

Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer



Weekly Update

Friday 5 May 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 8 May

School closed for May Bank holiday

Tuesday 9 May

Y6 SATs begin



Swimming for Y4

Wednesday 10 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 5

Thursday 11 May

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

Friday 12 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1

Swimming for Y3

Captain Chemistry in Y1

Future dates for your diary

Y1's assembly for families - 18th May @ 9.10am

Y2's assembly for families - 22nd June @ 9.10am



Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, There is never a quiet time in school, and this week has been no different. Although the weather has not been warm, the children have continued to make us smile, working hard both in and out of class. We have learned about the life of King Charles III as we look forward to his Coronation, a significant moment in history and an event which many of us will have never seen before. In school, we have been looking forward to our Coronation celebration and picnic, and hoping the weather is kind to us this afternoon... Looking ahead to next week, we couldn't let this week's letter go by without mentioning our amazing Year 6 children who will take their Key Stage 2 SATs next week - national assessments in reading, Maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). *At home, could we please ask that you do your best to get the children to bed at a sensible time each night and that they arrive for school in good time each morning - thank you.* They've worked so hard, been so determined, made such fabulous progress and we are immensely proud of each of them. We hope everyone enjoys the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend, whatever you are doing. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are
Remember **you're the best!**

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Assembly stars. This week's stars linked to the themes of creativity and art were:

Nursery: Zayd

Rec: Yasir & Didaraoluwa

Y1: Ibrahim & Sienna

Y2: Ismail & Zach

Y3: Stephanie & Lydia

Y4: Varin & Elaine

Y5: Tre

Y6: Mehreen & Lexi



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!

In this week's assemblies. This week we have dedicated our assemblies to looking at the traditions we have as a nation. As we prepare to celebrate the King's coronation, we have spent time talking about what it is to be British and our British values; **democracy, rule of law, respect and tolerance, individual liberty.** We thought about our responsibilities, as British citizens, and our staff team have been looking for children who have demonstrated responsibility in classes. Discussions centred around how we can show responsibility and how we are responsible for many things.

Responsibility

Clubs update. It is good to see that our new after school clubs are proving to be hugely popular with all of the children. Many thanks for your support with the organising of children, which we know is not an easy task. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

Design a cake fit for a king. Sunderland School Meals Service is inviting our children to design a cake fit for a king – provide the recipe, method, name the cake and a drawing of how it should look. *For the younger children in nursery and reception, the recipe and method can be left out.* Any entries to be handed to **Cathy, our school Catering Manager**, who will pass them on to the judging panel. **Remember to also include your name, your year group and our school name.**

Eight winners will be chosen from across the City (hopefully one from each year group depending on quantity of entries), each of whom will receive a £20 Amazon gift card. Closing date for entries will be

Fri 19th May. **Good luck!**

It's The Lion King for Y1. Year 1 have had so much fun learning all about Africa. To end our topic, we were given the opportunity to watch the Lion King at Sunderland Empire. Both the children and staff had so much fun and it was wonderful to see the children's faces as they watched the performance. The children particularly enjoyed listening and dancing along to the African music - in the words of **Zubair (1B)**, "It was the best day. The Lion King was so much fun. I loved the dancing and the singing."



Year 1's class assembly for families on Thursday 18th May from 9.10am. Please come into school via the main entrance. The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins. Y1 families very welcome!



Captain Chemistry hits Y4. A report written by Aryssa (4G).

The digestive system - Captain Chemistry started his lesson by getting weetabix and asked a volunteer to crush it. This represented the mouth when you are chewing your food. To represent the oesophagus tube



he got a plastic bag and poured the food into the bag. After that, Captain Chemistry asked a volunteer to pour this mixture into the bag (the stomach) with a funnel. Next Captain Chemistry asked the class to vote for vinegar and orange juice so that there would be acid to fight any germs or bacteria in the food. This mixture was poured into the tights. To represent vitamins coming out, a volunteer squeezed the tights the liquid that was coming out was the vitamins.



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Skulls - Kindly, Captain Chemistry brought in some skulls of animals such as an otter's skull, a rabbit's skull and more. We all got to examine these skulls and see how they looked.



Thank you Aryssa for your fabulous report - it sounds like a wonderful workshop for Y4!

Safeguarding Update - Parent Guides.

There are a number of challenges that children face as they are growing up. Open conversations with parents and trusted adults can often be the starting point for young people discovering new to support themselves. The [Parenting Smart page](#) provides specific guides around a wide range of parental concerns including discussing positive body image, managing anxieties, building resilience, monitoring gaming habits and supporting bereavement to name just a few.



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to 5M & 6C who are our weekly winners.

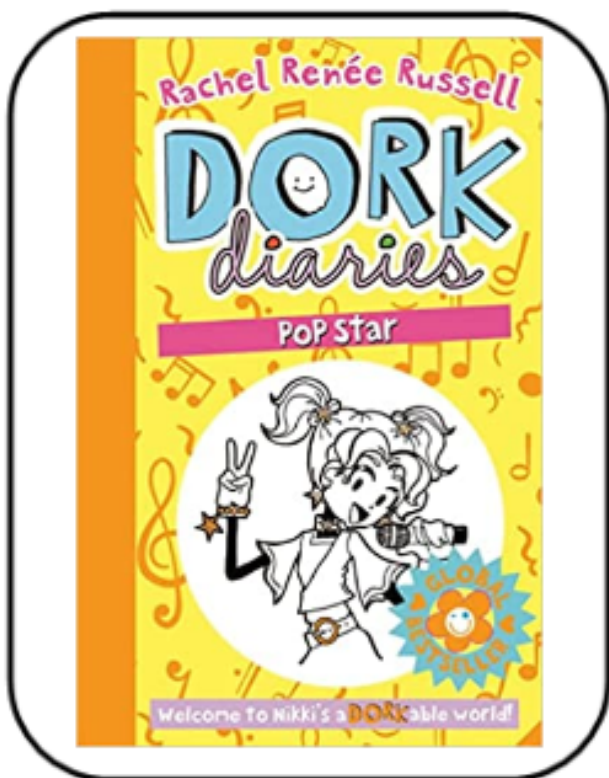
Weekly whole school attendance is 95.4%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	94.7	3B	94.7
NURSERY AFT	94.7	3G	90.0
RM	95.5	4G	98.8
RW	93.3	4S	88.9
1B	98.9	5M	100.0
1S	96.7	5W	95.1
2CW	93.9	6C	100.0
2H	87.8	6H	99.4

Attendance Guide	
95% - 100%	Excellent level of attendance
90% - 94%	Good level of attendance
80% - 89%	Concerning level of attendance
Below 80%	Serious concern



Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'Dork Diaries - Pop Star' by Rachael Renée Russell because it is funny and weird at the same time.

By Nia 5M



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