



# Richard Avenue Primary School

## Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 25 November 2022

### UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Monday 28 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

#### Tuesday 29 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

#### Wednesday 30 Nov

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

#### Thursday 1 Dec

School photographer's visit

Preparing for Christmas Day

School governor's conference from 12.30pm

#### Friday 2 Dec

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Lighting of the Christmas tree

Swimming for Y3G

Future dates for your diary

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CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

### Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, It's been another busy week as we race towards December. Although it's continued to be wet, this has done nothing to dampen our spirits. Speaking of rain, please do ensure that your child comes to school in a warm and waterproof coat (which is named) so that we can make the most of time outdoors which we know the children thoroughly enjoy. Speaking of feeling warm, our **wonderful Year 4's** read beautifully and smiled throughout this week's assembly for families casting a cheery, warm glow around the hall for all present. There was great delight on their faces as they presented their independent work to families with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. We know the children loved having you in school, thank you so much, we really value your support. As we reach the last weekend of November, stay warm, and if you're braving the shops - good luck!

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 anti-bullying were:

**Nursery: Christian & Xavier**

**Rec: Kiyan & Ishaq**

**Y1: Maria & Mariam**

**Y2: Aila & William**

**Y3: David & Aaira**

**Y4: Grace & Devpreet**

**Y5: Musa & Mihraan**

**Y6: Olivia**

**Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!**



**RAPS assemblies.** We have continued learning in PSHE lessons through our collective worship this week. Our current PSHE topic is *Relationships* and at the moment we are learning about '*Respecting ourselves and others*'. Children are further developing their knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions...

**Y1** - How should we treat the people in our class?

**Y2** - What do we have in common with the people in our class?

**Y3** - How can we demonstrate respectful behaviour at school, at home and online?

**Y4** - What values do we share with the people in our class?

**Y5** - Why should everyone be treated equally?

**Y6** - How can you be a positive role model in school? Ask the children to talk to you about these questions...

**Santa Dash and Laps to Lapland.** Once again this year we will be dashing for Santa... The children will be encouraged to bring to school an item of food for Santa's sleigh as they run around our running track with Santa Claus for company. Donations will be carried off in the sleigh (or the car, if the sleigh is unavailable!) to the Sunderland Foodbank. The date for your diary is **Friday 9th December**. We'll be writing to you about this next week. The children will also be taking part in a 'Laps to Lapland' running challenge. As a school we will attempt to run the distance in miles from Richard Avenue to Lapland, in time for the Christmas holidays. Wish us luck!

**Home time hobbies.** We love to hear about all of the fun and exciting things the children take part in outside of school. If you have any photos of the children enjoying a home time hobby, could we please ask you to send them into school. They will be proudly displayed on our **'Home time hobbies'** display in the school hall.



**Anti-Bullying.** As you know, last week was Anti-Bullying Week. Here are some useful websites for you and your children:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/bullying/>

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/kids.html>

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

## Keeping children safe in the dark.

It has been great to see children with reflective strips on their coats, or brightly coloured coats. At this time of year, visibility is very important. You can add reflective strips to clothing, school bags or bike/scooter helmets. It is also important to have lights on bikes and scooters.

## Should my children go to school

**today?** Please remember that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they must remain off school for 48 hours after they have been ill, as advised by the NHS. For other illnesses if you are uncertain please consult this helpful website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

**School photographer.** Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on **Thursday 1st December**. If your child has PE that day, please send them in normal school uniform and not PE clothes. Children will need to bring trainers to school.



**School meals survey.** Could we please ask you to click and complete the links below which are school lunch surveys for both parents and children. Could we ask you to submit your responses before **SCHOOL LUNCH** *WHAT'S COOKING?* **Friday 2nd December?** We'd be very grateful - the more responses we receive, the better. *Thank you.*

Pupil survey: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=r8Uscn1IUmcu7FFYYnuyVk\\_saYHtNmdeg9fZrI9URTIROEI1S1hjQUd1WTNXRUqUzg4RTU0RC4u&sharetoken=YDTwIzUd77VvlxMuWvvc8](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=r8Uscn1IUmcu7FFYYnuyVk_saYHtNmdeg9fZrI9URTIROEI1S1hjQUd1WTNXRUqUzg4RTU0RC4u&sharetoken=YDTwIzUd77VvlxMuWvvc8)

Parent and carer survey: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=r8Uscn1IUuCu7FYFVYVhnuYVksaYHtNmde9g9IFzrI9UmKvNOE1TUI3VTZOMjBGRUpJS0VHT0lPTC4u&sharetoken=xDpljk4okCVLKUnMopUE>

**Primary school admissions.** The online admissions portal for **primary schools is now open** 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 2022.** Allocations day is 19 April 2023. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Councils' website:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary>

**Y3 girls football.** A group of 12 girls attended Farringdon Academy's Wildcats Girls Football Festival. They took part in a carousel of football matches outside before going into the sports hall for a series of skills-focused activities. All of the girls said how much of a fun time they had. Girls football is something we are promoting at school, following the amazing success of the England Lionesses in the summer.

