a staff member on maternity leave.

As children reach Reception age and beyond, it is vital that they have a teacher leading their learning. There are 3 class teachers in school at the moment and so I have had to make decisions about children being in classes that deliver a curriculum best suited to their learning needs.

Following the current recruitment process, I hope to be able to create another class in the Spring term to accommodate new children. Once this year is over, I am looking forward to a much more settled period for staff and children.

Once we move to our new central site, the classes will be named after animals. You can vote for your favourite animal using the poll on the school website. You can only vote once so use your vote wisely! Voting will close on Friday 14th October.

The staff are planning a Winter Fayre to take place at the new site in early December. Please look out for the information as we will be asking for your help and support on the day. Nuala Finegan



# Wheelers



Session days and times:

Tuesdays: 9.30 - 3.00 pm

Wednesdays: 9.30 - 12noon

Fridays: 9.30 - 3.00pm

**NOTE: During school holidays, Friday sessions finish at 12pm** (track closed 12.30pm).

Saturdays: 1.00 - 3.00pm



Violet and Sweet Pea classes enjoyed the trip to Wheelers in Wythenshawe. The children were encouraged to use their gross motor skills and balance as they travelled around the track.





# Daisy Class

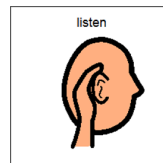
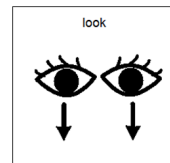


A group of children from Daisy Class enjoyed a visit to the local library. They took part in the story and singing sessions and made choices from the song bag.

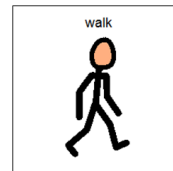




We use Boardmaker symbols to assist communication. Using symbols aids understanding.



# Community Walks



Community walks are a central part of learning at Rodney House School. Children practise walking independently and crossing the road safely as well as increasing their confidence to apply their skills in a new environment. Visits to the shops allow maths lessons to be delivered in a practical context. Language and literacy skills are practised when we visit the talk about what we can see and read signs in the local area.





# App of the Month

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**Forest Flyer is a free ipad app by Sago. It will encourage your child to make choices and share.**

This fun adventure is filled with delightful animations guaranteed to make your little one giggle with joy. The fun begins at Robin's birdhouse. Ring the doorbell and invite your new feathered friend out to play. Discover the magical forest together as you soar through the sky, do a little dance, and make new friends.



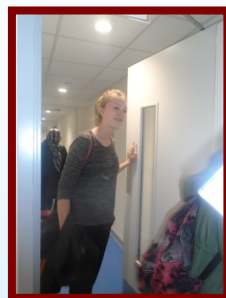
# M U S I C



Sweet Pea class  
learnt how to make  
different sounds  
using their voices  
and by  
playing musical  
instruments. They  
also discovered the  
sound that was  
produced when two  
objects were  
scraped and banged  
together during  
the music session.

# Our New School

TODAY  
is the day to  
learn something  
NEW



Rodney House School  
Learning through teamwork and trust



The staff, parents and governors went for a visit to the new Rodney House site on Albert Grove in Longsight. This was an opportunity to look around the building, trying hard not to get lost! The new school was looking lovely and bright. Our climbing frame has been moved to the outdoor area which boasts lots of natural shade from the large trees.

NB Watch out for the November edition of the Newsletter that will show the children in their new school environment!

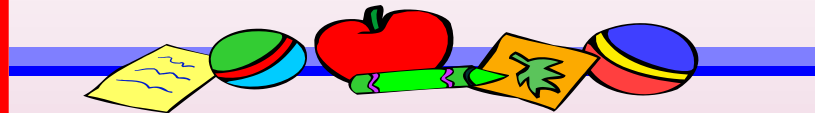
**Please see information below**

**Useful travel information for public transport to the school is available from this website.....**

**Greater Manchester Journey Planner**[http://www.tfgm.com/journey\\_planning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/Pages/default.aspx)

# ATTENDANCE

05.09.16—30.09.16



BARRASS ST - 95.6% (target—95%)

HALLAM RD - 97.6% (target—92%)

LYNDENE - 100 % (target—92%)

SACRED HEART - 91.5% (target—92%)

