



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 27 January 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 30 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Change for Life: Family Learning from 2.30-3.30pm

Newcastle Eagles Roadshow for Y5/6

Tuesday 31 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Sunderland Empire project visit for Y4

Wednesday 1 Feb

School closed due to NEU strike action

Thursday 2 Feb

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

Y3's assembly for families from 9.10am

Visit to the Winter Gardens for Y3

Dance City for Y4

Friday 3 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & Y6

Swimming for Y3

Dodgeball for Y5

Future dates for your diary

Friday 17th February

School closes for half term

Monday 6th March

Parents afternoon & evening

Thursday 20th March

Y2's assembly for families

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, It's been another busy week as we race towards February. Although it's continued to be wet, this has done nothing to dampen our spirits. Each morning our children rush through the gates with great enthusiasm showing that they are eager and ready to learn. Thank you for working with us to get your children into school on time to ensure that we have a prompt start to learning at 9am. Across school children have been engaged in and enjoying their learning. They are doing the best that they can in all areas of learning. Speaking of enjoying their learning, our Year 3's are looking forward to welcoming families to their class assembly which takes place in our school hall next Thursday (2.2.23). Please come in through the main entrance where we will be on hand to warmly welcome you. The assembly to begin at approx. 9.10am and last for 20 minutes. Families and friends of Year 3 are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

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 *aspirations*:

Joel

Aleisha

Sumayyah

Usman

Yahya

Tejiri

Umaira

Luna

Yaqub

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



In this week's assemblies... This week we have been finding out about Chinese New year which was on Sunday 22nd January. Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar and solar Chinese calendar. We found out about traditions Chinese families follow and how they celebrate. This year is the year of the rabbit. To our families that are celebrating: "Kung hei fat choy!" This a popular new year greeting meaning "wishing you prosperity!" Along with this celebration we have also been thinking about the British Values of respect and tolerance. Here at Richard Avenue, we celebrate our multicultural school and are always respectful of each other and celebrate our differences in cultures and religions.



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.*

Strike action on Wednesday 1st February. The NEU's strike action will affect our school on **Wednesday 1st February**. Governors have agreed that we will need to close the school to all pupils, as we do not have enough staff to meet the risk assessment for keeping school open. There is a possibility that staff may not take strike action on all four proposed dates but at this stage we know next week's strike will go ahead. *The closing of the school to pupils would also include closing of the breakfast and afterschool club.*

Polite reminder. Please be considerate when driving and parking around school. Driveways and access roads must not be blocked at any time. Please note that parking is not permitted on the zig zag lines outside of school at the designated times. This is to ensure children and families have safe access to school. Many thanks for your continued support in helping to keep all of our children and families safe as well as being respectful to our local residents.

Nuts. Due to potential allergies which can lead to pupils having severe reactions, we are a nut free school. This means that packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts or products including nuts, such as Nutella or peanut butter. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Sports update from Mr Spoors. Seven children from Year 6 represented the school in the initial Sunderland **netball** league matches. These matches determine which league Richard Avenue will be entered into. Our children tried very hard and showed great resilience in their first competitive netball games. Overall, they played 2 games this week - drawing and losing a close game. Well done to Alec, Jasmine, Mehreen, Arafaat, Lily, Issa and Arifa.

Basketball. All of Year 5 took part in the **Hoops4Health** Sunderland competition. This is a programme organised by the coaches and staff from Newcastle Eagles Basketball club. In total, Richard Avenue entered 6 teams who all gave their best effort and showed determination, **with one team qualifying for the Grand finals to be played at the home of the Newcastle Eagles next week.** Huge congratulations to Luca, Nia, Lily, Yaseen, Jamie, Maisie, Nasim and Riyadh and good luck in the finals!

Girls Football. A group of Year 4 girls took part in the Wild Cats girls football festival. They played football matches and learned new football skills with some brilliant coaches. We received some great feedback on the girls' behaviour, skills and effort. **Can we take this opportunity to remind you about our girls football sessions beginning on Wednesday evenings from Wednesday 8th February. Any enquiries regarding joining this club, please contact Mr Spoors at school.**

Reception open afternoon. You are invited to join the reception team for the second of our open afternoons which, this term, will give you an opportunity to find out more about the **maths curriculum** - resources we use, how parents might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat. This term's opportunity will take place on **Wednesday 15 February from 2.15-3.30pm**, with an time to visit the reception classroom and play with your child from . Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.



Forest School hits Richard Avenue. As part of exciting plans for our wildlife garden, Mr Williams and Mrs Dunn are currently spending time on a Forest School training course. Last week they



spent three days over at the Rising Sun Country Park in North Tyneside where they learnt crucial outdoor skills like den building, knot tying and fire safety. Our next step is to pass these experiences to our children when the wildlife garden is redeveloped! More days are planned over the next coming months so if ever you need help with clove hitches, fire steels, frapping, or uses for tarp then get in touch!



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

Weekly whole school attendance is 91.4%

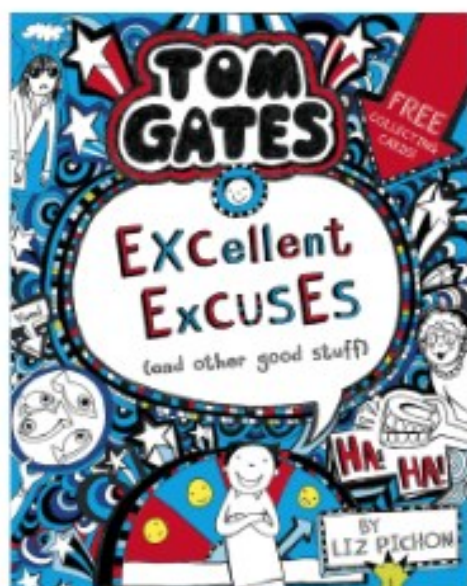
CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	92.5	3B	100.0
NURSERY AFT	95.5	3G	98.1
RM	94.0	4G	90.3
RW	82.2	4S	88.5
1B	89.3	5M	94.0
1S	82.0	5W	95.6
2CW	94.0	6C	91.6
2H	91.3	6H	92.1

Sporting gallery :-)





Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'Excellent Excuses' by Tom Gates' because it is really interesting and funny. I think lots of people will like it. By Amelia 6C