Every Friday playtime, the MUGA is a girls football zone. This has proven to be very popular. Watch out Lionesses, here we come!



**Attendance of the week.** Congratulations to **3G** who are our weekly winners.

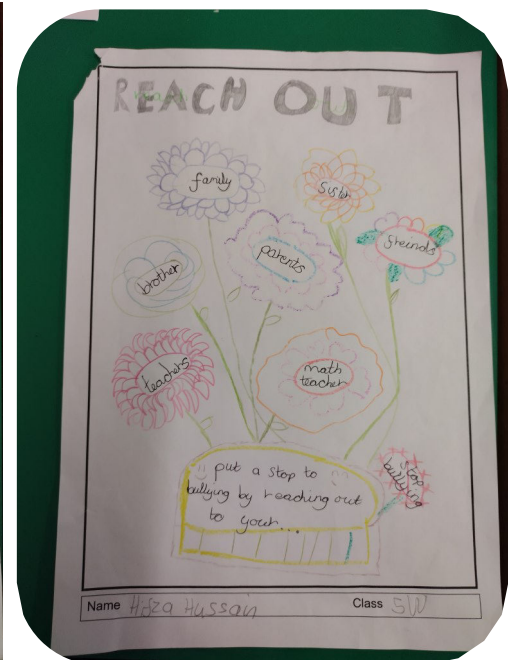
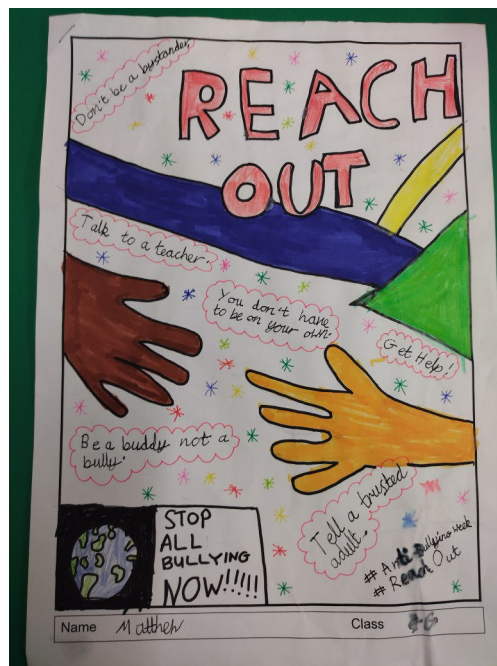
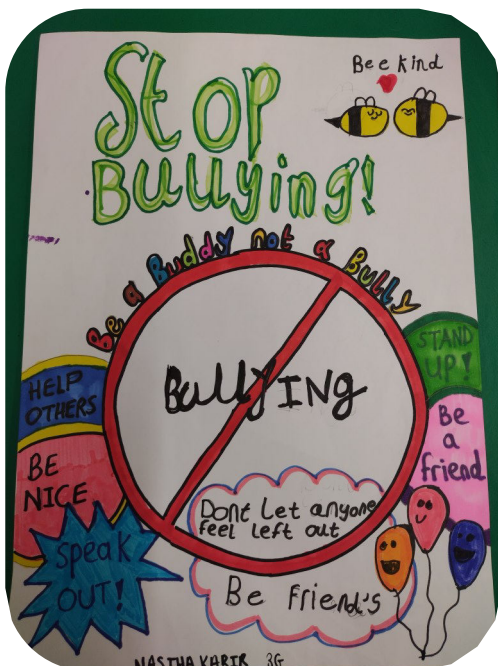
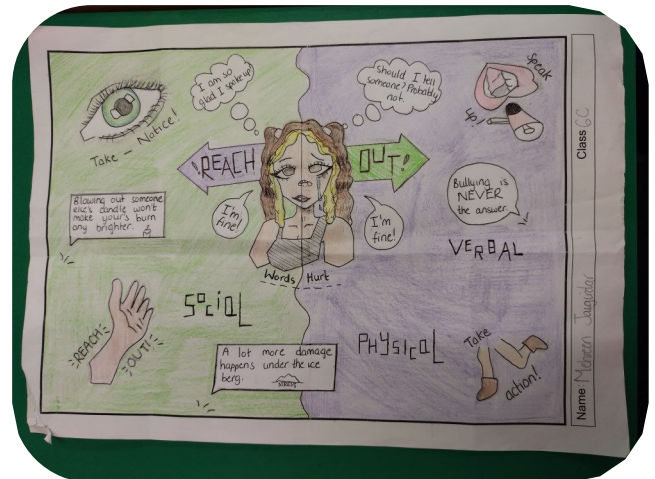
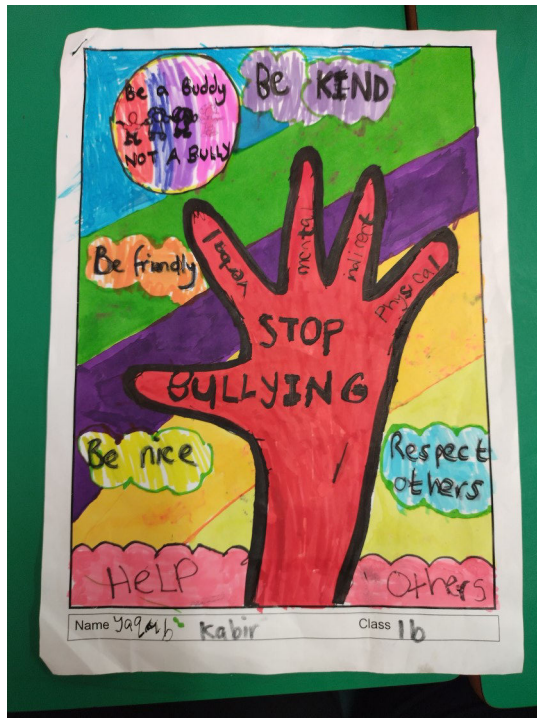
Weekly whole school attendance is 91%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	80.0	3B	94.0
NURSERY AFT	84.6	3G	99.0
RM	93.8	4G	91.8
RW	89.2	4S	89.6
1B	81.7	5M	82.8
1S	86.9	5W	85.2
2CW	93.3	6C	96.2
2H	97.0	6H	96.6

