



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 17th June 2022

UPCOMING DATES

RAPS daycare: Reading Breakfast Club from 8-8:45am & Homework After School Club from 3:30pm-5:15pm

Monday 20 June

National Sports Week

Whitehouse Fam visit for Reception

Tuesday 21 June

Swimming for Y3

Barnes Park visit for Y1

Wednesday 22 June

Thursday 23 June


Koath transition workshop for Y6

Friday 24 June

Commonwealth Games sports event at RAPS

Future dates for your diary

Next year's term dates have been added to our website and inserted below for your information at home.



TERM DATES 2022/2023

SEPTEMBER 2022	OCTOBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2022
1-5	1-5	1-5
6-10	6-10	6-10
11-15	11-15	11-15
16-20	16-20	16-20
21-25	21-25	21-25
26-30	26-30	26-30

DECEMBER 2022	JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023
1-5	1-5	1-5
6-10	6-10	6-10
11-15	11-15	11-15
16-20	16-20	16-20
21-25	21-25	21-25
26-31	26-31	26-28

MARCH 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2023
1-5	1-5	1-5
6-10	6-10	6-10
11-15	11-15	11-15
16-20	16-20	16-20
21-25	21-25	21-25
26-31	26-31	26-31

JUNE 2023	JULY 2023	AUGUST 2023
1-5	1-5	1-5
6-10	6-10	6-10
11-15	11-15	11-15
16-20	16-20	16-20
21-25	21-25	21-25
26-30	26-31	26-31

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

We hope that all of our families had the chance to spend some time together last weekend and I am sure our Derwent Hill adventurers slept well! It's been another busy week in school with work beginning on the trim trail which initially has been slow going whilst the team remove the old safety surface. Next week we look forward to the re-vamp nearing completion. Other highlights this week include: Year 4's first ukulele lesson; the sound of Y6's singing drifting around the school as they prepare for the Leaver's Celebration. The prospect of warmer summer weather also started our action packed calendar of sporting events. This week, our Y5 and Y6 children have enjoyed a football festival at the Beacon of Light with much more to come as we look forward to next week's National Sports Week. We hope that this weekend gives all of our children chance to rest and relax ready for another active week ahead. Finally, it's a **Happy Father's Day** to fathers everywhere. Wishing you a lovely day and perhaps control of the TV gadget?

With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*

Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School



RAPS assemblies. This week our focus has been Fathers as it is Father's day on Sunday June 19th, don't forget! We thought about how dads or father-like figures in our lives help and support us. We talked about why we care for them and what they do that is special. We discussed that all families are different and a person that acts in a fatherly way may or may not be related but is still special to you.

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our ready to learn RAPS stars are:

Nursery - Xavier & Myreen
Rec - Muhammad & Ibadur
1 - Aadya & Zoya
2 - Eshaal & David
3 - Issac & Matthew
4 - Mehnaz & Izan
5 - Yasin & Imtiaz



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS superstars!

This week's theme for the RAPS Star is teamwork - in sports, in class or outside of the classroom. This could be for a child who shows great collaborative skills and excellent cooperation with others; someone who works well in a group to get the job done, is a great team player or someone who demonstrates other teamwork skills.

