



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 9th June 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 12 June

Phonics Screen throughout the week
RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2
Sunderland Sings prep for 2CW

Tuesday 13 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 3
Swimming for Y4
Tennis tournament for Y3

Wednesday 14 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 6
British Red Cross First Aid training for Y5/6
Cricket at Hetton Lyons for Y5/6

Thursday 15 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by R&Y4
Girls' cricket at Washington Cricket Club for Y5/6
NSPCC Speak out and Stay Safe workshops for Y5/6
Netball at Farringdon for Y5/6—from 4-5.30pm

Friday 16 June

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y1, Y5 & Y6
Dance and drumming for Y6
Basketball at Vertu Arena for Y6
Swimming for Y6

Future dates for your diary

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

School closed to pupils for staff training day - **Friday 23rd June**

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,

We welcome you back to the second half of the summer term with a full and happy Friday Flyer. It's been great to see the children return to school and hard to believe that there are only a few weeks remaining in this academic year. This week we've already packed in sustainability and African dance workshops for the whole school (not at the same time!), steel pan drumming for Y6, tennis in Y3 and a visit to the Baltic for Y2. I know, and that's just a few of this week's highlights. It has been wonderful to see all of our children showing an excellent attitude towards their learning throughout the week. You won't be surprised to hear that we've a very busy few weeks ahead and later in the term, we will be holding our wonderful Sports and Wellbeing Week, exciting arts days week and much, much more. We know that the children will enjoy this final half term of the academic year and if you do have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. Have a lovely weekend families.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney

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

Assembly stars. Before half term we celebrated children who demonstrated **curiosity...**

David & Aiza

Luke

Aleema & Aliza

Nasiha

Matthew & Yahya



Well done everyone, you are all stars!

In our assemblies. This week has been both **World Environment Day** and **World Oceans Day** so at Richard Avenue we have been thinking about looking after our World and how people care for the environment in different ways. This also links to our RE curriculum which asks us to learn more about how people of different faiths show care for the world. We welcomed wonderful visitors from *Groundworks* who explained how we can work together to reduce our waste and raise awareness of the need to reuse and recycle. *Such important messages for now and for the future.*



PE coaches visit Richard Avenue. Jamie from Sunderland AFC Foundation of Light came into school to deliver PE to our reception children. He led a story



based session based on The Gruffalo. The children took part in different physical activities whilst pretending to be different animals from the story.



Reception will be having these story based PE sessions throughout this half term and next academic year. Reception parents can expect lots of updates on Seesaw

where we will share what the children get up to. **Will from Everyone Active**

came into school to deliver three sessions to the Year 3 children. They learned different tennis skills but also focused on working together as a team. Will and Mr Spoors then selected children to represent the school in a future tennis tournament. " The children were great listeners and they showed great effort especially helping each other in their teams" said Will.



Parent online safety update. One of the key challenges of modern day gaming is the increasing interaction that children have with others through private messaging features. Thank you to some of the parents in our school who have highlighted common games that our children are engaging with and the potential risks. Earlier this week, the BBC released an article highlighting the significant risks within the popular game of **Roblox** and the inappropriate content that it may present, when not carefully managed by parents. Please find further information about this on the BBC News website.

Homework time. Before the holiday, we sent home pupil and parent questionnaires. Could we please ask that if you have a small amount of time over the weekend, could you complete and return them to school? We are keen to get your thoughts and ideas about our school as we begin to think about next year. Please could you also help your children as they identify the features of our school which are good, and those which need improving. Thank you all very much for your support with this.



Catapults in Y3. Year 3 have really enjoyed making their own catapults in Design and Technology lessons. They were been inspired by the Romans and how they invented the catapult mechanism to use in battle to weaken walls or target enemies. Everybody enjoyed investigating, designing, making and evaluating the catapults. Of course, we shared a mature conversation about using catapults carefully and sensibly to avoid harm. All of Y3 really enjoyed this project!



Top attendance. Congratulations to 4G who have top attendance this week achieving 99.3%.

