



Richard Avenue Primary School

Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 3 November 2023

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 6 Nov

Poppies will be on sale in school all week.

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Forest School for 1W

Tuesday 7 Nov

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

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 8 Nov

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

Parents afternoon & evening for all year groups

Thursday 9 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y6H

Flu vaccinations

Football at the Beacon of Light for Y5/6

Friday 10 Nov

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Great North Museum visit for Y5

Netball at Farringdon for some of the girls

Swimming for Y6C

Future dates for your diary

Friday 16th November

Children in Need day

Wednesday 22nd November

Y4's class assembly for parents

Head Teacher comment

Dear Richard Avenue Families, Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term which we know will be a very busy one as it takes us up to Christmas. We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful holiday, and return having shaken off the nasty bugs which we seemed to be sharing in the last few weeks of October. As ever, it's a busy newsletter with lots to tell you about, and it's November - already! A huge Richard Avenue welcome to **Mrs Lucy Johnson** who has joined our school office team this week. We hope that Lucy will be very happy with us, and are delighted to welcome her to our school. In other news, we have enjoyed a full and busy week with lots of lovely work in all classes not forgetting this week's fabulous discos which was just the right mix of loud music and treats! Thank you to team RAPS for all they did to make it happen. Last year, we introduced an initiative based on the NHS's '**5 Steps to Wellbeing**'. This is part of our constant drive to talk about, understand and improve our school community's mental health and well-being. Apart from lessons designed specifically to teach the children about this topic, we also have trained mental health first aiders in school and lots of nurture provision. Displays around school help to keep this important topic at the forefront of our minds and this week, we have used these strategies to help the children settle back into school after some time off. 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. The respectful superstars we celebrated before half term were:

Rec: Shanvi

Y1: Priscilla & Ruth

Y2: Husam & Zuhayra

Y3: Grace & Haniah

Y4: Adheem & Stephanie

Y5: Mohammad & Kenuli

Y6: Muslima & Sebastian

Well done everyone, you are all RAPS stars!



RAPS assemblies. We have continued our learning in PSHE lessons through our collective worship this week. Our PSHE theme is **relationships** and at the moment and we are learning about '**safe relationships**'. All children in school are growing in their knowledge and understanding of this important theme through key questions. **In Y1:** who can help if our bodies or feelings are hurt at home and at school? **In Y2:** how might people feel if they are being bullied? **In Y3:** how can bullying effect more than just the bully and the person who is being bullied? **In Y4:** who could support you with online or bullying worries? **In Y5:** how can you support yourself or someone else who is feeling uncomfortable? **In Y6:** what does a healthy and unhealthy friendship look like?

We have also talked about the tradition of trick or treating for those taking part in Halloween festivities, and being aware of keeping ourselves safe whilst out in the local area. Lastly, we have highlighted firework safety as it's Bonfire Night on the 5th of November and many families will be going to firework displays or having their own. Ask your child about the firework code...



TOP SECRET! Just to let you know that Y6 will receive their leavers' hoodie in the summer term, to mark the beginning of their last term at Richard Avenue - we know you'll not get them out of it once they have it! We will write to you again in the spring to tell you more about our plans...

Video calls. Could we politely request that you do not take video calls whilst you are on yard at the end of the day, collecting your children. Thank you for your support.

The Children in Need appeal. "Let's raise pounds for Pudsey..." takes place on Friday 17th November. At Richard Avenue, and our new Student Council invites everyone to **come to school wearing bright colours or home clothes**, bringing a suggested donation of £2 for the Children in Need Appeal. As well as a dress-down day, Student Council has also organised our own **RAPS RunPudsey event** which will involve mastery of an obstacle course alongside speed and resilience... With thanks for your support at home for what sounds like another fun day for the children.



