



Halloween & Bonfire Night DISCO



**Nursery AM & Nursery PM
Tuesday 31st October 2023
In Nursery**



**Reception, Year One & Year Two
Tuesday 31st October 2023
2:00 ~ 3:30pm ~ Hall**



**Year Three to Year Six
Thursday 2nd November 2023
2:00 ~ 3:30pm ~ Hall**



Children to come to school in their DISCO clothing on the day of their DISCO. Children to wear usual school shoes or trainers. No jewellery, please.

Sweets, crisps, drinks, lollies and ice-creams will be on sale at the DISCO. Children to bring in money (no more than £5) on the day. Please put money in a container/bag/purse/wallet with your child's name on.

Any parents that could kindly help on the afternoon at the DISCO, please make yourselves known to a member of staff.

Richard Avenue Primary School



Friday Flyer

We are a nut free school. Please do not send nuts into school with the children, including as a snack at break time. Thank you.

Weekly Update

Friday 13 October 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 16 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Sports hall athletics at Farrington for Y5&6 teams

Tuesday 17 Oct

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

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Open afternoon for reception families

Wednesday 18 Oct

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

Girls' football at The Beacon of Light for Y3&4 (teams)

Thursday 19 Oct

Y5's assembly for families from 9am

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y6H

Friday 20 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y6C

Skipping at The Beacon of Light for Y4

School closes for half term

School closes for October half term

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th November

Parents evening for all families

Friday 17th November

Children in Need - more info to follow

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been another brilliantly busy time in school. I will start by saying a big **thank you** for the generosity shown towards our Sunderland Food Bank collections this week. We will be dropping off the donations next week so there is still time if you can support in anyway. Booking forms related to our *Meet the Teacher Evening* were sent out by the school office this week. Please complete and return the forms before the end of next week. If you have not received this information, please contact the school office. Looking ahead to the final week of this half term, **Year 5** families please ensure that you have Thursday 19th October in your diary as it's our first year group assembly of the new school year, and we are really looking forward to seeing you in school to support the children. In other news, our Y6 children have been appointed as ambassadors and prefects (with new badges!) for the year ahead, after an interview with myself during which they each did really well.

Our Ambassadors' team are:

Zakwan, Jamie & Tejri - science and sustainability; Khadijah & Francesco - anti-bullying; Yahya, Maryam, Sabreen & Ellie - equality and diversity; Zaeem, Marzia - reading; Zach, Favour, Simran & Yaseen - maths; Merziah & Luca - wellbeing; Noah & Samuel - languages; Tre, Lilly, Henry, Uyiosa & Favour - art and design; Maisie & Denika - Music; Isaac, Avyay, Xzander & Issy - history and geography.

Our Prefects are:

register - Musa, Mihraan & Noah; bell - Tayeb & Iyas; assembly - Alex, Keyaan, Ade & Asim; chairs for assembly - Hamza & Nasim; nursery (am) - Royal, Aleeza & Riyadh; nursery (pm) - Faith, Ismail, Alesha & Mehnaz; reception (am) - Sebastian, Zakwan, Ben & Hifza; fruit - Peculiar & Mia; library - Ellie & Yusra; dinner hall trollies - Abdou, Eva, Muslima & Izan.

We are delighted to hand over some of our 'to do' lists to them, and, after hearing lots more about their plans, we know we can look forward to an excellent year's work from each of them. On that note, have a lovely weekend. With very best wishes, *Claire McKinney*.

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

RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week's being responsible superstars were:

R:Nate; Y1:Mina & Sumayya; Y2:Davinia & Ethan; Y3:Lewis & Osayuwamen; Y4:Rabiul & Yunus; Y5:Aaryan & Yahya; Y6:Henry & .



Well done everyone, you are all stars!

This week in our 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?



Sunderland Foodbank. We are collecting donations for the **Sunderland Foodbank** at the moment. The urgently needed items are: **INSTANT MEALS (KETTLE FOOD), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, JAM/PRESERVES, CHOCOLATE, TINNED POTATOES, BISCUITS/SAVOURY TREATS.** The children can bring their items into class; this will allow them to be delivered to the Sunderland Foodbank before half term. This is such a worthwhile cause in our community and your support is very much appreciated, thank you.

