



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 30 September 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 3 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Eye tests for Y1

Tuesday 4 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Open afternoon for new reception families from 2.15-3.30pm.

Wednesday 5 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yrs 5 & 6

Thursday 6 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Sports Leaders Festival for Y5

Friday 7 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3B

Great engineering challenge for Y5

Future dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th October

Richard Avenue special Open Day for new families to reception 2023 - please call school if you would like to make an appointment

Thursday 20th October

Y5's assembly for parents - more information to follow

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, As always we have managed to squeeze so much into this week. I've had the pleasure of handing out lots of my special *Head Teacher stickers* for wonderful work which the children have been delighted to show me. *For parents of our Y6 children*, it's already time to choose a secondary school. This can be quite stressful, especially if it's the first time you've done it. Please do speak to one of us if you're worried. We will also happily help you complete the online form, if needed. It's a good idea to visit the schools, so you can get a feel for the one that will best suit your child. If there are any *families with 2 or 3 year olds*, remember to put your child's name down for our Nursery. If your child is in Nursery and you'd like to have a look around the rest of the school before you apply for a Reception place, please ask the office to add your name for our *Open Day* which is coming up on *Tuesday 11th October*. Speaking of the office team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for working incredibly hard, particularly at the start of term, to process admissions, medication, transfers, breakfast and after school clubs and so on. Despite being incredibly busy, they have dealt with every eventuality with incredible professionalism, kindness and care. Thank you team RAPS, you are wonderful! On that note, have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

RAPS assemblies. This week our main focus has been on *Families and Friendship* as part of our learning in PSHE. We also found out about an important festival, Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year, and is one of Judaism's holiest days. We looked at how families celebrate this tradition. Madame Stephens also told us about **International Languages Day which was this week - on 26th September**. At RAPS there are a number of languages spoken as well as learning French and now Spanish!

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our good manners superstars from last week were:

Nursery: Layton & Ezra; Y1: Ayyub & Durkhana; Y2: Zoya & Mustafa; Y3: Rajaa & Stephanie; Y4: Nadir & Mahnoor; Y5: Yahya & Faith



Y6: Mehrajul & Asiyah

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!

European Day of Languages. The very talented members of the Spanish club along with some multi-lingual volunteers demonstrated their knowledge of languages in an assembly to celebrate European Day of Languages; we enjoy such a wide variety of languages in our school and it was great to showcase this!



Macmillan coffee morning. We haven't forgotten about this important fundraiser for Macmillan but have been in touch with the Sunderland Food Bank who are now more than ever before, desperately short of donations. We have therefore made the decision to do all we can to help them this term since so many families are struggling. We hope you understand and will support us if you are able to. We will be in touch again next week with more information. With sincere thanks as always.

Morning drop-off . Many, many thanks for your help with the new arrangements for morning drop-off. The system is working very well; thank you all very much for your support.

Homework time. A gentle reminder that we sent home pupil and parent questionnaires last week. If you have a small amount of time, could you please complete and return them to school by **Monday, 17th October?** We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school. Please could you also help your children as they identify the features of our school which are good, and those which need improving. Thank you all very much for your support with this.



Tennis at Silksworth. *Silksworth Sports Centre* is offering a completely free afternoon of tennis games, rallies and activities this weekend - **on Sunday 2nd October from 1.30-3pm.** No need to book, just turn up. All equipment is provided and everyone between 3-10 years is welcome!



Room on the Broom. Last Thursday afternoon, Year 2 visited The Fire Station to see a live performance of Julia Donaldson's story 'Room on the Broom'. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show and were able to join in with many of the well known lines from the story. We thought the puppetry was amazing as the animals 'came to life'. The behaviour of all of the children on the walk to The Fire Station and during the show was impeccable - well done Year 2! Our English work has been linked to 'Room on the Broom' for the last couple of weeks and we were so proud of the children for their fantastic stories where they wrote their own version of the Julia Donaldson classic last Friday.



Preloved uniform. The preloved uniform shop was a real success this week and parents have fed back to us how grateful they are for this service. Our thanks to **Mrs Dunn** for her wonderful efforts to organise this week's table top event, we are very grateful to her as this was a major undertaking!

Please don't forget that if your child has outgrown any uniform but it is still in perfectly good condition, please consider donating it back to the school so that we can offer it to parents. This not only saves money and reduces lost property, but saves our planet as well. Use this dedicated email address to enquire about specific items of clothing and sizes. If we can help, we always will.

uniform@richardavenue.co.uk



Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. You are invited to join the reception team for the afternoon visit to find out more about how they deliver key learning goals, resources they use, how you might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. The autumn term meeting will take place next week, on **Tuesday 4th October from 2.15-3.30pm**, with an opportunity to visit the reception classroom and work with your child from **2.15-2.45pm followed by a coffee and time with the staff team from 2.45-3.30pm.** Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.

Our **Open Day** for new and prospective parents will be on **Tuesday 11th October**, from 9.15am - 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Please ring school to book an appointment.

Primary school admissions. The online admissions portal for **primary schools** opens on Monday and will close on 15 January 2023. **If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019, you will need to apply for a reception place for September 2023.** Allocations day is 19 April 2023. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Council's website:

www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Or using the Family Portal:

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **1S** who are our weekly winners.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	92.9	3B	95.5
NURSERY AFT	81.7	3G	98.6
RM	95.8	4G	91.8
RW	98.4	4S	91.9
1B	92.0	5M	96.9
1S	98.7	5W	94.2
2CW	97.2	6C	98.4
2H	97.7	6H	95.5

Weekly whole school attendance is 95.9%.