Meet the teacher appointments: Wednesday 8th November. A reminder that it's parents' evening next week, an important opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher. In time for your appointment, please come into school through the main entrance where there will be a team of our oldest children waiting to greet you, and take you to your appointment. Please contact our school office if you have not yet made an appointment. **We look forward to seeing you next week.**

Chromebooks for home use. For children in Yr 6, *who have permission to walk home themselves*, could we please ask that parents collect and sign out the school chromebook you have requested? We'd rather do this than ask the children to carry these home themselves. Chromebooks are ready to collect from the main office.

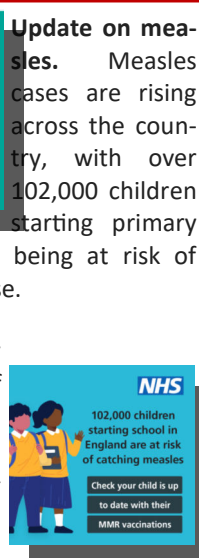
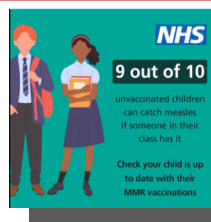
Poppies. Poppies and poppy merchandise (*see pg 3 of the flyer for more info!*) will be on sale from **Monday 6th November** and throughout the week. Mrs Petre and our Student Council will open the poppy sales desk during playtimes. If you can support, please send your child into school with their donation in a named envelope or purse. Thank you.

A message from Peter Hourigan 5707 PCSO Neighbourhood Southern. Dear Families, school has been working closely with Police and other partners in the lead up to Bonfire Night to ensure that everyone enjoys this period safely. Police officers have been in attendance in all schools in the area. Whilst this time is full of excitement, it can also be a frightening period for some members of the community such as the vulnerable and the elderly. *As always, the concerns of our children are paramount. Please advise your child to enjoy this period but to also be considerate to the local community as Police will be enforcing the law around antisocial behaviour.*

Update on measles. Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

Please could we encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.



Wintry weather. If we are unlucky enough to see heavy snow this winter, all efforts will be made to keep our school open. In the unlikely event of closure, an announcement will be made in the following places:

1. To your **mobile phone** (if you are listed on this service; time to call in to speak with Mrs Begum or Mrs Johnson if you're not)
2. On **Seesaw**
3. On the school's website: **richardavenue.co.uk**
4. On all **local radio stations** and on **Sunderland County Council's website**.

If school is open, please wrap your child up in appropriate clothing sending spare socks or tights and gloves if you can.

We always like to play out in the snow but we know how quickly the children get very wet!



That's enough of the 'cold weather feel' for now.

What is it they say about better to be safe...

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

Weekly whole school attendance is 93.0%

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	89.3	3D	94.0
NURSERY AFT	94.7	3M	92.3
RH	83.7	4G	98.1
RG	83.3	4S	97.7
1G	97.0	5B	94.7
1W	83.3	5W	92.3
2CW	97.0	6C	96.9
2W	92.6	6H	96.6

98% - 100%	Excellent Attendance
95% - 97.9%	Good Attendance
92% - 94.9%	Caution
90% - 91.9%	Cause for concern
Below 90%	Serious Concern

"Being around teachers and friends in a school or college environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. That's why school attendance is so important."
Department of Education

Poppy Appeal Merchandise



Poppies and Poppy Appeal Merchandise will be on sale from Monday 6th November for a suggested donation. Our Student Council will open the poppy sales desk during playtimes. If you are able to support, please send your child into school with their donation in a named envelope or purse. Thank you!



Snap Bands: £1.50



Poppy Reflectors:
£1.50



Poppies 50p



Zip pull: 50p



Wristbands: £1

Our new early years outdoor area...

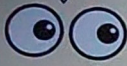


The children are very excited about it!

How fabulous are these?

