

Richard Avenue Primary School Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 15 September 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 18 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Sustainability Art Project—AM Y2, PM KS2

Tuesday 19 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by **Reception & Yr 6**

Swimming for $\mathbf{Y3}$

Ukulele for **Y4**

Wednesday 20 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 1 & 5

Fire service visit for Y4

Thursday 21 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y6H

Health & wellbeing at Silksworth for Y3M

Friday 22 Sept

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for YGC

Health & wellbeing at Silksworth for Y3D

Future dates for your diary

Monday 25th and Thursday 28th Sept: whole school start of year photographs (more info to follow)

Thursday 19th October: Y5's assembly for parents

At the start of the day. A gentle reminder that both school gates on Richard Avenue will be locked at 9am after which staff on duty will come back into school. If you see staff dashing back in, please don't think they are ignoring you. They have assemblies to lead at 9am or lessons are beginning, and so they need to be back in school for these. As a final reminder, if you do arrive after 9am, please come into school through the main entrance.

Head Teacher comment
Dear Richard Avenue Families, We have well and truly settled into the new school year this week and there has been a wonderful buzz in classrooms. Roald Dahl Day took place on Wednesday during which we celebrated the wonderful world of a wonderful writer, reminding our children that everyone is an reader and a writer. Roald Dahl is a favourite on the bookshelves of adults and children alike. His books often teach children that breaking down goals into small, manageable steps helps them to be achieved much more easily and reinforces the value of individuality. Each of our classes explored one of Dahl's books throughout the day leading to the creation of superb corridor displays which showcase the work of every child in school. Thank you to our staff for making the day so incredibly special and to Cathy and the catering team for creating a magically, yummy pudding to complement our delighted Dahl day! In other news, our reception children have reached the end of their first full week in school and we could not be prouder of how well this has gone. They are such a credit to families and we look forward to playing our part in their journeys. We've also welcomed staff from the Foundation of Light as we continue to work in partnership, which was such a great success in the summer term. It's been a busy week as ever, and we've no doubt children will sleep well this evening! Enjoy the weekend.

With very best wishes, Claire Mckingy

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

RAPS Assembly Stars. Our first superstars of the new school year were awarded to children for *getting off to a good start*, demonstrating an excellent attitude and working hard to do their best.

Y1: Lovely & Maria

Y2: Sienna

Y3: Yaqub & Ahyan

Y4: Jhari, Dominion, Faith & Eloghosa

Y5: Sandithi & Saiba

Y6: Hamza & Uyiosa

Well done everyone, you are

all stars!

In this week's assemblies... This week in collective worship, we have focused on our RAPS value Manners and Respect. We have reminded everyone how important manners are and we have been on the lookout for superstar pupils with exceptional manners. We thought about how we can use our manners at home and at school and what it means to others when we use manners or act with respect towards others. Do you remember to use your manners?







Have you logged into your child's **Seesaw** account this week, using the new year group details? Staff have shared a number of *settling in* updates as well as the term's *curriculum information*. *If you need a new invitation, please contact the class teacher*.

Clubs update. Letters informing parents of their child's allocated after school clubs should have arrived home with details of days and staff running clubs. All clubs will begin next week, *from Monday 18th September 2023*. Please complete code of conduct forms and return to Miss Ellis before clubs begin. Parents should collect their children from the school yard when our clubs end at 4.30pm. Thank you.

School lunches. School lunches are £11.50 per week. Please could we ask that all school lunch payments be completed online? Do remember to include your child's name and class in the message box. Thank you.

Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. This is a tremendously important time in the life of both you and your child. We appreciate that you have been, and will continue to be given lots and lots of information from school. With this in mind, and to help you absorb all of this information, we would like to invite you to an open afternoon. The reception team will describe the Early Years Curriculum in more detail, giving you an opportunity to find out more about how they deliver the key learning goals, resources they use, how parents might support at home, and of course enjoy a cuppa and chat.

The autumn term meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th October from 2.15-3.30pm, beginning with coffee and time with the staff team followed by an opportunity to visit the reception classroom and work with your child.