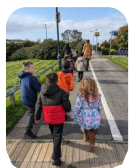
Superstars of sport at Richard Avenue. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that once again we have been awarded **not one but two new trophies** as a result of the wonderful sports provision at our school. The first is the retention of our **GOLD Active Sunderland Award** for our commitment to PE and school sports and the second is the award for **Inspirational PE teacher** for our wonderful **Mr Spoors**. This is what the Together For Children team said about **Mr Spoors**: *Mr Spoors is nothing short of inspirational. He has that magic "dust", that thing that every teacher needs. He just gets the children and the children get him. Simon is hugely enthusiastic and deeply passionate about PE and physical activity. He is innovative and creative in and out of the classroom; he is organised and, most of all, caring and understanding of pupils' backgrounds. He teaches with enthusiasm, drive, enjoyment and passion. Children love his lessons and will hang onto his every word, inevitably asking great questions, developing well, and keeping that interest by coming back for more. Simon is precious to Richard Avenue – you all need a Simon Spoors in your life, not that Richard Avenue is letting him go, ever! He lives and breathes sport and school games and is an inspiration to us all!* Huge congratulations to our superstar sports guru **Mr Spoors** on his wonderful award which was presented by double Olympic gold medalist and swimmer, **Rebecca Adlington** (see pic!) and to **Miss Davison** for all she also does to ensure our children are challenged and inspired to be the very best they can be, and the very busiest they can be, not forgetting our full staff team and the children. We were delighted to receive these awards at a special PE conference and celebration event - where we picked up even more ideas #RAPStopteam



5B AND 5W's class assembly. Please come into school by the main entrance, after you drop off at the gates. *The assembly will begin shortly after 9am and last for approx. 20 mins.* Y5 families very welcome!

Starting school. Reception parents have been asked to complete a short RAPS questionnaire about the arrangements for this year's new starters. Your views will be collected and shared with the staff team, with a full analysis also circulated to parents. Many thanks for sending this back into school. We are really grateful for your help in making sure the children get the very best start at our school.

Y2's visit to The Fire Station - a report by Nicholas in 2CW. First we got our coats, then we started to walk along the gravel path. When we got to the metro station, we went over the bridge. After that, we went under a dark tunnel,



next to my dad's studio. We were walking for half an hour. When we got to the Fire Station we

watched *The Gruffalo's Child*. In the theatre, our jumpers looked purple.



We watched and it was amazing. In the theatre it was dark. The characters were funny. We then walked back from The Fire Station and found some conkers on the way.



Be wise, immunise - you nose it makes sense! Getting your child vaccinated against flu this winter could stop them getting really poorly AND stop flu spreading to family or friends. There's no needle, just a squirt up the nose - millions of children get it every year so it's safe too!

If your child is aged 2 to 3 (by 31 August 2023), in primary school, or secondary school in years 7 to 11 – make sure they get their FREE Flu jab NOW! Protect YOUR child from flu: Be wise, immunize - you nose it makes sense! Go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> to find out more.



North East and North Cumbria

Reception's story based PE has continued this week... Here's what they have to say... We have been learning to jump bending our knees and landing on two feet, balancing on one leg, skipping and running. Jamie has read these wonderful books to us: *The Gruffalo, Zog, We're going on a Bear Hunt* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and our activities have been planned around the books each week. **We love our PE sessions!**



Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **4G** who are our weekly winners.

Weekly whole school attendance is a superb 97.1%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	90.7	3D	97.3
NURSERY AFT	80.0	3M	97.0
RH	95.2	4G	99.2
RG	98.3	4S	94.5
1G	98.0	5B	96.0
1W	94.8	5W	98.3
2CW	95.8	6C	97.9
2W	95.2	6H	99.1

ATTENDANCE

Author Adam Bushnell spent 3 days at our school!

We were delighted to welcome Adam Bushnell, local author and expert storyteller to our school for three whole days this week. Adam's enthusiasm and knowledge about developing young authors alongside his love of reading and writing meant that his workshops with were very exciting! In Years 1-6, this is what we did:

Year 1 ~ Poetry workshop based upon animal poetry with a link to the book 'Di Frog'

Year 2 ~ Poetry workshop based around 'Zog' and 'Dragon Poetry'

