



# Richard Avenue Primary School

## Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 20th January 2023

### UPCOMING DATES

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

#### Monday 23 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Artist's workshop for 5W—all day

2.30-3.30pm Change for Life—Family Learning

#### Tuesday 24 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Artist's workshop for 5M—all day

Sunderland Empire visit for Y4

#### Wednesday 25 Jan

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

#### Thursday 26 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by RECEPTION & Y4

Dance for 4S

#### Friday 27 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1

Swimming for Y3

### Future dates for your diary

#### Thurs 2nd Feb from 9.10am

Y3's assembly for families

#### Mon 6th March

Parents afternoon and evening—*letter to follow*

**Head Teacher comment** Dear Richard Avenue Families, welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been another busy week (when is it any other!) with children working hard, both in and out of the classroom, enjoying learning and challenging themselves to be the best they can be. *Please visit the curriculum pages of our school website to find out more about this term's learning for each class - [click this link which takes you to these pages](#).* As you all know at home, we consistently focus on strategies for good mental health; the week of 6 February is set aside for some specific work to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for Mental Health Week this year is Let's Connect, which is designed to promote healthy connections and relationships in order to positively impact on mental health. [Find out more about the theme here.](#) Although daylight hours are gradually increasing, we are still in the midst of winter, with dark, early mornings and evenings, not to mention the rain clouds. Please do remember the importance of being safe and being seen, especially when crossing roads. If your child walks to school on their own, please remind them to be extra safe when crossing roads and especially at junctions. Parents may need to allow extra time, if driving on rainy days. We encourage you to show courtesy to other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists who are also travelling. Together we can keep ourselves and our community safe during these winter months. On that note, we hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

With very best wishes,

*Claire McKinney*

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

**Assembly stars.** Last week's stars linked to the theme of *being a good citizen* were:

**Rec: Eric**

**Y1: Yusra & Luke**

**Y2: Holly & Sami**

**Y3: Nikita & Midhun**

**Y4: Aadil & Amna**

**Y5: Zach & Favour**

**Y6: Fajr & Amelia**



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

**RAPS assemblies.** On the third Monday of January, it is Martin Luther King Day. It's a day to remember and honour this great civil rights leader. He is considered to be one of history's greatest activists and his leadership helped end segregation. On August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. He spoke of a day when all men would be treated equally. King went on to win the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. He was 35 years old and the youngest person to have received the honour. This week, we have given thought to who inspires us as well as thinking about our own aspirations for the future. Ask your children about these at home...

*I Have a Dream*  
—Martin Luther King—

**Big Garden Birdwatch.** The BGB is fun, free and for everyone and you don't need a garden to take part. Counting birds from your window or local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. [Sign up for your free guide](#) and look out for birds between 27-29 January.

**Goodbye to Miss McMaster.** We said our goodbyes to Miss McMaster today and wished her well as she makes final preparations for the arrival of her baby. We will let you all know as soon as we hear anything from Miss McMaster at this very exciting time, and send our love to Miss McMaster and her family. As you know, we are delighted that **Mrs Graham** will take over the teaching of our reception children from **Monday 23rd January** and would like to officially welcome her to our team!



**Gate on Ranson Street.** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the gate on Ranson Street won't be open at all throughout next week. Please use one of the other school gates. Thank you for your understanding.



**Year 3's class assembly for families on Thursday 2nd Feb from 9.10am.** Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. Y3 families very welcome!

**Health and wellbeing.** A reminder that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities. Flu COVID-19 are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A Streptococcus, also continue to be reported. Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said: It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. With sincere thanks for your continued support.

**A message from Sunderland Foodbank.** Thank you for your extremely generous donation of 9 kg of food and £275.00 cash to Sunderland Foodbank. If you could pass our appreciation onto the staff involved in arranging the collection and all children, parents and community of Richard Avenue Primary School we'd be most grateful. We appreciated you thinking of the foodbank and taking the time to arrange a collection.

**Attendance of the week.** Congratulations to **6H** who are our this week's star class.

*Weekly whole school attendance is **93.3%***

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	86.3	3B	91.0
NURSERY AFT	89.4	3G	94.3
RM	94.4	4G	90.0
RW	95.2	4S	94.9
1B	92.3	5M	95.6
1S	87.3	5W	95.2
2CW	92.7	6C	92.9
2H	94.3	6H	97.6

**Change 4 Life Family Learning.** We have begun our *Family Learning Course* this week, working with the Change 4 Life Team. The sessions are to focus on healthy lifestyles and include games, snack making and lots of other fun activities. It was great to be able to invite parents into school to work with their children. An exciting and energetic afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended. There will be more sessions of this course over the year so look out for this information. With many thanks to the team from **Change 4 Life** and to our own **Miss Ellis** for all they have done to make this course happen. We are really grateful #topteam





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Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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