Derwent Hill—a report by Jamsine in 50. On Monday we arrived at school for 8.50am and set off on the bus at 9.15am. By the time we arrived at Derwent Hill it was around 11.45am. Once we had been told the rooms we were staying in, we went to our rooms and unpacked our clothes. At Derwent Hill, my group stayed in room Blencathra. After we had unpacked and explored the building, we had lunch. After that we got to know our instructors and we then climbed a Mountain named Latrig. When we came back to the building, we had tea and free time outside until around 9.10pm. After playing outside we came in for supper before going back out onto the grass to talk about the day. The teachers also told us what we needed for the next day. On Tuesday when we woke up we had breakfast and then got ready to go gorge walking. We went down to the stores to get a red suit and a life jacket. Once we had done that we got into the minibus and we set off to where the gorge and the waterfalls were. We went walking in the gorge - some people were even sitting in the freezing water! We also went to Paul's Farm and made bird boxes, cleared sticks, made a fire and then cut down a tree to allow light onto the field for the Marsh Fritillary Butterflies. We went back to the building and we had tea and got time outside. On Wednesday we had breakfast and got dressed. After breakfast, we went outside to the big swing (The Death Swing). I went on the Death Swing which was probably the funniest and highest swing I had ever been on! In the afternoon, after dinner time, we went canoeing on Derwent Lake. We all canoed over to One Tree Island and stopped for a hot chocolate. We then canoed back to where we started and carried the canoes over to their racks. We walked back to Derwent Hill and we took part in more activities outside before tea. On Thursday we woke up at 7:30am. Once we were ready, we took the minibus to the mountain Barrow. The whole day we spent our time climbing Barrow. When we had came back to Derwent Hill, it was time for tea. On Friday, we had breakfast at 8:00am after which groups 1 and 3 did orienteering for the morning whilst group 2 went off to discover an old mine. After lunch and at 1:30pm, we got on the bus and came home, happy to see our parents. Wow, what a fabulous action-packed week - no wonder there were so many sound sleepers come Friday night! Thank you to Jasmine who wrote her report on behalf of team Derwent Hill. Fabulous writing Jasmine, well done to you!

Have you logged into your child's **Seesaw** account this week? Staff have shared a number of updates this week. *If you need a new invite, please contact the class teacher.*

Cricket. Some of Year 4 took part in a cricket festival at Eppleton *Cricket Club* this week, developing their skills in bowling, batting and fielding. They focussed on technique and also learned about the role of wicket keeper. It was a great morning during which we spotted some cricket talent for next year's tournaments. Who knows, we may well have the next Ben Stokes in the making!



High School visits. The Y6-Y7 transition programme is about to begin for our oldest children. Families should have received details confirming dates and times for their child. These dates will include the confirmed date/time of the parent and carer transition meeting as well as dates for your child's visits to the high school. If you are in any doubt, please ask us. We now have most of this information. Thank you.

School lunches. School lunches are **£11.50 per week**. Please could we ask that all school lunch payments be completed online? Do remember to include your child's name and class in the message box. *Thank you.*

Year 4 in Ancient Greece. Year 4 have been making their own Ancient Greek pots using clay before going on to paint them with Ancient Greek designs and colours. The children had a brilliant time and we love their finished pots!



Tennis for Reception and Y1. Reception and 1S enjoyed visits to *Silks-worth Tennis Centre* last week. They learned new tennis skills as well as having time in the soft play area. **Ishaaq (RDM)** said, "I loved playing hide and seek in the soft play." Sounds like a wonderful time was had by all!



Quadkids. Well done to the *Year 5/6 Quadkids Athletics Team* who finished 6th out of 19 schools in this week's competition. They completed in: long jump, howler throw, 75m sprint and a 600m run. Huge



well done to **Mehreen Jaigirdar**, who was the overall girls winner from 76 girls in the long jump competition!

Football. A team of boys represented the school in a football festival at the Sunderland Beacon of Light this week. They performed very well, scoring some great goals and showing determination. Well done all! Special mentions to **Arafaat Ahmed** for being selected as the player who showed the best attitude from all the schools taking part and to **Lucas Henberry**, who was identified as a player with talent and was invited to attend the Foundation of Light's development programme.



Attendance matters. We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. When reporting your child's absence, please include their name and class in any email or message. This saves us a lot of time and is much appreciated. Thank you.



Nail varnish. A gentle reminder that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in our school. If children have been partying at the weekend and have been wearing it, could we please ask that it is removed before returning to school? Thank you for your support.

Next Friday (24.6.22) we will be joining other primary schools across the country in celebrating the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. We have lots of fun events planned with more details to follow in a separate letter - fingers crossed for good weather!

Top attendance. Congratulations to **3B** who have top attendance this week achieving

99.3%.



Weekly whole school attendance is

93.6%