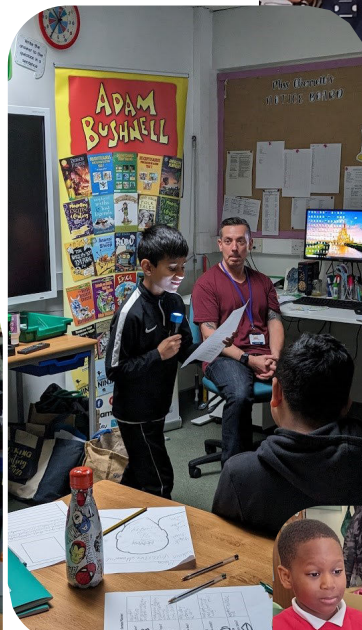
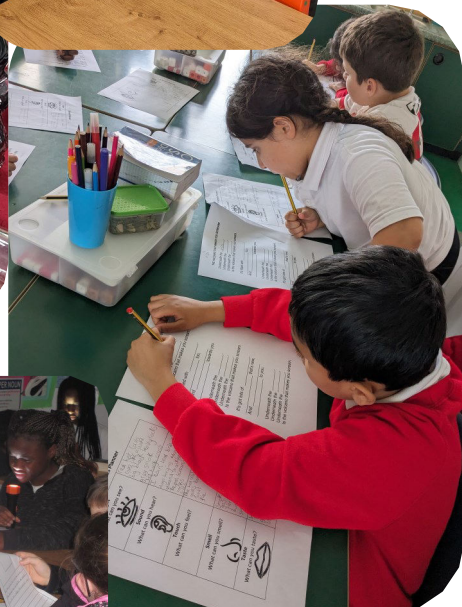
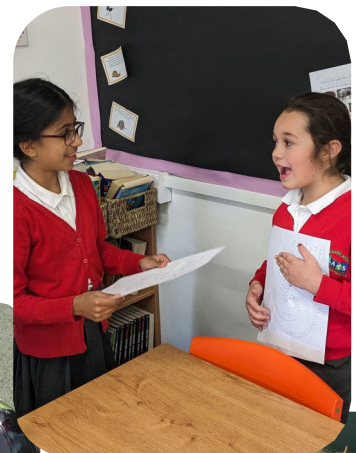
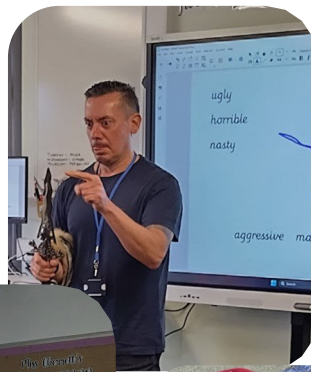
Year 3 ~ Poetry and descriptive writing workshop based upon Volcanoes

Year 4 ~ Workshop about 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' - a character description based upon the White Witch

Year 5 ~ Writing workshop based upon the Ancient Egyptians

Year 6 ~ ~ Writing workshop linked to the characters and setting in 'Skellig'

We were also treated to a surprise visit from Jet, Adam's pet tortoise and travelling companion. Thank you to Adam for a fabulous storytelling week has inspired some of the children to curl up with a book this weekend!



Richard Avenue Primary School

Dear **1W** Parents,



Your child in **1W** will be taking part in our on site Forest School every **Monday** afternoon for the next 3 weeks.

Wednesday 16th, 30th October and 6th November

Please send your child into school wearing

- * outdoor shoes for example old trainers or wellies to change in to
- * old leggings or jogging bottoms
- * awaterproof outdoor coat.
- * usual uniform polo shirt and jumper/cardigan can be worn on top.

Sessions will include building holistic and sustainable life skills in our Forest School. Thank you as always for your support :-)

Physical Education	Science	Personal, Social, Emotional, Health Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance• Strength• Fine motor skills- tying knots etc.• Gross motor skills- lifting, climbing• Stamina• Coordination• Using tools safely	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather• Seasons• Growth and decay• Plants• Animals• Habitats• Senses• Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resilience• Risk taking• Cooperation• Collaboration, team work• Independence• Self esteem• Confidence
Literacy and language	Art and Design	Mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Vocabulary• Speaking and listening• Stories• Reference books- information books• Spotter sheets• Role-play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creativity• Imagination• Joining materials• Musical instruments – natural percussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measurement• Estimation• Comparison, – sizes• Problem solving• Sorting, ordering
	Religious Education Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awe and wonder• New life• God's wonderful world• God's creatures• Caring for the environment	

STUDY INFORMATION, ADVICE OR GUIDANCE WITH **NEW COLLEGE DURHAM**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUNDERLAND BANGLADESH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Join our Information, Advice or Guidance course and gain a Level 2 accredited qualification.

The perfect course for anyone working in a role where they regularly give advice and guidance to others.

Example of units covered include:

- Developing interactive skills for Information Advice or Guidance
- Managing information
- Skills for advice providers
- Operating within networks to support Information, Advice or Guidance

Where and When?

Location: Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, 30 Tatham Street, Hendon, Sunderland, SR1 2QD

Enrolment: 30th October, 1pm - 3pm

Course runs: 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th November
1pm - 3pm

(Learners can take away and complete in their own after the first enrolment session)

If you are interested, please contact:

Education Officer



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The Class That Recycles the Most this Recycling Week Will Win a Chocolate Hamper for the Whole Class



16th-22nd October 2023





UK Health
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Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness
(including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.