



Richard Avenue Primary School

Special edition

Thursday Flyer

Weekly Update

Thursday 22nd June 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Friday 23 June

School closed to children for staff training day

Monday 26 June

Years 5 and 6 set off for their visit to Derwent Hill

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1 & 2

Tuesday 27 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by R & Yr 3

Swimming for Y4

Y6 transition day to high schools

Fire service visit for Y2

Wednesday 28 June

Y6 transition days to high schools

Thursday 29 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y4

Y6 transition days to high schools

Barnes Park visit for Y5

Friday 30 June

Barnes Park visit for Y5

Swimming for Y6

Years 5 and 6 return from Derwent Hill

Please see page 4 for next year's term dates.

Eid al-Adha. For some of our families, Eid celebrations will take place on **Weds 28th and Thurs 29th June**, and for others on **Thurs 29th and Fri 30th June**. Two days will be authorised for families to celebrate together - either the **Weds and Thurs**, or **Thurs & Fri**. Wishing our families a blessed Eid.



Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, In addition to the wide range of sporting and enrichment activities that have been taking place in school throughout this week, the children have produced some stunning pieces of work in their classes, many of which have been displayed around school. We had a number of achievements to recognise and we would like to congratulate all of our children for their fantastic attitude to learning. Y4 in particular, have been superstars as they have tried their very best with their multiplication checks. We are so proud of them all for the sensible way in which they have tackled these with many thanks once again to the RAPS staff team for the care and consideration given to the organising and the smooth-running of these assessments. As we all know, this is a very busy half-term; we're looking forward to our Sports and Wellbeing Week and the School and Community Summer Fair (*see overleaf for more details*), as well as the last educational visits of the year. We'll be saying goodbye to our Y6s and celebrating their time with us. We will also be sharing reports with you all and children and yourselves will find out who their new teachers will be for September. I know your children won't want to miss a moment of that. It is a crucial half-term for them and their education. Have a lovely weekend with your wonderful children; we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday for what will be the last few days of June, already! With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

In this week's assemblies... In assembly this week we have focused on Liberty and Human Rights which links with an important day, World Refugee Day. World Refugee Day, is an international day organised every year on 20th June by the United Nations. It is designed to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. The day was first established on 20 June 2001, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. This day raises awareness of the plight of those with refugee status. In assemblies, we discussed and thought about situations faced by many and how we would feel being faced with the same adversities. We thought about how we could help.



RAPS Assembly Stars. Our super polite and well mannered RAPS stars are:

Jack

Nate

Esme

Umaisra

Georgia



Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!

Year 2's assembly. Speaking of feeling proud, our wonderful **Year 2's** read beautifully and smiled throughout yesterday's assembly for families casting a cheery, warm glow around the hall for all present. There was great delight on their faces as they presented their independent work to families with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. We know the children loved having you in school, thank you so much, we really value your support.



Safeguarding update. *Bullies Out Online Safety Resource Homework - Shout Out!* The Bullies Out Resource provides parents and carers with information on how to keep their children safe online and supports conversations with their children around online safety, bullying and upward bullying. It also helps young people to build fundamental skills about being kind in the virtual world. These excellent resources can be accessed [here](#).



Save the date. The RAPS staff team are working with members of the community on plans for our **School and Community Summer Fair** which will take place in our school grounds on **Saturday 8th July between 11am and 3pm**. Please save this date in your diaries for now, and we'll tell you more in the next few weeks... All welcome!



Class organisation. We are currently in the process of finalising staffing and organising classes for next year. Our informed decisions regarding class groupings are always made with careful consideration and with the best interests of the children in that year group at the centre. We look forward to sharing further information with you regarding the next academic year in the coming weeks.

Year 3 have been working hard this term in history to learn all about **the Romans**. This week they visited **Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum in Northumberland**, exploring real Roman ruins and looking at fascinating artefacts that have been found in the area. Firstly, they visited the Roman Army Museum where they learned about what life was like for a Roman soldier and how the empire expanded. They watched a 3D film and looked at interesting artefacts. They also experienced a lesson in a Roman classroom where they learned from a about Latin, Roman Numerals and Roman stories taught by a holographic Roman teacher! Year 3 then explored what is left of the Roman town of Vindolanda, thinking carefully about what it would have been like when it was much bigger. They climbed the fort and watched archaeologists digging for Roman objects. An archaeologist even kindly came over to talk to the children about what she had just found! It was an amazing day.



Zoolab visits nursery. Nursery welcomed some creepy crawly visitors! Rob from Zoo Lab returned with his collection of small animals and creatures. The children were wonderful throughout and watched with interest as Zoolab's Rob revealed each of his slimy and furry friends. The children (and staff!) got to hold a snake, a giant snail, a millipede, a cockroach and a rat, and they also got a good close up look of a frog, tarantula and a scorpion!



Top attendance. Congratulations to **RG (M), 3G and 5W** who each have top attendance this week achieving a fantastic **100%**. *Weekly whole school attendance is 96.7% which is fantastic!*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	93.4	3B	95.2
NURSERY AFT	86.8	3G	100
RM	100	4G	99.1
RW	95.0	4S	99.0
1B	91.7	5M	95.4
1S	98.3	5W	100
2CW	98.3	6C	96.5
2H	92.7	6H	96.9

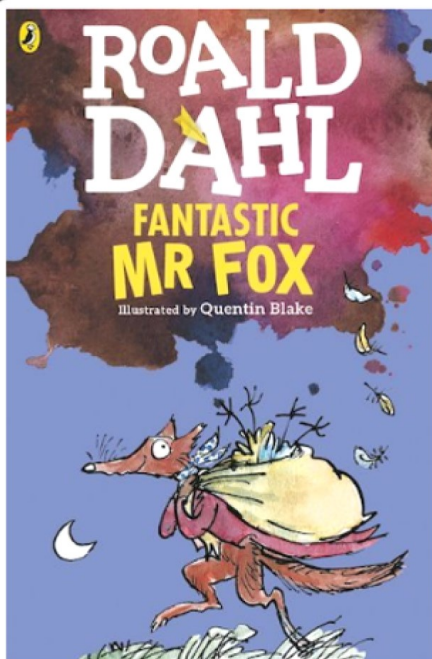
Attendance Guide	
95% - 100%	Excellent level of attendance
90% - 94%	Good level of attendance
80% - 89%	Concerning level of attendance
Below 80%	Serious concern

Derwent Hill. Monday sees a group of Year 5 and 6 children heading off on their our residential week to Keswick's Derwent Hill. They will be taking part in a number of outdoor activities including canoeing, walking and gorge scrambling. They will also be completing some conservation work towards their John Muir Award. Parents of those going - please have your child at school for **8:45am on Monday morning**. We're really excited for the week and keeping our fingers crossed for fair weather.

DERWENT HILL



Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl because it is so funny when the farmer shoots his tail off.

By Ismaeel 2CW

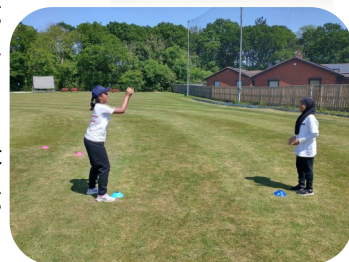
Sporting news...

Cricket. Richard Avenue have enthusiastically embraced the beginning of cricket season by taking part in a number of cricket activities. Miss McKinney has also been regularly updating us on her ventures to various cricket games, including a very wet day in Birmingham for the Ashes.

Chance to Shine Cricket day. Children from Years 2 - 6 participated in cricket activities with James, a cricket coach from Chance to Shine. The children practiced their batting skills and their catching skills in the sunshine. **Masud from Y3 said,** "It was fun. I hit the ball and got 4 runs."

