

2024



Richard Avenue Primary School Friday Flyer

Weekly Update

Friday 12th January 2024

UPCOMING DATES

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

Monday 15 Jan

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS PORTAL CLOSES FOR RECEPTION CLASS PLACES IN SEPT 24

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Yr 4

Dance City for Y4

Forest School for 3M

Tuesday 16 Jan

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

Aladdin workshop at Sunderland Theatre Royal for Y6

Swimming for Y3

Ukulele for Y4

Wednesday 17 Jan

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

Forest School for 5W

Thursday 18 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y3

Swimming for Y4&6

Friday 19 Jan

RAPS PE kit to be worn to school by Y2

Swimming for Y4S

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 8th February from 9.10am

Y2's assembly for families

Thursday 21st March

Y3's assembly for families

Head Teacher comment

Dear Families, From all of the staff at Richard Avenue, we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. It has been fantastic to hear some of the activities that children enjoyed over the holiday and we hope that you all managed to have some down time with your family and friends. This week, our assemblies focused on using the New Year as an opportunity to 'make a great start.' We have shared our goals for 2024 and committed to showing the best of ourselves every single day. As a special start of term treat, the children enjoyed a wonderful visit from Bigfoot drama group as our school hall became RAPS theatre for the day. It was rather nice to sit in the audience and laugh along to a fantastic and very funny pantomime.



Finally, thank you once again to parents and members of the school community for all of the kind words and best wishes that we received at the end of the term. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. We hope that you all have lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Claire McKinney.

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

RAPS assemblies. In our assemblies this week we have been thinking about resolutions. A New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western World, but also found in the Eastern World, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behaviour, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their behaviour at the beginning of a calendar year. We have all made a resolution - ask us about what they are!



Pre-loved 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



Please also continue to donate any spare uniform that you may have to the team in the main office.

Hair braids and colours. Could we politely ask that dyed hair colours and braids disappear over the next few weeks which we request as part of our uniform policy. We thank you for your support as always.

Safeguarding and wellbeing update.

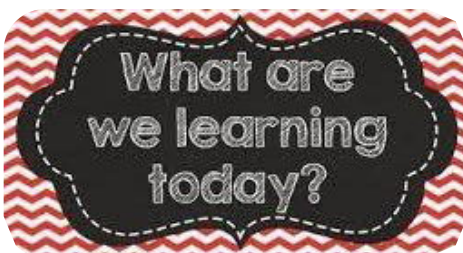
More than 80% of primary age children suffer from sleep anxiety, with pupils waking up an average of 2.2 times a night. A national poll featuring 2,000 children aged four to 11 found that only 18% were getting the recommended 10 hours. Sleep deprivation can have a major impact on the daily lives of children including hyperactive behaviours, low emotional resilience, shortened attention span, reduced memory recall and poorer hand-eye coordination affecting fine motor skills tasks such as handwriting. If your child is affected by sleep anxiety, [please see this parent advice guide](#) (click here). It is produced by Natalie Costa who has over 14 years' experience in working with parents to develop better sleeping routine.



What will your child be learning this term?

Curriculum information webs will again be sent out on Seesaw early next week, giving a summary of learning and topics to be covered in Years 1-6 during the term. 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?



A taste of Italy - school meals promotional day on Thursday 18th January. Extra special menu choices on this day will be: **Main courses:** Colosseum Chicken Alfredo with garlic bread and Pantheon garden peas **or** Pompeii Spaghetti & Meatballs with garlic bread and Pantheon garden peas **or** Leaning Tower of Margherita Pizza with potato wedges and Bella baked beans.

Dessert course: Ciao Chocolate Brownie **or** Florence fruit salad.

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

SAFC golden ticket. We were excited to find out that 6C's Riyadh won a recent competition between all schools in



Sunderland - the winning prize was to join the players on the pitch at New Year's Day's Sunderland match v Preston as a flag bearer. Riyadh took his dad along with him and had a fabulous time being made to feel extra special and important. Huge congratulations to Riyadh who represented our school with pride and had a fabulous time too - well done to Riyadh and con-



gratulations on your flag waving skills!

LAST WEEK! Primary school admissions.

The online admissions portal for primary schools will close on 15 January 2024. If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020, you will need to apply for a reception place for September 2024. Allocations day is 19 April 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-infant-junior-primary

Governing body update. We are delighted to welcome two new parent governors to our team this term. **Mr Muhammad Zahidul Islam** father of Zuhayra in 2W and **Mrs Syeda Khaled** mother of Mariam also in 2W. We warmly welcome both to our team and thank them for caring about our school and for volunteering their precious time. We look forward to working with Zahid and Syeda as we continue to make our school even better than it already is. In welcoming Zahid and Syeda, we say goodbye and thank you to **Sevannah De Vies**, mother of Leo in 4G and Luna in 3M, who recently completed her four year term of office, also as a parent governor. We are grateful for your kindness, your support and for your wonderful enthusiasm for Richard Avenue Primary School - thank you Sevannah!



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

Weekly whole school attendance is **89.67%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE %	CLASS	ATTENDANCE %
NURSERY MORN	89.43	3D	91.7
NURSERY AFT	87.3	3M	79.3
RH	87.3	4G	86.5
RM	88.9	4S	97.0
1G	90.7	5B	92
1W	91.7	5W	85.2
2CW	86.9	6C	89
2W	91.0	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

Should I send my child to school? We know that at this time of year, there are lots of viruses in circulation. If your child has a minor cough or cold, please send them into school. However, if they have diarrhoea or sickness, they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. Thank you for your continued support getting the children to school during what we know is a challenging time for families too.

The background of the entire page is a stylized Italian flag with green, white, and red vertical stripes. The top portion of the page is a white banner with rounded corners, containing the text 'A TASTE OF ITALY'. Below this banner, the background transitions into a collage of Italian architectural landmarks, including the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Pantheon, all rendered in a soft, painterly style.

A TASTE OF

ITALY

THURS 18TH
JANUARY

COLOSSEUM
CHICKEN ALFREDO

POMPEII
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD

**LEANING TOWER
OF MARGHERITA PIZZA** 
SERVED WITH POTATO WEDGES

BELLA BAKED BEANS
PANTHEON GARDEN PEAS

CIAO
CHOCOLATE
BROWNIE

FLORENCE
FRUIT SALAD

A TASTE OF

ITALY

ITALIAN FACTS

The capital of Italy is **Rome** (also known as the Eternal City) and is almost 3,000 years old

No other country in Europe has as many **volcanoes** as Italy. This is because the Italian peninsula stands on a fault line. Three major volcanoes (Etna, Stromboli, and Vesuvius) have erupted in the last hundred years

The **first violin** appeared in Italy in the 1500s, in Cremona. The city later became the home of Antonio Stradivari (1644-1737), the most famous of violin-makers

Every day **3,000€** gets tossed into the Trevi Fountain, Rome

In the North, the **mountain range** of the Alps separates Italy from the other European countries France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia

Pizza: probably the most famous Italian dish was invented in Naples around 1860

The **piano** is an Italian invention, as is the typewriter and the thermometer

Italy is famous for its **sports cars** like Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Maserati and Lamborghini

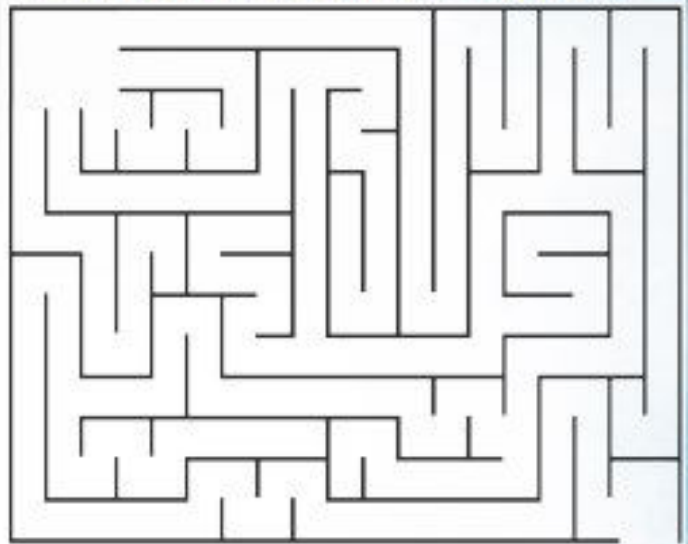
WORDSEARCH

Can you find the **six** hidden words in the grid?

W	E	P	R	E	R	L	C	P	M
C	O	L	O	S	S	E	U	M	U
B	L	K	M	G	C	E	D	J	Y
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VENETIAN MAZE

Can you find your way through the backstreets of Venice?



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find the **six** differences between our Roman soldier?



- ROMAN
- COLOSSEUM
- PIZZA
- GONDOLA
- SPAGHETTI
- SCOOTER