Weekly whole school attendance is 93.9%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	95.8	3B	99.0
NURSERY AFT	75.8	3G	91.0
RG (M)	97.7	4G	99.3
RW	97.1	4S	83.1
1B	90.0	5M	94.6
1S	86.7	5W	97.4
2CW	91.3	6C	97.2
2H	98.1	6H	97.5

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

Year 2 visited Safety Works to learn about how to stay safe in different scenarios. We took part in a range of different workshops learning about water safety, how to cross a road safely, sun safety, how to act with animals and what to do in the event of a fire. Children learnt how to stay safe and life saving skills in a fun and interactive way.

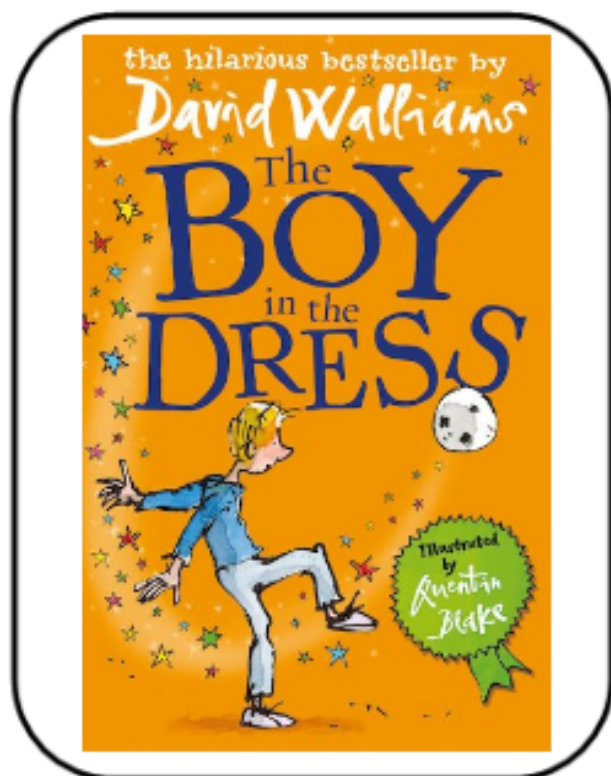


Reminder that children should be wearing **Richard Avenue PE kit** when it's a PE day (or days for Y6). This is the school PE kit of a plain white t-shirt, black or grey or navy tracksuit bottoms, black or navy or grey or red sports hoody (plain or small logo only) and trainers. Children can also wear their school jumper or cardigan over their PE t-shirt. *No football shirts, beech wear, characters or patterns please.* Thank you for your support.





Book Recommendation of the Week



I recommend 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams because it is entertaining and funny. I would recommend it to year 5 and 6.

By Lydia 6H

We are all so proud of you Joseph!

Joseph McGann – 2H - Richard Avenue Primary.

During the month of May Joseph has been taking part in our “100 Miles in May Sciking Challenge” to scooter and bike 100 miles (we made up the term Sciking!). He has been doing this to raise money for BowelBabe (Cancer Research UK), in memory of our dear friend Penny who sadly died from bowel cancer in November. He has been scootering to school, to Tyneside from South Shields, to after-school activities, to the library and to the park to watch the Coronation on the big screen. Last weekend we headed down to Essex (it would have been Penny’s 50th birthday) and spent time with Penny’s family and friends and then we all headed to London to take part in an 8 mile bike/scooter ride as part of the Ride London event. An 8 mile route through the streets of London was closed off to traffic so that we could safely Scike around some of the landmarks of London! As we crossed London Bridge we reached our 100 mile target with 3 days to spare!

So far Joseph’s efforts have raised £560 for BowelBabe.

He has been amazing, he hasn’t whinged, he hasn’t complained, he has just got on with it and I’m so proud of him. He did so many miles that we had to replace his scooter as he wore the wheels flat on his old one!

We just thought that you would like to know about what Joseph gets up to when he’s not at school!



2023



As you know we have been preparing for World Ocean day 2023 by designing posters to highlight plastic pollution in our oceans.

We have decided to display the posters in school as we feel looking after our oceans is so important.

The official World ocean day poster has been released. Mrs Dunn would like our children to design their own to be displayed along with our World Ocean Day display.

Please return to class teachers. Thank you.

World Ocean Day 8 June





**Happy
World Ocean Day!**

8 June

WorldOceanDay.org