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Recycled Jellyfish

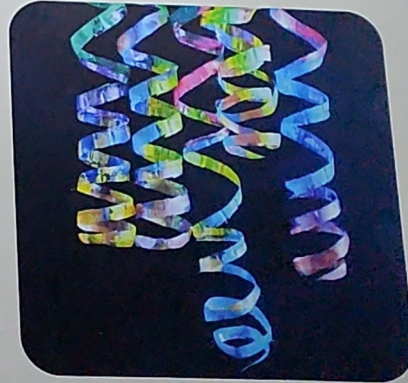


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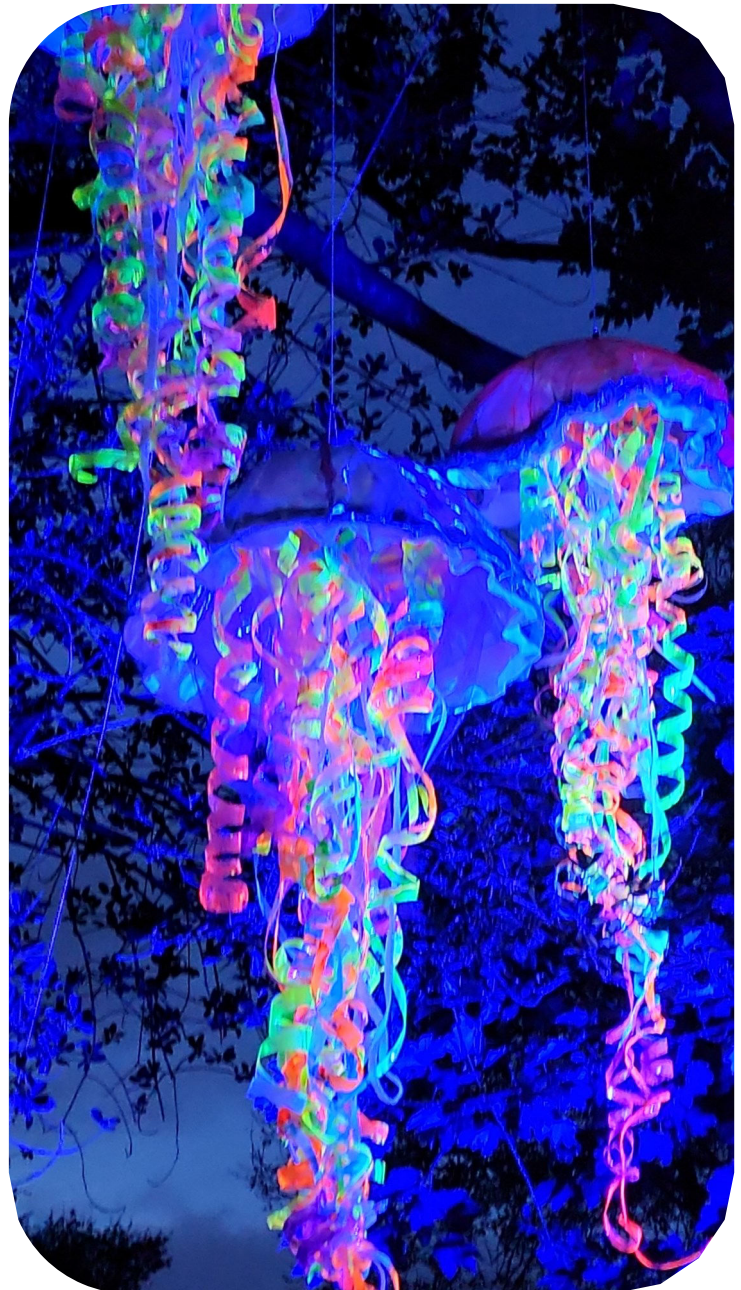


TAKE CARE: This piece has a bright UV light - please don't look directly into it.

These wonderful jellyfish are inspired by our competition winner Tania Le Marinel and reference artist Dale Chihuly and Sunderland Glass centre. Over 150 pupils from Richard Avenue Primary (Barnes) and Barmston Primary School (Washington) worked with Sara, Groundwork and SUEZ to paint plastic bottles from home, showing that some materials can have an exciting second life!



Made by: Tania Le Marinel / Barmston Primary School /
Richard Avenue Primary School





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 (Yrs1&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 (Yrs3-6) Carol Service @ 9.15am & 10.45am