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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for the many events and initiatives which ensure our school remains a vibrant, inclusive and exciting community for us to share. We have had a busy week!

Many thanks to those families who joined the Community Club in the school garden last Sunday. A lot of work was completed whilst having some fun with the animals and popcorn over the fire pit. Our next session will be on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> between 10.00 and 12.00 – everyone is welcome to join in!

Rockmount Friends and Community (RFC - Rockmount's Parent/Teacher Association) are very successful in raising funds to support new opportunities for the children. This week, we have taken delivery of a wonderful new book vending machine which has been funded by the RFC! Once stocked, the books will have to be earned; they cannot be bought. The children can earn them by showing great effort in displaying our school values. Staff will nominate children who will be awarded a special golden coin in assembly which they can then use to select a book from the vending machine. The children will be introduced to this new initiative next week. If any of you can provide a book to help with the stocking of the vending machine, we have created an Amazon Wish List which can be accessed by following the link below.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2T23VRXMWI7X7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2T23VRXMWI7X7?ref=wl_share)

A love of reading is always evident at Rockmount and this is just another step to get our children excited about new books. We can't wait to get the machine fully stocked and in use.



The children are also enjoying the use of the new outdoor table tennis tables which have been funded by the RFC. This has added to the range of play equipment available at break times and we can already see some champions in training!

A very successful RFC quiz evening was held at the Brown and Green café at Crystal Palace last night. Everyone had a fabulous night all whilst raising funds for the school and the RFC's future

projects. We want to say a big thank you to Laura, who is a parent at Rockmount and the owner of the Brown & Green's group, for letting us use the venue as well as Valerie, another parent, who kindly organised the whole event. We couldn't have made it happen without the volunteers and attendees too. We will update you all soon with the total raised.



This morning, the latest Parent Carer Forum meeting was held with interesting discussions about children's access to and their use of smartphones, the new RE curriculum and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural)

development as well as our School Values. Please see the minutes which will be on the website very soon.

Our school ethos is underpinned by our Rockmount School Values. Each of these values has been identified as key to the children developing emotional intelligence and being successful learners. The children have been introduced to these values in assemblies and circle times and they will continue to be a focus on our assembly rota moving forward and children will receive recognition for demonstrating these values in our achievement assemblies.



During circle time this term, your child will also be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse. We will teach children to follow important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and see how you can help keep your child safe, you can find more information at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

We are now looking forward to our Cross-Country running event next Thursday and hoping that the weather will be kind!

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall