



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 26th May 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 5 June

Second half of the summer half term begins!

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Tuesday 6 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3

Swimming for Y4

Tennis for Y3

Wednesday 7 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6

African dance DAY 1 - whole school

Thursday 8 June

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

Sustainability assemblies for KS1 & KS 2

Friday 9 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1, Y5 & Y6

Baltic visit for Y2 - all day

Dance and drumming for Y6

African dance DAY 2 - whole school

Swimming for Y6

Future dates for your diary

W/b 12th June Y1 Phonics Screen

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

Week beginning **Monday 26th June 2023**, Year 5 and 6 will set off for their visit to Derwent Hill, returning on **Friday 30th June 2023**

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, The end of another half term at Richard Avenue – where does the time go? It has been a wonderful half term. Your children are such a credit to you; their commitment to their learning has been an absolute joy to see. They are more able to understand and manage their emotions; are physically healthier and fitter; are better communicators, mathematicians, writers, readers, and scientists. They have a greater knowledge of the world around them, of art, music, history, and geography, and continue to improve their understanding of technology and how to use this effectively. We hope that you are able to spend some time with your children this holiday and that you enjoy every moment. A huge thank you from me to all of the team here. Everyone has worked so hard to make sure your children have the best possible experience. They are an amazing team and I am fortunate to work with them. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. School starts on Monday 5th June, see you all then! With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*.
Miss McKinney and all of the staff at Richard Avenue Primary School

RAPS assemblies. Here at Richard Avenue, we love developing the children's curiosity in all that we do. In this week's assemblies, we have focused on *curiosity which is one of our curriculum drivers* (- driver which are important to our work with the children). We have talked about what it means to be curious. We found that by exploring and investigating in lessons we are naturally curious and this encourages us to be good learners by asking questions, discussing and debating. Teachers have been looking out for those pupils who ask amazing questions in lessons and are very interested and curious about their subjects.



RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week's assembly stars linked to the themes of sports and mental health and wellbeing were:

Xavi & Christian

Isla

Yusuf

Sophie & Masud

Victor & Mavin

Noah

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



Swimming at Richard Avenue.

Swimming Gala. Our Y5/6 swimming team competed in the Sunderland Swimming Gala at the Aquatic Centre. Competing in 4x25m free-style relay and 4x 25m medley relay, the children showed brilliant teamwork to achieve some fast times and just missed out on the grand final. Well done to William, Alec, Jamie, Noah, Grace, Faith, Ava and Jasmine.

Swimming Safety. Staff from Total Swimming visited school to share with Y6 the importance of being safe in water. They discussed how to get help, how to spot danger and how to perform safe-self rescues. The children produced safety posters to share with their families at home. Working with Total Swimming supports our Richard Avenue vision that all children must learn how to swim.



After School Clubs. Our after school clubs will take a break today for half term but begin again as soon as we return, on **Monday 5th June**. Thank you to Miss Ellis and the RAPS team for the wonderful job they do in organising and leading these opportunities which we know the children thoroughly enjoy.

That History Bloke. Y6 were visited by That History Bloke who came into school to teach us all about WWII. He brought a lot of artefacts that were used in the war including an air raid siren, which was loud! We really enjoyed the day! *By Sarah in 6C*



Save the date. We will be holding our annual sport and wellbeing activity week but this year we will be linking this fantastic week with our sports days. Families are welcome to come along and watch the children take part in our very own Olympic games style event. *This will be taking place the week beginning 10th July with more details to follow!*

Monday afternoon: Years 3 and 4

Tuesday afternoon: Years 1 and 2

Thursday afternoon: Years 5 and 6

Friday morning: Morning Nursery

Friday afternoon: Afternoon Nursery and Reception

Quadkids, athletics and tennis. Some children from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 represented the school in athletics and tennis events. Part of the day was fun tennis activities where the children played matches and competed in team events. The other part of the day was the Sunderland athletics finals. Both teams demonstrated determination, ambition and self-belief to try their best in the different fields of athletic. Our teams performed brilliantly with some outstanding personal achievements. We are so proud of all who competed. *Individual results are celebrated below: (from 40 girls and 40 boys competing from Sunderland Schools)*

Gold - Howler throw - Aadil Y4

Gold - Long jump - Saiba Y4

Silver - Howler throw Y4

Silver - Long jump - Mehreen Y6

Bronze - 600m run - Arafaat Y6

Bronze - 600m run - Mitchell Y6

Bronze - 600m run - Isa Y4

Bronze - Howler throw - Isaiah Y6

Bronze - 75m Sprint - Yaseen Y5

Sustainability. Y6's Phoebe Wall who is our sustainable ambassador, attended the Sunderland Environmental, Green and Sustainable Group at Sunderland City Hall with Mrs Dunn last week. Children from different local schools decided upon the winning sustainability-themed posters to be displayed along Sunderland coastline. Thank you to all of the children who entered from our school. We had some super posters promoting



reducing plastic waste in the ocean. The winners will be announced soon!

Thank you to Mrs Dunn too for giving up her after school time to accompany Rachael and for her enthusiasm and commitment to environmental causes. We are very

Safeguarding update. A new *NHS Be Body Positive* resource has been produced to support parents to help young people to improve eating behaviours and relationships with food in order to build positive body image. It helps parents to identify concerns around body image and disordered eating with educational modules for use with young people. Topics include feeling comfortable in your body, breaking free from diet culture, managing anxiety around food and understanding hunger. These resources can be accessed [here](#).

Cricket. There is still time to take advantage of a fantastic opportunity to watch two live games 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>

Bread making at Tesco for Y5.

5W had a great day last week when they visited the Tesco Extra store. The children got to see



how they prepare bread for customers and learnt about the different processes involved. This included preparing their own loaf of bread that they got to decorate and some even had a go at plaiting their dough. The children then had the opportunity to visit the in-store bakery and watch the baker prepare some lovely salt and pepper bread and see the ovens used to bake it. We had a chilly ending to the morning with a visit to the freezers where all of the shop's frozen products are stored. A great morning and an excellent link to year 5's Design and Technology topic on bread. *Huge thanks to Colin Dagg, one of our Governing Body team, who organised this wonderful opportunity for our children. We had a brilliant time, thank you Colin!*



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

Weekly whole school attendance is ??? %

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN		3B	
NURSERY AFT		3G	
RG (M)		4G	
RW		4S	
1B		5M	
1S		5W	
2CW		6C	
2H		6H	

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 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams because it is very interesting and full of adventures. It also has a lot of plot twists.

By Sabreen 5W

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WHEN & WHERE?

Location: Richard Avenue Primary School,
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Dates: Starting Tuesday 6th June
Tues – Thur for weeks 1 & 2
Mon – Thur for week 3
09.30–14.30

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HALF-TERM
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