



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.

Look out for us in this week's Sunderland Echo...

Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer



We can't wait to share photographs of our new-look early years' outdoor area ...more after half term!

Weekly Update

Friday 20 October 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 30 Oct

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Forest School for Iw

Tuesday 31 Oct

Halloween disco for N, R, Yrs 1 & 2 - see page 3 of our flyer to help you prepare!

Tiny Tweeties for Reception

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 1 Nov

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Forest School for IG

Thursday 2 Nov

Halloween disco for Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 - see page 3 of our flyer to help you prepare!

Swimming for Y6H

Friday 3 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y6C

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th November

Parents evening for all families

Friday 17th November

Children in Need-more details to follow after half term

Head Teacher comment Dear Richard Avenue Families, we can't believe we have now completed our first half term - it has flown by so quickly. We've had another busy week in school; it's been great to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are both in and outside of school. As always, the staff team have been brilliant, and they thank you for all of the parental support you have given in so many ways. This week, it has been a real joy to see the return of year group assemblies. Our **wonderful Year 5's** read beautifully, sang with enthusiasm and smiled throughout - I am sure the Ancient Egyptians would have enjoyed it too! It was great to see the delight on their faces as they showcased this half term's work for families with HUGE RAPS thanks to everyone who contributed. It was great to also hear such positive feedback from parents about the children's enthusiasm. We know they loved having you in school to celebrate; it creates such a warm school family feeling. Thank you so much, we really value your support.

A gentle reminder that our school will close today for the half term holiday, re-opening on **Monday 30th October**. **Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour on Sunday 29th October**, and gain an extra hour for that extended lie-in. Shame about the dark nights, boo - goodbye summer, not that we can complain too much this year with so many warm days.

Many thanks for your brilliant support once again this half term. Have a lovely holiday with your fabulous children. With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

RAPS Assembly Stars. Last week's super polite and well-mannered superstars were:

R:Huzaifah & Eva; Y1: Davis & Ishaq
Y2:Ishaaq & Duaa; Y3:Saarah & Jafar;
Y4:Efosa & Yasin; Y5: Esther & Varine;
Y6: Royal & Denika

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



RAPS assemblies. We have been continuing our learning in this week's *personal, social and health education* lessons through our collective worship. Our PSHE topic for PSHE is *Relationships* focussing on *Respecting ourselves and others*. We are all further developing knowledge and understanding of this topic through key questions. *Perhaps you could talk about them at home over the weekend...*

Y1: How should we treat the people in our class?

Y2: What do we have in common with the people in our class?

Y3: How can we demonstrate respectful behaviour at school, at home and online?

Y4: Which values do we share with the people in our class?

Y5: Why should everyone be treated equally?

Y6: How can you be a positive role model in school?

Please note that the deadline for your child's secondary school application is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Please visit: www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-secondary

Foodbank donations. Thank you all for your incredible donations for the Foodbank. The Foodbank team has again been delighted with the generosity shown by parents and children, and have sent a huge thank you to all who were able to support.

Safeguarding Update: out-of-school settings. Many of our children take part in a range of enriching activities outside of school with external providers. This includes sports clubs, places of worship, community groups in addition to tuition and coaching sessions.

Recent safeguarding reviews have highlighted the importance of parents feeling confident that their child is safe within these settings. The DfE parental guidance on [Keeping Children Safe during Community Activities, After-school Clubs and Tuition](#) equips parents with the appropriate questions that you may wish to ask providers to ensure your child's safety whilst they are not in your care.



Meeting for families of children new into Reception class. Reception class open afternoon took place this week with thanks to everyone who came along to join in the fun. We know that the children really enjoyed seeing you in school, and hope that it gave you an insight into how learning is organised in reception class? If you have any further questions whatsoever, please just ask. Thank you. Our thanks also to **Miss Higgins and Mrs Graham** for preparing and leading such a lovely the afternoon and to our reception team too - thank you! Watch this space for next term's open event.



Questionnaires. Many thanks to reception families who returned a completed questionnaire – we know how busy you all are, so hugely appreciate the time you have all taken to give such supportive responses. Results will be analysed and circulated in the coming weeks so do watch out for them!

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.

Preloved uniform. Please remember that our Richard Avenue Pre-loved Uniform Shop is always available to families. Use this dedicated email address to enquire about specific items of clothing and sizes. If we can help, we always will.

uniform@richardavenue.co.uk

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Sunderland AFC's Foundation of Light, the children have been able to experience some brilliant football festivals at the very impressive **Beacon of Light**. Children from Yrs 1-4 have taken part in football activities and competitive games, both outside in the football



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cages and inside in their rooftop barn. The coaches have worked with the children to develop their skills, speed and agility while having a focus on some important values of football. Being fair, being ambitious, being inspirational



and being connected were the focus points throughout. All of the children had a fantastic time; **Zayan (Y3)** said "It was the best day ever. I scored a goal and won a certificate for being fair because I gave the other team a free kick". Special thanks to **Aadil and Isa**, two of our sport leaders, who helped manage the teams and got to help the Foundation of Light coaches too!



