



**Friday 14 July 2023**

**Head Teacher comment**

It's been another memorable week in school with physical activity and wellbeing taking centre stage. We've seen spectacular leaps of bravery, the highest standards in effort and sportsmanship and lots and lots of laughter. It was wonderful to celebrate these events with families and we thank you all for your wonderful support. It truly means a lot. Today's workshops have been a wonderful way to round off a week of specialist sporting and wellbeing opportunities and taster sessions. As ever, the children have made a lasting impression on our visiting coaches and professionals and we are very proud of the positive feedback that they have shared. *On a completely different subject, as thoughts to turn planning for September, please do remember that our preloved uniform is always available. We have re-stocked this week and so have many items in all sizes. Please speak to one of the school team or use this dedicated email address to enquire about specific items of clothing and sizes: **uniform@richardavenue.co.uk*** If we can help, we always will. Please donate any spare uniform that you may have to the team in the main office. With many thanks as always. Have a lovely weekend with your wonderful children; we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday for the final week of the school year, already!

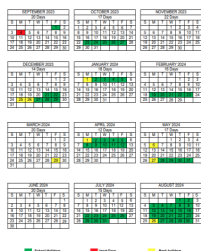
With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney.*

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

**Community Summer Fair.** A huge thank you to the hardworking group of RAPS staff and friends from the community for all they did to organise such a lovely fair for the children to enjoy. They pulled out all the stops to ensure the afternoon was such good fun and we raised **£921.91** for our school! It's an enormous thank you to our fabulous and energetic staff team and community friends!



Next year's term dates have been added to our website and inserted below for your information at home.



Just a reminder that we are collecting **donations for the Sunderland Foodbank**. Thank you for your ongoing support so far this year. The urgently needed items are: **TINNED POTATOES, RICE PUDDING, JAM/PRESERVES, SAVOURY TREATS, CHOCOLATE, BISCUITS**. The children can bring their items into class; this will allow them to be delivered to the Sunderland Foodbank in time for the school year ending. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support with your food donations. This is such a worthwhile cause in our community and your support is very much appreciated.

**Sports.** Everyone has had a fantastic week full of physical activities. **Football, Total Wipeout, Climbing Wall and Boxercise** were just a few of the amazing experiences for the children. The weather has been perfect and it has been heartwarming to see all of the children wearing the biggest smiles and to also hear their laughter. Thank you to **Premier Bouncy Castles, Keep Active, football coach - Mohamed Hmida (Score Mo), Sunderland Climbing Wall, Michael Heatley (Hit the ground dance) and Premier Bouncy Castles** for providing us with their equipment, skills, talent and enthusiasm throughout the week. A **HUGE thank you our wonderful Mr Spoors** for organising a phenomenal week of sporting activities for our children to enjoy. The atmosphere in school has been super-charged with excitement, and for all ages #memoriesforlife

**Sports days.** It has been wonderful to also welcome families to this week's class sports days which have been thoroughly enjoyable and very well supported. The children challenged themselves in running, jumping and throwing events with future sport stars displaying individual talents, and our Y4 dance troupe again thrilling us with a superb routine. **Our thanks to: Colin Dagg our PE Link governor from Keep Active; Amy McCulloch - School Games Officer from Sunderland School Games; Abbie Corrigan - Thornhill School Sports co-ordinator; Thornhill Sports Leaders; Year 5 current sports leaders and the Year 4 soon to be sports leaders.** Last but not least, huge thanks to the **staff team** for all they did to make these afternoons happen, for supporting the children in so many ways, and to our wonderful **Mr Spoors** who works incredibly hard, often behind the scenes and is one in a million. A fabulous week with your fabulous children!

**SUPERSTARS**



**Sport and wellbeing week.** We have had a great week looking at *wellbeing*. Many different art and craft activities were organised to support the children in thinking about how to look after their mental wellbeing. We also had a visit from the Worry Wizard this week. Every class had a session, which included transition for Year 6, Worries to Wellbeing for Years 1-5, and Nursery and Reception looked at 'The Magic in Me'. All of the children have gained a lot from the activities and know how to look after their wellbeing.

A second **HUGE thank you our wonderful Miss Ellis** for organising a superb week of wellbeing activities for our children to enjoy. We've had such a fabulous time with something for all ages, adults included #morememoriesforlife

Year 5 took part in last week's **West Area Event run by Sunderland Council at Barnes Park**. The event included

activities and workshops including meditation, creative story writing, gardening and a safety workshop run by the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. The children also took part in sporting activities such as basketball and wall climbing. The day finished with an opportunity for the children to have



some fun on the funfair rides!



**Top attendance.** Congratulations to **2CW** who have top attendance this week achieving **97.7 %**.

*Weekly whole school attendance is 92.6%.*

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY	97.9	3B	94.3
NURSERY AFT	95.8	3G	91.3
RG (M)	90.8	4G	89.7
RW	92.8	4S	90.3
1B	96.3	5M	97.1
1S	90.0	5W	91.4
<b>2CW</b>	<b>97.7</b>	6C	92.8
2H	91.6	6H	88.9

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

**School Meals and the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme.** Sunderland Council is again committed to providing support to families during the summer break. Please use this website link to find out more about whether you might be able to claim these:

**[www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals](http://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals)** or telephone: **0191 561 1417**. Vouchers can be collected from our school office from **Tuesday between 8.30am and 3.30pm.**

**Y2 families** could we please ask you to let us know your plans for meals in September as the *Universal Infant Free School Meals* payment comes to an end when your child moves to Y3. School lunches are **£11.50 per week**.

**Lastly on meals,** please could we also ask you to also let us know if you plan to change your child's meal in September: from packed lunch to school meal, or vice versa. We think that's it on food, for now! If you have any questions or are unsure, please speak to one of the team.



# Book Recommendation of the Week



We recommend 'Boudica's Army' because it's fun and interesting, it makes us feel curious and it teaches us about the past.

By all of the children in 3G