Please sign in at the front door, and the office team will look after you. We look forward to seeing you then.

What will your child be learning this term? Curriculum webs will give you a summary of topics to be covered by all classes during the term and will be sent out on Seesaw as soon as Seesaw is set up for the new school year. We hope you will find them useful. Please visit our school website where you will also find them, it's all very exciting! Why not then ask your children some of the key questions?

Nursery and Reception parents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in the coming weeks, regarding the arrangements for this year's new starters. In time, your views will be collated, and full analysis with outcomes will be circulated to all parents. It's just a bit of homework to keep you busy!

Questionnaire analysis. Speaking of questionnaires, we have attached summaries of the questionnaires we asked for your help with before the summer break. If you have some time over the weekend, please do take a look and speak to either myself or another member of staff if there is anything we have overlooked. The feedback has been very positive and, as with everything we do, we are constantly striving to improve. Many thanks for your time and support, it is really appreciated.

Year 7 secondary school admissions. The online admissions portal for secondary schools opened this weekend will close on 31 October 2023. This is for Year 6 in primary schools born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, applying for a Year 7 secondary school place in September 2024. Allocations day is 1 March 2024. The Admissions Handbook and full guidance on how to apply can be found on Sunderland County Councils' website:

www.sunderland.gov.uk/ schools-admissions-secondary Universal Free Meals. The universal free school meals initiative continues this year. All pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive a fully funded hot, nutritiously balanced meal each day, and we are again aiming for 100% take up, with all children enjoying and taking part in our family service. The benefits are far reaching in terms of health, behaviour and the development of social skills. Please speak to the office team if this applies to you, and you've not yet taken up the offer.

Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals. Just call 0191 561 4655 to request a paper application or to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to www.gov.uk/applyfree-school-meals/sunderland to apply online.

Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **2CW** who are our weekly top attenders. We've had a great start to the school year with attendance. Let's keep this going. Thank you team RAPS families!

Weekly whole school attendance is 95.0%.

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLAS S	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	98.2	3D	97.3
NURSERY AFT	97.1	3M	92.2
RH	98.6	4G	95.7
RG	98.2	45	92.6
1G	92.1	5B	98.0
1W	93.9	5W	90.4
2CW	100	6C	93.7
2W	96.8	6Н	89.3

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

Richard Avenue Forest School

Year 2 are starting our whole school, Forest School sessions!

Each year group has 4 weeks timetabled throughout the year lead by our Forest School Leader, Mrs Dunn.

Information will be sent via <u>SeeSaw</u> to individual year groups before sessions begin.

Please see below examples of appropriate clothing to get muddy

and keep us warm and dry.

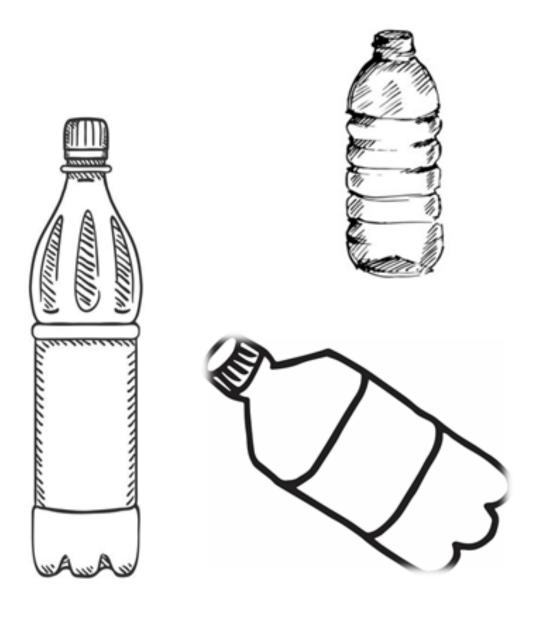


Making mouse houses from natural materials linking to the story Tidy about the importance of Forest environments



Sunderlight Art Workshop

Could we please ask you to save and send into school any plastic bottles you are finished with at home? We are taking part in a special recycling art workshop on Monday 18th September, something like a pop bottle would be great. We're going to paint them with UV reactive paint and string them all together. Big or small would be fine and thank you as always:-)