We continue to report attendance figures directly to the Department for Education. If your child is unable to come to school, please contact the school office for each day of absence. As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we have an absence calling system. Simply, if a child is absent we will contact parents to ask why he or she is not in school. If your child is unwell or absent for other reasons, please contact the school as soon as possible and so avoid being contacted by us.

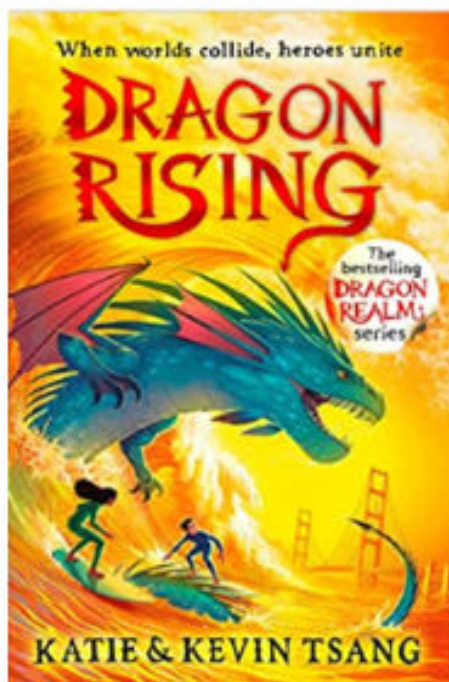


# A selection of posters from last week's anti-bullying competition...





# **Book Recommendation of the Week**



I recommend 'Dragon Rising' because it is a great adventure story about children who have dragon friends. There are 5 books in the series and I want to read them all. By Jamie 5M





## RAPS Christmas Diary 2022

Date	Event
29th November	16 Days of Christmas begins 
1st December	Turning on of the Christmas tree lights 
9th December	Santa dash and laps to Lapland challenge
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 @ 9.10am with refreshments from 8.45am KS2 Carol Service @ 10.30am with refreshments from 10.10am School closes @ 2.30pm



# 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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

**ASK YOUR SCHOOL FOR A REGISTRATION FORM!**