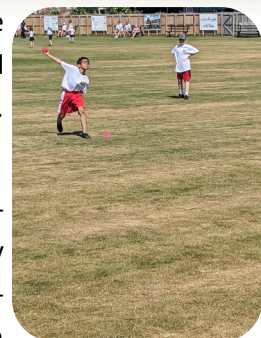


Boys' Cricket. Two teams from Yrs 5&6 attended the boys Sunderland cricket finals at Hetton Lyons Cricket Club. The boys played some brilliant cricket led by **Yahya (Y5)**, our talented cricketer who plays outside of school. Both the teams showed determination to score lots of runs before showcasing their great bowling and catching skills. *Team 1 finished third in their group and team 4 finished fourth - well done everyone!*



Girls' Cricket. Our Y5&6 girls' cricket team entered the Sunderland Girls cricket finals at Washington Cricket Club. All of the girls had a great day, developing their skills and showing fantastic teamwork. **Mehreen (Y6)** even had one of her shots go out of the playing field. Well Done girls!

Tennis. After receiving tennis coaching in school, four boys and four girls were selected for the Year 3 tennis team. They all played individual matches against children from other schools and also team races. Overall, the children made over 100 points. A fantastic effort by everyone. **Aiyaz said,** "I played and won lots of matches. I got so much better with my serve."



Basketball. The year 6 basketball team entered the Sunderland basketball finals at Vertu Motors Arena. They played 5 games in their group, winning 4 games and losing one by a very close margin. **Alec (Y6)** used his excellent basketball skills (he plays basketball at under 12 level outside of school), to captain and motivate the team to show passion and determination in each game. Some great long shots by **Arafaat** and fantastic pressure by **Mehreen** was crucial to the team's success. Although a scoring error meant the team did not get their chance to participate in the quarter finals as they should have, Mr Spoors made sure the team left the competition feeling proud of their performance.



As the last of the sporting competitions have been wrapped up for the school year, Mr Spoors and the staff team would like to say thank you to everyone who has represented the school with pride and passion this year. A special thank you to the Y6 pupils who have represented the school in many competitions throughout their time at Richard Avenue, we hope you continue to develop and shine in the next steps of your sporting journey. A final note from Miss McKinney and a huge thank you to **Mr Spoors** for all he has done and continues to do to encourage, support, organise and lead our sporting teams with so much commitment and ambition—**thank you Mr Spoors!**





TERM DATES 2023/2024

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APRIL 2024						
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JUNE 2024						
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JULY 2024						
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AUGUST 2024						
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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank holidays

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Please also remember that holidays are not permitted during school term time.

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Where and When?

Richard Avenue Primary School,
Sunderland, SR4 7LQ

Monday 26th June
Tuesday 27th June
Friday 30th June
9.30am - 2.30pm

To register interest or for more information, please contact Syeda Khaled on 0191 564 0888 or email training@sb-international.org.uk



Community **SUMMER FAIR**

8TH JULY | SATURDAY

11AM TO 3PM

Venue: Richard Avenue Primary School

FACE PAINTING
FAIRGROUND
BOUNCY CASTLE
SLIDE

ICE CREAM
BURGERS
CAKES
HENNA

VARIOUS STREET FOOD
AND MANY MORE

CONTACT DETAILS

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Youth Almighty Project

Free Family Fun Day

Barnes Park

Saturday 1st July 2023

10am to 4pm

- * Climbing Wall
- * Gamezone Gaming Van
- * Clean & Green
- * Nobles Funfair
- * Meccano
- * Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Demo's
- * Events2gogo Makers, Bakers & Gift Stalls
- * Story Telling
- * Music & Entertainment at the bandstand
- * Crafts
- * Trampolining
- * Dancing Workshops
- * Police Demo
- * African Drumming
- * Glitter Tattoos
- * Basketball
- * Sports

Plus many more activities for a fun filled day!

Enjoy a day out with all the family!

No car parking available at Barnes Park for this event, please use public transport where possible

Although most activities are free, there may be a charge to some activities


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