

Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let us not forget

Weekly Update

Friday 11 November 2022

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 14 Nov

Anti-bullying week

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Tuesday 15 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Wednesday 16 Nov

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

Thursday 17 Nov

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

Friday 18 Nov

Swimming for Y3&6

Children in Need - see overleaf for more information

Flu jabs

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 24th November

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

Thursday 1st December

Whole School photographs

Head Teacher comment Here we are at the end of another busy week. There continues to be lots going on in school including a visit to the *Great North Museum for Y5* which we know the children thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to the *girls who took part in this morning's mini football tournament*. Everyone had a great time and judging by the happy chatter and rosy cheeks on display as the girls returned to school. Lots of activity and some great football was played with thanks to the staff team for accompanying the children to this event.

Today is Armistice Day and we gathered as a school to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in conflict. We respectfully marked the silence at our own flag pole as we quietly listened to the Last Post, deep in our own thoughts. This was done superbly. As a staff team, we were incredibly proud of the children. Our head pupils, Alec and Mehreen, and I then visited the local war memorial to lay a wreath of poppies on behalf of our school community.

Thank you to families who supported this important event and also to Miss McMaster who has been in charge of the sales team in selling poppies to other staff and pupils across the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

"For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon

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

Nursery: Piper & Amaan

Rec: Mina & Felicity

Y1: Ishaq & Zubair

Y2: Poppie

Y3: Esme

Y4: Blake & Mavin

Y5: Ismail & Lily

Y6: Rhys

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



RAPS assemblies. Giving thanks has been an important theme in this week's assemblies. We have discussed and found out about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, a week long festival, that gives thanks to God for harvest and protection of the Jewish people.



We have also been remembering and giving thanks for those who lost their lives in World War 1 as Armistice Day is on the 11th November.



We looked at why people wear poppies as a sign of respect and the history of remembrance.

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

Questionnaire analysis. We have attached summaries of the questionnaires we have asked for your help with in recent weeks: the family's questionnaire, the children's and the reception new starters. If you have some time over the weekend, please do take a look and speak to either myself or another member of staff if there is anything we have overlooked. The feedback has been very positive and, as with everything we do, we are constantly striving to improve. Many thanks for your time and support, it is really appreciated.

The Children in Need appeal. "Let's raise pounds for Pudsey..." Children in Need day takes place next Friday, and at RAPS our Student Council invites everyone to come to school in spotty clothes or home clothes, bringing a donation for the Children in Need Appeal. Student Council, with the help of Miss Bell, also invites the children to pay an additional 50p to buy a Pudsey biscuit which will be on offer during morning break. With thanks for your support at home for what sounds like another fun day for the children.



Meet the teacher evening. It was lovely to see so many of you at yesterday's 'Meet the Teacher' evening, an important opportunity for parents and carers to speak to school staff. Thank you to everyone who attended. We very much value the support and positive input you make towards your child's/children's learning. *If you didn't or couldn't make an appointment, please let us know and we can organise an opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher.*

Anti-bullying week. This annual event takes place next week, between 14-18 November. We are using the excellent resources provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to deliver an assembly and lessons throughout the week. They have also put together an excellent resource for parents. [You can download a copy here.](#)



5 stars for the kitchen. Hot off the press news from our school kitchen as the team this week received an unannounced visit from the Health Inspector. You'll not be surprised to learn that a glowing report was received and the word 'excellent' used many times. As you'll be thinking yourselves, and as is the nature of unannounced visits, this is our kitchen on a daily basis and we could not be more delighted or proud of our hardworking catering team. Three cheers for Cathy and the team!!!



World Science Day. RAPS celebrated World Science Day this week as the children



enjoyed a number of mini science experiments which were part of their class assemblies. Experiments ranged from making colourful slime to rainbow colour mixing and paper towel colour mixing. The children learnt how to create a non-Newtonian liquid,



liquids that bond together and about the absorbency of paper. It was great to see the children so excited and building their love of learning in Science.

New local author on the block. Hello, my name is Chloe Atkinson. Imaginer, day-dreamer and now, author of my debut book - *The Shadow Monsters*. At school, English for me was a double-edged sword. On one hand my parents were told I was incredibly gifted at creative writing. But on the other side, I was a very poor reader and found a lot of reading and grammar incredibly frustrating. This led me to pursue my other interest in the sciences leading to a career BC (before children) in the chemical field.

After giving birth to our first son, Archie, I gave up on the chemistry and became a stay at home mum. Two years later saw our second son, Henry, arrive during the chaos of the pandemic. So, like any sane person, with two children under three, I decided to open a farm shop as well! This is where I met some amazing local authors including Kylie Dixon, the illustrator of *The Shadow Monsters*.

Inspiration for *The Shadow Monsters* came to me from my two real life boys, Archie (4) and Henry (2). Their personalities and looks have been captured in the gorgeous illustrations as Kylie helped to really bring the story to life. My hope is that this captures a small part of their journey growing up and that they may look back and remember a childhood filled with love for each other. It is a story of overcoming fears and brotherly love. I hope that you and your children will love it too!



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


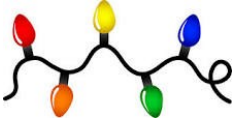

Weekly whole school attendance is **87.5%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	82.98	3B	82
NURSERY AFT	76.9	3G	80
RM	96.7	4G	86.8
RW	88.4	4S	87.7
1B	86.3	5M	90.4
1S	73.1	5W	92.8
2CW	85	6C	91.9
2H	91.7	6H	90.3





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