



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 18 November 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 21 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

PM: England World Cup match

Tuesday 22 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Wednesday 23 Nov

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

Thursday 24 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by **RECEPTION** & Yr 4

Y4's class assembly from 9am

Friday 25 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3G

AM: Boys for Y5/6 football teams at the Beacon of Light

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 1st December

Whole School photographs

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CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES**

Head Teacher comment Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have enjoyed another busy week at school with dare I say it, the first signs of Christmas, as we begin to learn the all important Christmas production songs which you will no doubt also hear at home! We have been busy working through planning for our Christmas events and are looking forward to what is always a very special (if even busier!) time in school. Do look out for information in the coming weeks with all of the details of these events and add the Christmas diary dates to your calendar which you can find this on page 3 of this week's flyer. We are all hoping and looking forward to a 'normal' period in the run up to Christmas. On a different subject, attendance has not been good in recent weeks. We know this is the time of the year for nasty viruses; the winter vomiting bug and flu season have both started early. Could we please just ask that you call the school office if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school. As a school, our attendance is monitored and so we remind families that children need to be in school every day that they are well enough to be here. If your child is off through illness, please make sure that you let us know by 8.55am, with a complete reason as to why they are not in school. If they need time off for other reasons please remember to complete an Absence Request Form, available from the office. *We've also noticed that the children are noticeably tired coming into school at the moment. Please can we ask you to keep an eye on bedtimes; we know how important a good night's sleep of at least 9 hours is, for adults too!* Thank you as always for your support. Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week's super-stars linked to the theme of Science were:

Nursery: Maarif & Raghad

Y1: Hana

Y2: Grace

Y3: Amalia

Y4: William & Safraz

Y5: Isobel & Tejiri

Y6: Issa

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



RAPS assemblies. Kindness has been the theme of our collective worship this week with a focus on our **RAPS value friendship**. We read and found out about the bible story of *The Good Samaritan* and discussed what makes a good friend sharing examples of how we can show kindness to each other. This week has also been *Anti-Bullying week* which this year is themed around reaching out to counter the hurt and harm that bullying causes.



England vs Iran. We were all proud of the women's achievements as they won the Euros. Now it's the turn of the men's team in their quest for world cup glory. As a previous letter explained, we are showing the **England v Iran** game in the school hall on **Monday 21st November**. Children are able to wear their England (or Iran) shirts/t-shirts/jumpers etc, to school on this day. These can be worn with jeans or joggers. No other football team shirts please.



Y4's class assembly for parents. Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. Y4 families very welcome!

A message from the Public Health team. Winter is quickly approaching and in preparation, we would like to encourage all parents and guardians of eligible children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022 (born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2020) to take up the offer of a free flu nasal spray as soon as possible. Flu season has started early and we anticipate that there will be a significant number of cases. For more information about the flu nasal spray please visit here [Protect your child against flu – information for parents and carers of children in primary school or pre-school - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If your child has an allergy, please speak to your GP or practice nurse to see if the flu nasal spray is suitable for your child. *If you have any questions not answered in the information above please contact our practice nurse who will be happy to help.*

BBC Children in Need Appeal. Many thanks for everyone's wonderful support with this special fundraiser and to our Student Council with the support of Miss Bell, for taking on the role of 'organising committee'. A great day and lots of fun!



Miss McMaster's maternity cover. Governors are delighted to be able to share news of our maternity cover reception class teacher. **Mrs Stacey Graham** will be joining our team in the spring term, as Miss McMaster begins her maternity leave. Mrs Graham is a very experienced teacher with a proven track record and we are delighted with her appointment. Mrs Graham is also a regular supply teacher at Richard Avenue and will be paying several visits to us before the end of the autumn term in order to get to know the reception team, and we are very excited to get to know her. *We extend a warm Richard Avenue welcome Mrs Graham.*

This week is Anti-Bullying week. The theme is Reach Out. The Anti-Bullying Team and Year 6 Ambassadors have been trying to promote Anti-Bullying this week. Last Friday, we went to an Anti-Bullying Conference where we learnt in greater depth about different scenarios of bullying and maintaining safe relationships. Back at school, we held an assembly on Monday to introduce the theme and we ran a whole school poster competition. This afternoon each class learnt more about Anti-Bullying and completed an activity on the theme **Reach Out**. *A report from Mehreen and Zahraa (6C)*

More about the World Cup 2022. Each class randomly selected 2 teams to support at this year's football world cup... The class whose team are the eventual winners will all receive a prize... Here are the countries for each class - :

Nursery AM - Netherlands and Tunisia; Nursery PM - Morocco and Wales; RW - Mexico and Australia; RM - Argentina and Qatar; 1B - Spain and Ghana; 1S - England and Costa Rica; 2CW - Uruguay and Japan; 2H - Senegal and Croatia; 3B - Canada and Brazil; 3G - Equador and Denmark; 4G - Saudi Arabia and Belgium; 4S - Portugal and Cameroon; 5W - Serbia and U.S.A. ; 5M - Germany and Poland; 6C - France and South Korea ; 6H - Iran and Switzerland

It's support your team time!



Traffic and parking. We are sure you have spotted the traffic police and who have visited our school in recent weeks to see first hand, the major issues caused by traffic at drop off and pick up times. Parking tickets were issued and several cars asked to move on in an attempt to improve the safety around our school for families, and especially the children. Our local councillor, Richard Dunn, has also visited and we expect the MP, Julie Elliott, in the next week. We are determined to improve what is currently a dangerous and difficult time of the day. Our aim is to extend the yellow lines and zig zag markings. We are also working with the School Safety Team to identify safer parking zones around our school site which could include making the area around our school as a *School Safe Zone* so restricting access to Richard Avenue at the start and end of the school day. These steps will all make a difference but a bigger difference will be made if we are all mindful of where and when we park, never forgetting that we are a school and must do all we can, every single moment, to protect our/your wonderful children. We really appreciate your support, as always.