A message from the School Meals Service

Dear Richard Avenue Families,

The school meals service is holding a *Celebrating Global Tastes* promotional day on Thursday 5th October. On this day the menu will be:

Main course choices:

Chinese chicken curry with rice & sweetcorn
American burger in a bun with fries & baked beans
Italian meatballs with spaghetti & sweetcorn

Dessert:

American cookie & ice cream or fresh fruit salad

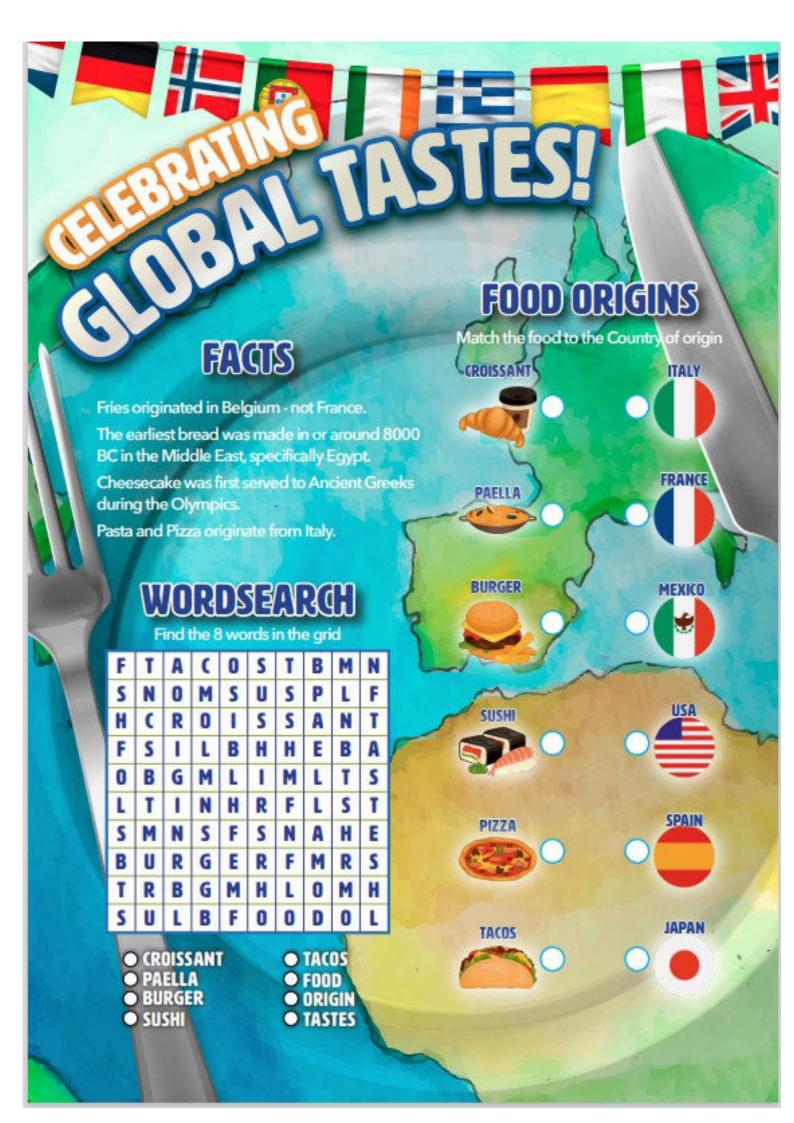
We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.

In each year group there will be a lucky golden ticket winner of a cupcake set, who will then enter a prize draw to try and win one of the following star prizes: £20 Amazon voucher.

(there are 8 prizes available)

Good luck Richard Avenue!







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WHEN & WHERE?

WHERE: Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, 30 Tatham St, Hendon, Sunderland, SR1 2QD

WHEN: Awareness Session

Awareness session

14th September 13.00- 15.00

and Enrolments:

Course Dates:

18th - 28 September

(Mon, Wed, Thur)

09.30-14.30

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