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Parking in and around our school at drop off and pick up continues to provide challenges. We are working with our community and other partners to find long term solutions to a problem that all educational establishments face. We have already had two 'near-misses' reported to us this academic year and we would politely ask all of those of you who drive, to park with a deep awareness of the children and keeping them safe. We would also ask that you are considerate to our neighbours and avoid parking across drives and at points that disrupt their days.

Yummy school meals. The school meals service is holding a **"Trick or Treat"** promotional day on **Tuesday 31st October**. The menu will be:

Spook-etti (tomato & basil pasta served with garlic bread & vegetables/salad) OR witches' fingers & ghouly goo (fish fingers with tomato ketchup, chips and baked beans)

FOLLOWED BY TRICK OR TREATS

Dracula's delight (fruit jelly & ice cream) OR rice creepies (rice crispie cake).

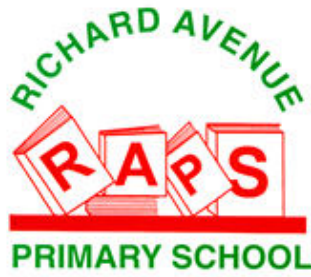
We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners then please let the school office know in advance, if they would like to be part of this promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.

Sounds spook-tastically tasty!


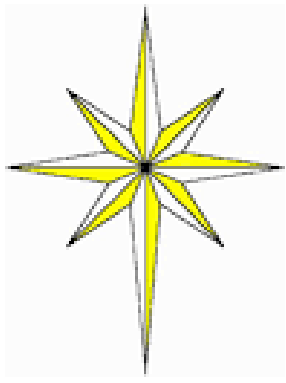
Attendance of the week. Congratulations to **4G** who are our weekly winners. **Weekly whole school attendance is 93.1%.**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	64.0	3D	94.3
NURSERY AFT	82.7	3M	94.7
RH	82.0	4G	100.0
RG	84.3	4S	97.3
1G	98.1	5B	91.3
1W	92.8	5W	98.7
2CW	96.1	6C	94.8
2W	94.8	6H	93.2

ATTENDANCE



RAPS Christmas Diary 2023

Date	Event
29th November	16 Days of Christmas begins 
1st December	Turning on of the Christmas tree lights 
12th December	KS1 (Yrs 1&2) Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
14th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas performances @ 9.15am & 2.15pm
15th December	Christmas Day at Richard Avenue
20th December	KS2 (Yrs 3-6) Carol Service @ 9.15am and 10.45am 

Half term holiday activities...



Sunderland West (SR3 and SR4)

Sunderland - West

Active Families

Broadway Youth and Community Centre, Cortina Ave, Sunderland SR4 8LP

Age 6-11 yrs

- Monday 22nd October 9am-3pm
- Wednesday 25th October 9am-3pm

To book your place:

Email: info@activefamiliesne.co.uk

Website: www.activefamiliesne.co.uk

Everyone Active

Silksworth Community Pool Tennis & Wellness Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland SR3 1PD

Age 5-11 yrs

- Monday 23rd October 10am-3pm
- Tuesday 24th October 10am-3pm

To book your place:

Telephone: 0191 5110611

Everyone Active

Silksworth Sports Complex & Ski Slope, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland SR3 1PD

Age 8-11 yrs

- Wednesday 25th October 10am-2pm
- Thursday 26th October 10am-2pm

To book your place:

Telephone: 0191 5285101

Foundation of Light

Bede Campus, Durham Road, Sunderland, SR3 4AH

Age 12-17 yrs

- Monday 22nd October 2023 10am-3pm
- Tuesday 24th October 2023 10am-3pm

To book your place:

Telephone: 0191 5634818

Leisure United - Ford Quarry Football Hub

Leisure United, Keelman's Lane, South Hylton, Sunderland, SR4 0RW

Age 5-14yrs

- Wednesday 25th October 2023 10am-3pm
- Thursday 26th October 2023 10am-3pm

To book your place:

Email: info.ford@leisureunited.com

Telephone: 0191 814 3367

Pennywell Community Centre

Pennywell Community Centre, Portsmouth Rd, Sunderland, SR4 9AX

Age 5-11yrs

- Tuesday 24th October 2023 9am-1pm

To book your place:

In person: please come to the centre and collect a booking form

Telephone: 0191 5248435

Social Media: [Facebook Pennywell Community Centre](#)

Pennywell Community Centre

Pennywell Community Centre, Portsmouth Rd, Sunderland, SR4 9AX

Age 12-16yrs

- Thursday 26th October 2023 9am-1pm

To book your place:

In person: please come to the centre and collect a booking form

Telephone: 0191 5248435

Social Media: [Facebook Pennywell Community Centre](#)

STEFs (Sunderland Training and Education Farm)

STEFs, Keelman's Lane, South Hylton, Sunderland SR4 0RW

Age 7-14yrs

- Tuesday 24th October 2023 10am-3pm
- Wednesday 25th October 2023 10am-3pm

To book your place:

Website: www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk

Email: stef@stefmail.co.uk

SEND clubs

SEND supportive HAF summer holiday sessions

SEND

Grace House (SEND)

Grace House, Bardolph Dr, Sunderland, SR5 2DE

Age 5-18yrs

- Tuesday 24th October 10am-2pm
- Wednesday 25th October 10am-2pm

To book your place:

Email: info@gracehouse.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 4352088