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **4S** who are our weekly winners.

Weekly whole school attendance is

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	90.0	3B	96.0
NURSERY AFT	83.1	3G	93.6
RM	95.6	4G	90.7
RW	92.8	4S	96.5
1B	75.7	5M	88.4
1S	73.4	5W	91.6
2CW	95.7	6C	89.0
2H	90.7	6H	91.7

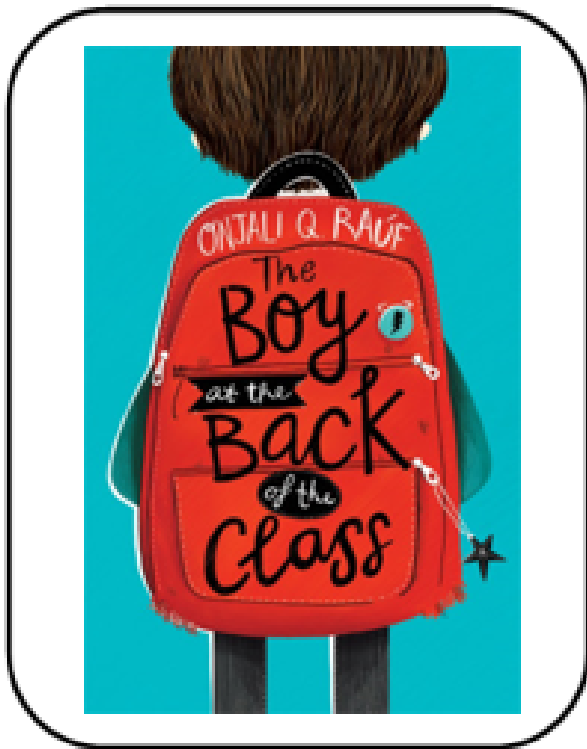
89.7%

ATTENDANCE

A new feature for the flyer...



Book Recommendation of the Week




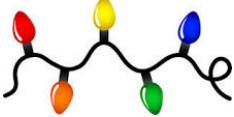

I recommend 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' because it is a wonderful book. It is about a child named Ahmet. He is a new child in the school and the book describes his experiences.

By Olivia W 6H

From one of our Reading Ambassadors...



RAPS Christmas Diary 2022

Date	Event
29th November	16 Days of Christmas begins 
1st December	Turning on of the Christmas tree lights 
13th December	Reception/KS1 Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
14th December	Nursery Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
15th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue 
20th December	KS2 Carol Service @ 9.15am School closes @ 2.30pm

Play Football



FOUNDATION
OF LIGHT

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET



The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football



TIME AND DATE

TUESDAYS OR FRIDAYS 5-6PM



LOCATION

BEACON OF LIGHT, SUNDERLAND, SR5 1SN



NEXT STEPS

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE,
SCAN THE QR CODE



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1089333

This sounds great!



Pupil premium

FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

If you have a child in reception, year one or year two, your child is automatically entitled to a free school lunch under the Universal Free School Meals scheme, regardless of your financial situation. However, did you know that a key source of school funding, the pupil premium grant, is linked to eligible families being *registered* for free school meals?

Pupil premium grant

Pupil premium can be used to further support high-quality teaching, fund social and emotional support, etc. This year, schools receive **£1,385** for each registered child. As school budgets come under increasing pressure, it's really important that as many eligible families claim it as possible.



Who is eligible?

Children are eligible for the grant if their parents/carers are in receipt of certain benefits, including:

- ☒ Income Support
- ☒ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ☒ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ☒ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☒ Child Tax Credit*
- ☒ Working Tax Credit run-on
- ☒ Universal Credit*

* Check full criteria - www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

ASK YOUR SCHOOL FOR A REGISTRATION FORM!

Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November

The theme this year is Reach Out. The Anti Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Early Years

Is your child online? It's important that devices are set up with age-appropriate parental controls and access is restricted to appropriate apps/content. **We would advise that children only access devices when you are with them.** Sometimes, regardless of what controls we have in place, children may accidentally view inappropriate content so it's important we are around to help them if they do.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has published a short booklet including advice and guidance on how to navigate the online world with your child. This is aimed at parents/carers with children under the age of 5: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/online-safety-for-under-5s-booklet>



Roblox – updated PEGI rating

PEGI have announced a change to the age rating for Roblox. PEGI used to rate Roblox as 7+, however because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox, PEGI have changed the rating to a Parental Guidance label (icon shown right). You can read more about this change here: <https://pegi.info/news/pegi-changes-rating-advice-roblox>



What is Roblox?

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.

Allowed Experiences - NEW

Roblox has introduced Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age set. Please note that experiences above the age restriction set may be seen in search results. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages. You can find out how to set up Allowed Experiences here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/8863284850196-Allowed-Experiences-Controls>

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them, then ensure you set the Monthly Spend Restriction to zero.

Game content – as mentioned, games are created by different users so sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Blocking users and reporting – ensure your child knows how to do this.

What should I do?

- Play the game with your child.
- Explore the parental controls within Roblox and set as appropriate.
- Show your child how to use the Report Abuse system within Roblox to report inappropriate content and how to block other users.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>