



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 12 May 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 15 May

Y2 SATs week begins

Bikeability for Y5

Class and sporting teams photograph

day - for Y2 PE, please send children into school in uniform with their PE kits to change into

That History Bloke for Y6

Sunderland Empire project for Y4

Tuesday 16 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y4

Swimming gala for Yrs 5&6

Basketball for Y6

Tennis for Y3

Wednesday 17 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6

Hearing checks for reception

Thursday 18 May

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

Assembly for Y1 families @ 9.10am

Tennis for Y3&4

Athletics for Y6

Eye checks for reception

Friday 19 May

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 &

Y5

Eye checks for reception

Swimming for Y6

Future date for your diary: School closes for summer half term on Fri 26th May @ 3.35pm

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, We begin this week's flyer with a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the calm and sensible manner in which they tackled their SATs. We are incredibly very proud of them all and know that they are enjoying a well deserved afternoon of treats today which we are certain they will tell you all about at home. Many thanks to the RAPS staff team for the care and consideration given to the organising and the smooth-running of this important week. Next week, our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. With two weeks to go until summer half term, it is crucially important that your child is at school every day and on time. Not only does missing school significantly impact their learning, it also disrupts their friendships. Children need certainty. If their friend is not in school regularly, they will quickly find someone else they can rely on to be there. We understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is on time and only absent if they really are unable to come into school. Thank you, as always, for your support. Have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*.

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

Assembly stars. This week's stars linked to the theme of responsibility were:

Nursery: Maarif & Mario

Rec: Zahraa, Adyan & Isabelle

Y1: Amaya

Y2: Zoya

Y3: Aaira

Y4: Fateha & Mohammad

Y5: Hifza &

Y6: Arifa & Dylan

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



In this week's assemblies. This week we listened to stories about perseverance and self-belief. We read stories such as **"I choose to try again"** by Elizabeth Estrada or the famous story of **Robert The Bruce and the spider**. We talked about the importance of trying your best, trying again if you don't succeed at first and why it is important in life. Teachers were looking for pupils showing dedication and perseverance in their daily work and life which were celebrated during this morning's assembly.





The match! The biggest good luck shout out to SAFC for the next couple of games, that we won't mention but are all thinking about (or most of us!) **Ha'way the lads!**

Coronation day and family picnic.

We had a fabulous time last Friday as we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III at Richard Avenue. As usual, we did it in style with crowns, crafts and cheers. A highlight was definitely our Coronation picnic, throughout which the weather was (thankfully!) kind to us. We were delighted so many families could join us with picnic goodies and comfy chairs or blankets. Watching over 400 children sing the National Anthem was a real tear jerker - in spite of our tech issues. We have taken lots of photographs (*see page 3 of this week's flyer!*) and the children had a wonderful day with many memorable activities to enjoy. Huge thanks to **Mrs Gorton and Mrs Graham** for all they did to organise the RAPS Coronation extravaganza; their attention to detail made the day so special. Other thank yous: to **our fabulous staff team** for entering into the spirit of the day so enthusiastically, some where even spotted wearing crowns and tiaras...*we'll see whether this headwear becomes a permanent addition!* To our fabulous **catering team** who created a coronation feast fit for a King, alongside 500 extra-special coronation cupcakes which our Catering Manager **Cathy** baked and iced and to **Mr Spoors** who as ever, was everywhere including in role as chief photographer! A wonderful celebration, thank you team RAPS.

The King's
CORONATION



2023

Safeguarding update - healthy relationships.

Arguments are part of every healthy relationship but when they become frequent, intense and poorly resolved they have a negative impact on you and your family. A relationship in distress can place children at risk of mental health and behavioural issues and they may have problems with school and learning. Evidence has shown that when parents, co-parents and carers communicate well and manage stress together, children do better. There are two free ways you can access support for you and your family, find out more [here](#).

Cricket. We are delighted to begin a partnership with the **Chance to Shine** which is a national cricket charity. Chance to Shine will provide our children with fantastic cricketing opportunities, which as well as being a brilliant team sport, will also help to develop personal, social and physical skills. We will be holding an introductory cricket day for children in Years 2 - 6 on Thursday 25th May, when each class will receive a cricket skills session led by the coaches from Chance to Shine. More information will be sent home closer to the time.

While mentioning cricket, we have a fantastic opportunity to watch a live game of cricket at **Durham Riverside**. Matches will take place during the half term holiday, on **FRI, 2 JUNE 6:30PM DURHAM V LANCASHIRE LIGHTNING (Men)** and **2:30PM NORTHERN DIAMONDS V BLAZE (Women)**. Please use this code **KIDSFREE23** to purchase adult tickets for £10, with free child tickets. Use this link to find out more: <https://bit.ly/SchoolsTakeover>

Miss McKinney loves cricket and will be there cheering on the Durham teams. If you are able to, it would be wonderful to see you there too!

Sunderland Foodbank. On behalf of Sunderland Foodbank, Student Council would like to say a huge thank you to both students and families at Richard Avenue for your kind donations. Last term, as a result of your generosity, the Foodbank were able to provide a total of 132 meals to those in need.

This term, we will be continuing our appeal and if you are able to, we kindly ask for any donations to be brought into school with your child before **Thursday 25th May**.

Urgently needed food items include:

TINNED POTATOES, RICE PUDDING, JAM/PRESERVES, SAVOURY TREATS , CHOCOLATE and BISCUITS

As always, we appreciate your continued support in helping those who need it most.

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **6H** who are our weekly winners.

Weekly whole school attendance is **93.9%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	93.4	3B	86.2
NURSERY AFT	75.0	3G	92.5
RM	93.3	4G	93.3
RW	97.0	4S	87.0
1B	96.4	5M	95.5
1S	93.8	5W	86.6
2CW	96.7	6C	99.2
2H	93.3	6H	100.00

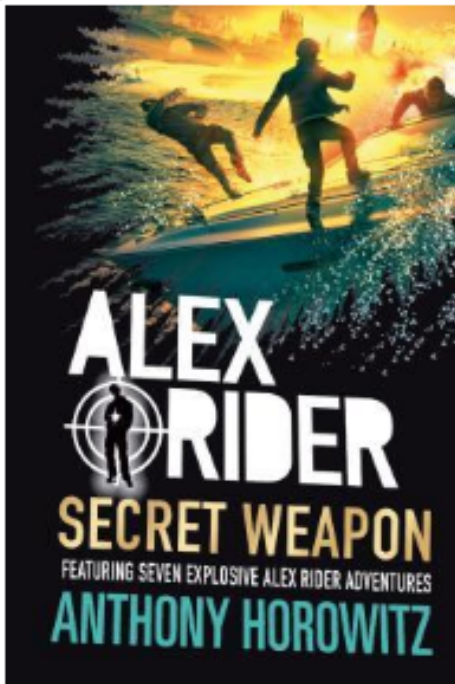
Attendance Guide	
95% - 100%	Excellent level of attendance
90% - 94%	Good level of attendance
80% - 89%	Concerning level of attendance
Below 80%	Serious concern

Coronation gallery...





Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend the 'Alex Rider' series by Anthony Horowitz because it is very action packed and very adventurous.

By Shumi 6H



DURHAM CRICKET

SCHOOLS 2023
*HALF-TERM
TAKEOVER*

FRI 2 JUNE 14:30 NORTHERN DIAMONDS v BLAZE
18:30 DURHAM v LANCASHIRE LIGHTNING

ADULTS £10

KIDS FREE

USE CODE: KIDSFREE23



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