

Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 10 February 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 13 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 2

Tuesday 14 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Infantasia for Y2

Wednesday 15 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y5

Visit to the Sunderland Theatre Royal for Y4

Reception Open Afternoon from 2.15pm

Basketball for Y5

Thursday 16 Feb

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

Dance for Y4

Sustainability ambassadors at Sunderland City Hall with Mrs Dunn

Sunderland Empire project for Y4

Friday 17 Feb

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yrs 1&6

Swimming for Y3

School closes for half term

Future dates for your diary

Monday 27th February

School re-opens after half term

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We can't believe how quickly time is flying by this half term. The children continue to flourish and continue to enjoy learning experiences they will remember for ever. Speaking of memorable moments, our Y5 basketballers played at the home of Newcastle Eagles last Friday as they had reached the last 4 of a Sunderland schools competition. **Luca, Jamie, Nia, Masie, Yaseen, Lily, Riyadh and Nasim.** were superstars, easing past their semi-final opposition

with some fabulous shots and moves, and into the final which took place at half time during the Eagles' home match against Sheffield Sharks. Our children were quite rightly very excited, and staff and families present were so proud of them all. Although the final didn't go our way, we took the match to a shoot out with scores tied as the claxon sounded. It was a fabulous night and one which we know the children will remember for some time. They were the

best ambassadors for our school and great fun to be with. Huge thanks to those families who were able to join us and to our the staff team for giving up their time on a Friday evening: Mrs Robson, Miss Hoggett and Miss Le Menn, with extra-special thanks to Mr Spoors for all he did to organise the evening and for his brilliant basketball skills and tactics #superMrSpoors

On a different subject, as we near half term, the children are noticeably tired. You may want to look at the amount of sleep that different aged children are advised to have each night. This website from Great Ormond Street Hospital is quite useful: <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/procedures-and-treatments/sleep-hygiene-children/> Don't forget to book your appointment for next half term's parent and teacher meetings which take place on Monday 6th March. Letters have been sent home with children. If you can't lay your hands on yours, please let the school office know. At this half way point in the school year, these meetings are invaluable and we really look forward to speaking to our families. 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 celebrated children who: share thoughts and ideas; listen to others with interest; show respect and understanding were:

Nursery: Maggie & Jack

Rec: Mohammad & Ayesha

Y1: Maria & Preston

Y2: Roshni & Aleeza

Y3: Sira & Arifa

Y4: Ahmad & Aisha

Y5: Denika & Mihraan

Y6: Kulsum & Phoebe



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!

Birth announcement. We are delighted to be able to pass on the exciting news that **Miss McMaster** gave birth to a healthy baby girl on 4th February. Miss McMaster's daughter, to be named **Kitty Eleanor**, weighed in at 6lb 14oz, and is very cute and very calm – long may that continue! We send lots of love and our very best wishes at this exciting time. Huge congratulations to the new family of 4!



Next week, our school council will be taking all of your generous food donations to the foodbank at St Thomas Church. Whilst we are there, we are hoping to find out how the foodbank works and ways we can help those in need. This week in our school council shout out we are asking for donations of: **tinned potatoes, tea, coffee, long life fruit juice and instant meals**. Thank you for your amazing support. *As always, it is greatly appreciated from the School Council.*

Safer Internet Day. It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, which this year explored the reliability of all of the amazing information online and encouraged the children to consider how we separate fact from fiction. As many children spend a considerable amount of time socialising and playing online, our focus on online safety is incredibly important. The UK Safer Internet Centre, who organise Safer Internet Day, has a wide range of resources for parents and carers to use to help keep children safe online.



By far, the most important thing that you can do, as parents and carers, is to regularly talk to children about their online usage, remind them of safe and unsafe behaviours and what to do if they see or hear anything which makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Following this link for some ideas about how to begin these conversations with children [Parents and carers: have a conversation](#)

More information can be found at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

In this week's assemblies... Our topic for personal, social and health education (PSHE) is 'Living in the Wider World' with a focus on 'Media Literacy and Digital Resilience'. The children are developing their knowledge and understanding of the themes through these key questions:

In Y1: What do we use the internet for at school?

In Y2: How can the internet help us to learn?

In Y3: Whose responsibility is it to report unkind, worrying or inappropriate content online?

In Y4: Should you trust and believe everything you read online?

In Y5: How should you respond to unsafe or suspicious content online?

In Y6: What are the benefits of safe internet use?

Perhaps you could ask them about this at home?

A visit to The Winter Garden for Y3. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed last week's trip to *The Winter Gardens*. The children enjoyed a rainforest trail and found out lots of amazing facts about plants and animals that are sadly becoming extinct due to deforestation. The children then took this information back to school. Y3 represented our school very well, showing enthusiasm and manners throughout the afternoon. Well done, Year 3!



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 15th February from 2.15-3.30pm**. Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.



We're Hiring!

Job Opportunities at Richard Avenue. We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and flexible lunchtime supervisory assistant. *This a permanent contract - part time in term time from Monday - Friday, for 6 hours and 40 mins per week. Grade 1 @ £9.62 per hour and a salary of £18,562 pro rata.*

The successful candidate will be friendly, caring and have an interest in working with children and being part of a team. You will help manage and supervise our children in the dining room and assist as play-leaders instigating games with the children.

The right candidate will have: ● A proven ability to work on their own initiative. ● Have a keen eye for detail ● Have a high level of communication skills and the ability to relate positively to children and adults. ● A commitment to happiness and wellbeing within the school community.

Application forms and further details are available from the North East Jobs website: www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/-/238613

Only applications submitted on the school's application form will be considered.

Successful candidates will have to meet the requirements of the person specification form. Appointment is subject to satisfactory references and Disclosure and Barring Service check. **Closing date for applications is Friday 17th February at 9.00 am.**

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

*Weekly whole school attendance is **90.1%**.*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	90.6	3B	97.9
NURSERY AFT	78.9	3G	93.3
RM—now RG with Mrs Graham	98.1	4G	88.0
RW	90.0	4S	97.0
1B	82.7	5M	92.8
1S	84.7	5W	90.4
2CW	90.3	6C	89.7
2H	81.7	6H	91.4

Clubs, family learning and wellbeing

Clubs. Please be aware that our after school clubs will be starting a new intake of pupils after the half term holiday. Clubs will run as normal next week. Please look out for the letter so your child can choose the clubs they would like to attend and return them before Friday 17th February. Children will be able to reapply for a club they already attend if they would like to continue. You will be informed by letter after the holidays about which clubs your child has given a place in. Next terms clubs will begin on Monday 6th March.

Change 4 Life Family Learning. We have just completed our first program working with the Change 4 Life Team. A fantastic time was had by everyone who attended. We had our celebration this week for the children and parents who attended the sessions and we are very much looking forward to starting our next program after the holidays.



Children's Mental Health Week. This week the children have been celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme was 'Let's Connect'. The children all took part in activities to support them in understanding the importance of connecting with people and in recognizing how this supports our mental wellbeing. We also looked at those people in our lives we connect with and also at how valuable family and friendships are.





Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'The Midnight Gang' by David Walliams because it is interesting, adventurous and funny. By Arifa 6C